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The Deputy Commissioner KendriyaVidyalayaSangathan All Regional Offices

Subject-Regarding safety of children w.r.t online classes in the COVID-19 lockdown Madam/Sir,

It is informed, that the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has been receiving complaints/representations raising concerns over use of technology platforms for providing online classes to children.

Schools are using various video communication platforms such as Zoom application for academic transaction, in view of the advisory by MHA and CERT-IN regarding the use of Zoom Application and to prevent any kind of violation, abuse, harassment and to ensure that there is no threat to the well-being of the children, NCPCR has suggested that the following points needs to be taken into consideration by the schools/institutions-

- 1. In case the school/institution is conducting online classes using any such application/social media platform, the responsibility to ensure safety of children in the digital space shall that be of the school/institution.
- 2. The schools/institution should follow all the necessary safety measures given by the authorities from time to time. Also, the criteria for using a particular app for children should also be adhered to.
- 3. The participation of children in virtual classrooms should be under parental supervision. For this, the schools/institutions should provide proper orientation to parents.
- 4. The login ids should not be made in name of the students and the students should only be attending the online classes/interaction as a guest.
- 5. The entire control of the virtual classroom should be with the teacher only so that to prevent them falling into prey of cyber bullying/abuse.

It has been further reiterated that safety and security of children in school's physical infrastructure is the responsibility of the schools/institutions, similarly safety and security of children in the digital infrastructure (online education) is also the responsibility of the school. Neglecting the safety and security of children in any manner shall attract strict action against the school/institution under section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015and other relevant sections of the existing law.

Hence it is requested that the above information may be disseminated to all the vidyalayas under your jurisdiction for compliance.

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Joint Commissioner I/c(Acad)

