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OLD ASSEMBLY COMPLEX SRINAGAR/DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, MUTHI, JAMMU

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Circular

It has come to the notice of this Committee that some private schools are compelling parents to purchase books from private publishers. Some complaints have also been received by this Committee in this behalf, wherein parents are being compelled to purchase books costing around ₹3500. It is further alleged that schools are putting pressure on parents to purchase books from private publishers. There appears to be a nexus between private schools and publishers, leading to monetary benefits for the private schools. It is alleged that the schools are indulging in profiteering by compelling parents to purchase books from private publishers.

As per the directions of the affiliating bodies, namely CBSE and JK Board, and only NCERT books are part of the curriculum prescribed by these bodies. Private schools have no right to compel parents to purchase books from private publishers at exorbitant costs. They must conform to the directions issued by the affiliating bodies, which clearly provide that only NCERT books are to be prescribed. This additional burden placed on parents is unwarranted and illegal, and it tantamount to profiteering, which is specifically barred by statute.

It is, therefore, directed that private schools shall conform to the directions of the affiliating bodies, which prescribe only NCERT books. Parents should not be forced to purchase books from private publishers at exorbitant costs. In case these directions are not complied with, it will be considered a violation of the Committee's order and may lead to de-recognition of the schools for indulging in such practices. Every school must submit its compliance report confirming that it is complying with the directions of the Committee.


(Justice Sunil Hali)

Hon'ble Chairperson

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