



DD(M)/Security Measures/2017
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dated Lahore, November 10, 2017

1. All the Deputy Commissioners, in Punjab
2. All Chief Executive officers (DEAs), in Punjab.

Subject: - **SECURITY OF BUILDINGS FOR TEACHING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

It has been reported that a wall of a private school named as “Ahmad School Education System, BindraPulli, Baqarpur Road, Usman Colony, Bahawalpur” collapsed today and a student died while several others injured. The school is a partner school of Punjab Education Foundation.

2. The Competent Authority has taken a serious view of this incident and has instructed as under:

- i. Chief Executive Officers of District Education Authorities shall ensure that all schools under their respective jurisdictions are safe and secure. CEOs (DEAs) are required to give a certificate in this regard after satisfying themselves. In case a school is not upto the mark in terms of safety and security of students, the registration of the school shall be cancelled and school must be sealed immediately.
- ii. The CEO, DEA shall ensure that premises of the schools are safe and sound before granting registration. Structure Stability Certificate must be sought from school owners.
- iii. The dangerous school buildings must not be used for any activity involving students. Students should not be allowed to enter into all such buildings. These dangerous public & private school buildings may be repaired / reconstructed on top priority basis. Shabby boundary walls may be rebuilt ensuring safety of students.
- iv. The electric wiring and electric motor pumps of the schools must be maintained properly and there should be no risk of any electric short circuit etc.
- v. It must be ensured that drinking water in the schools is not contaminated. The water tanks should be properly covered and maintained to avoid any risk of contamination / dengue virus.
- vi. Safe exit of students at the time of closing of schools must be ensured. For the purpose of safe exit, a teacher must be deployed on gate daily basis.
- vii. The schools employing transport for students must obtain a Fitness Certificate of the vehicles. It must be ensured that all school vehicles are in good condition and safe for travelling.

3. The competent authority has observed with grave concern that the aforementioned directions had been conveyed time to time for strict compliance, however, occurrence of such incidents shows poor compliance and negligence on the part of field formations. You are therefore, once again requested to follow the above mentioned instructions in letter and spirit. Actions taken in this regard must be communicated to this department within a week.

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