

F. No. 13-5/2016-ECCE
Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 27th November 2017

To

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Subject: Public Grievances lodged in CPGRAMS for appropriate action-regarding

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Public Grievance having Registration No. **PMOPG/D/2017/0441485**, dated **15.09.2017** regarding information about Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB) and its initiative of National Safe School Accreditation for Schools and Educational institutions and InLoco Parentis Accreditation for Early Education & Childcare Centres.

2. In this connection, the Ministry has taken a note of the same and the information provided will be taken into consideration as and when required.

Yours faithfully,



(V. C. Choudhary)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:

1. Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi w.r.t. public grievance referred to above.
2. Grievance Officer & Deputy Secretary (Shri. V.S.Yadav), Ministry of Women and Child Development, 3rd Floor, Jeevan Vihar Building, Sansad Marg, New Delhi
3. Shri Manoj Kumar, Under Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development with reference to letter no.24-16/2017-ICDS-Training dated 1st November, 2017

Grievance Details

Registration Number : PMOPG/D/2017/0441485
Registration Date : 15 Sep 2017
Complainant's Name : Shri DILIP H DESHMUKH
Grievance Category : Central Government(Miscellaneous) - Others
Letter No & Date : ,9/12/2017 12:00:00 AM
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ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES



Independent & International Accreditation Services for:
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15 SEP 2017

Date: 12/09/2017

To,
Hon'ble Minister

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Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB) is pleased to introduce itself as an India's first private sector Independent, International Accreditation Body (AB). It works to provide the global communities of businesses and consumers, the required assurance at the highest level. All accreditation services in itself are voluntary in nature.

Education is an empowering social mechanism that enables children to grow into responsible and ethically conscious global citizens. A school, as an ecosystem promotes learning and nurtures young minds by building a foundation for innovation and excellence. We recognize that children need to express, learn and grow in a safe and welcoming environment, where their rights are protected.

Schools have to confront various safety and security risks and challenges during routine and non-routine school activities. Schools are expected to pro-tem functions as a mentor, guide, parent and protector.

ACCAB have been receiving suggestions & feedback from various stakeholders to develop and operate the accreditation schemes addressing the quality, health & safety aspects, especially for the **Education Sector and Early Education & Childcare Centres**.

The result is ACCAB's **National Safe School Accreditation** for Schools and Educational institutions and **InLoco Parentis Accreditation** for Early Education & Childcare Centres. This is the first of its kind initiatives in India and is voluntary in nature.

ACCAB has given due considerations to the followings while developing **National Safe School Accreditation** and **In Loco Parentis Accreditation**:

- 1. The National School Safety Policy Guidelines published in early 2016 by National Disaster Management Authority of India (NDMA), GOI;
- 2. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
- 3. National Early Childhood Care and Education Policy of Ministry of Women & Child Development, GOI.

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We sincerely appeal to your good office to encourage this important cause of minimizing risks to maximize learning and development, for each student at each school in India by the suitable means so that it helps ACCAB and schools in India in general to sustain these noble initiatives.

With Kind regards,

Dilip H Deshmukh

Chief Executive Officer

National Safe School and Inloco Parentis Accreditation [An initiative of (ACCAB)]

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You are treating our orders with disdain: SC to Centre

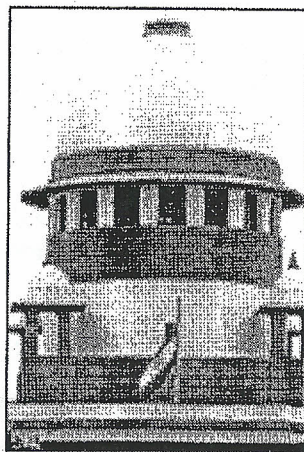
Slams Govt For Inaction On Disaster Mgmt Ruling

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday severely criticised the Union government for treating court orders with disdain while pointing out that the Centre had taken no action on its order on September 19 last year seeking guidelines on disaster management to make schools safer.

A petition by Avinash Mehrotra had resulted in the SC issuing several orders on safety of school children after the Dabwali fire incident in Haryana and the Kumbakonam tragedy in Tamil Nadu, both involving the death of many schoolchildren.

The court had on September 19 last year directed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to prepare comprehensive guidelines to prevent such inci-



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dents and work out measures for safety of schoolchildren. The Centre had sought four weeks to place on record the guidelines. On Monday, a bench of Chief Justice J S Khehar and Justice D Y Chandrachud was livid when it found that the Centre had nothing to report in response to the September 19 order.

Finding additional solicitor general Tushar Mehta struggling on account of absence of instructions from the government, the bench said, "The government is taking it very casually. You had said you will frame the guidelines in four weeks and now after 10

months you have nothing to report. The government does not care about the Supreme Court's orders. No one is bothered."

The bench accepted Mehta's assurance that he would get back to the court with "something concrete" on Friday and adjourned hearing. However, it ordered the director or an official of NDMA to be present in court on Friday.

In January 2016, the NDMA had prepared a comprehensive school safety policy. It had said, "The National School Safety Policy Guidelines stand for a vision of India where all children and their

teachers, and other stakeholders in the school community are safe from any kind of risks due to natural hazards. The guidelines focus upon the urgent need to strengthen risk resilience of schools in rural and urban areas ... It is hoped that this document will be useful to ensure that all school children across the country remain safe from any kind of disaster risk as they access their right to education."

But it was not clear why the government did not inform the court about framing of the guidelines, and invited flak from the court.

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IB school's trustee, Five-year-old girl killed by teacher accused of crumbling slab in Sion school

KG student's rape

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THE CHARGES

• **Indian Penal Code Section 376 (2) (f) (rape)**
Punishment: Not less than 7 years' jail; it may extend to life term, and a fine

• **POCSO Act Section 4 (penetrative sexual assault)**
Punishment: Not less than 7 years' jail; may extend to life imprisonment, and a fine

• **Section 6 (aggravated penetrative sexual assault)**
Punishment: Not less than 10 years' jail; may extend to rigorous life term, and a fine

• **Section 10 (aggravated sexual assault)**
Punishment: Not less than 3 years' jail; may extend to 5 years, and a fine

Mumbai: A case of rape against a trustee and teacher of an international school has been registered in a police station in the western suburbs. The case was registered on May 18 after the mother of one of the two victims, both three-year-olds, saw bruises on the child's private parts.

A trustee and a school teacher of the prominent international school in the western suburbs have been booked for rape and sexual assault. The trustee was not reachable while the school principal did not respond to calls or text messages. The trustee is a parent believed to be out of the country.

The offences reportedly dated back to January and February. The victim's mother approached a local NGO which helped her file the complaint.

In the complaint, the NGO said: "A teacher used to take two kids—both aged three—to the trustee's office during breaks. The incident came to light when the mother of one of the two kids, a girl, noticed bruise on her private parts." A police officer said when the victim's mother asked the child he/she was not the trustee, the girl said "my teacher did it to me." The child was taken to an NGO, who helped the parent file the complaint. Besides the girl, a three-year-old boy was also similarly exploited," said the officer.

Mumbai police spoke a person DCP Rashmi Kavanekar said a probe is on but no arrests have been made.

A five-year-old girl lost her life after a portion of a slab from her Sion school building fell on her head on Wednesday evening.

Police sources said that the incident took place at around 4:30 pm when the girl, Muskaan Ibrahim Khan, was picked up by her mother, Rahita, after school hours. While Muskaan died on the spot, the police stated that Rahita, another parent and a child were also injured in the accident.

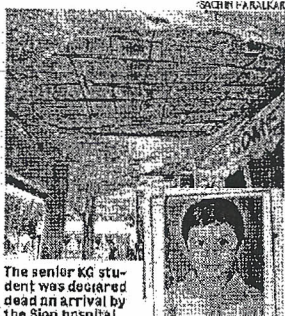
The other two victims injured in the incident were identified as Ajit Kumar, also aged 5, and his mother Saroja Devi.

While all the four victims were rushed to Sion hospital, Muskaan was declared dead on arrival. The other child and the two women are being treated for their injuries.

The police have registered an accidental death report in the matter and are investigating into whether a case of negligence should be registered against the Sion school in Koliwada, where Muskaan studied in senior KG.

A police source from a Top Hill police station told *Mumbai Mirror*, "The girl's mother picked her up from school in the evening and they were walking home when the incident took place. A portion of the school's wall broke off and fell on the four victims. However, the five-year-old girl died as the slab fell on her head."

According to the police, Rahita has a major head injury and a rod from the slab has also gone through her arm. Ajit and Saroja also have head injuries.



The senior KG student was declared dead on arrival by the Sion hospital

Nasir Shaikh, senior police inspector of Anand Hill police station, confirmed the incident and said, "We are investigating the matter and will soon register a case against those responsible."

The police said they are also looking into information that has been provided to them by some parents, who said that a portion of the school roof had come crumbling down a fortnight ago as well. Fortunately, no one was injured in that collapse.

A source said, "The parents had approached the school authorities and asked them to take steps to ensure such an incident didn't occur again. Now they are claiming that the school is ignoring their complaints, inevitably causing this. However, we are still looking for more information."

Class 2 student killed inside Delhi school washroom

Conductor Of School Bus Held, Sexual Assault Bid Suspected

Sanjay Yadav & Rohit David | TNN



The boy was looking forward to a classmate's birthday celebration when he left home

Gurgaon: In school, the safest place for a child besides home, a seven-year-old boy was murdered in the most horrific manner minutes after he had entered his class and then gone to the washroom on Friday morning. The alleged killer, 42-year-old school bus conductor Ashok Kumar, slashed the boy with a knife from a bus toolkit he had brought to work.

Kumar told police he was stimulating himself inside the washroom when the boy walked in. So vicious was the knife attack that it split open the left side of the boy's face from the ear to the throat.

Little Pradyumn Thakur (TOI is naming the boy and publishing his picture with the family's consent), who was happily looking forward to a classmate's birthday celebration when he left home, died in hospital. The horror unfolded at Ryan International School's Bhandisi campus in Gurgaon between 7:45 and 8 am where Pradyumn was a Class 2 student. Police said they were probing a possible sexual assault on the boy by Kumar because a forensic test found traces of semen on his uniform—a sky blue shirt that was soaked with blood, and blue shorts.

Police suspect Kumar tried to disrobe the boy and force himself on him, and struck him with the knife when the boy resisted. He has been charged with murder and attempted sexual assault.

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Parents protest, seek action against school

As the news of Pradyumn Thakur's death spread, around 60 parents thronged the school campus between demanding action against the school authorities as the little boy was murdered under their nose. They also insisted on meeting the principal to know about the security of 1,200 odd students. TNN

the junior school's section-in-charge Anju Dudeja, lay prone on the washroom floor writing in pain and bleeding heavily from his wounds when he was found by school gardener Harpal, who had gone to the washroom to fetch water. The blood-stained knife was also on the floor.

The boy's father Barun had just reached home, walking distance from the school campus, when his wife received a call at 8:10 am from school that Pradyumn had been found injured. "When I returned home, my wife got the phone call from Dudeja, from the school's landline number. We rushed out and, on our way got a call from Dudeja again to say my son was in Artemis hospital. When we reached the hospital, he had died. Someone had killed my son," Barun told the police. Police made the arrest after poring over CCTV footage the school provided.

Van driver booked for harassing schoolgirl

Mumbai: The driver of a private school van from the Western suburbs was on Thursday arrested under the POCSO Act for reportedly sexually harassing a 12-year-old girl. He was produced before the Mumbai sessions judge on Friday for evidence. The police said the girl was taken to a hospital and treated for injuries. The driver was booked for sexual harassment under the POCSO Act. The girl's mother said she was shocked and distressed. The police are investigating the matter and will soon register a case against those responsible. The driver was arrested on Thursday. The girl's mother said she was shocked and distressed. The police are investigating the matter and will soon register a case against those responsible. The driver was arrested on Thursday. The girl's mother said she was shocked and distressed. The police are investigating the matter and will soon register a case against those responsible.

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Teacher held for sexually abusing 5 minors in a week in Ulhasnagar

Pradeep Gupta

Ulhasnagar: In a shocking incident, a 54-year-old teacher of a private medium school in Ulhasnagar was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly sexually assaulting three minor boys and two girls.

Pradeep Gupta, who is accused of targeting students aged eight to nine and threatening them to keep quiet. "The preliminary probe has revealed that Bhangale sexually abused three boys and two girls since school started on June 13," said Mohan Wagh-

mata, senior inspector of Hill line police station. "We are checking if he targeted other students in the past."

The police have found that Bhangale, who stays in the Sahaydrinagar area with his family, has been teaching in the school in the same locality for 27 years.

The police have arrested him under IPC sections 376 (rape), 377 (unnatural sex) and sections related to the child protection act. He has been remanded in custody till June 27.

The horrific story of sexual abuse came out when an

eight-year-old student refused to go to school on Monday. His mother let him be, but got worried when he again began making excuses to avoid school on Tuesday. After some cajoling, the boy revealed that a teacher had sexually assaulted him. He added that the man had done it to others too.

The mother first went to the Hill line police and then enquired among neighbours whose kids also went to the school. The cops detained Bhangale and during interrogation, they claimed, they found out he had sexually abused four more students.

The police said that since school started on June 13, Bhangale used to take one student to a vacant class room in the school and sexually abuse them. The school authorities could not be contacted.

As news of Bhangale's arrest spread, parents of several other students of the school lobbed the parents of the abused students at the police station and demanded strict action against the teacher. Bhangale's house was found locked, and neighbours said his family had moved in with relatives.

Boy run over by pvt school bus in front of mom

George Mendonca

Navi Mumbai: A school bus ran over a nine-year-old student while he was crossing the road to reach his building in Sector 27, Nerul, on Monday at around 1 pm. Samved Taralkar, a student of NCRD Sterling School in Sector 19, Nerul, died on the spot.

The boy had alighted from his school bus and was crossing the road to reach his building when a speeding private bus was ferrying children of various schools knocked him down. The accident took place right in front of the victim's mother, who was standing at the gate of



her building, Ishwar Biss CHS, watching her son cross the road.

Samved was rushed to Apollo Hospital in Nerul where doctors declared him brought dead. The accused, bus driver Govind Rai (21), was arrested. Rai was employed as a driver by Ansari Enterprises,

a private bus firm.

Investigating officer, assistant inspector Sanjosh Jadhav said, "The accused sped away after the incident as he might have feared that he would be beaten up by the public. He was arrested from the Nerul office of Ansari Enterprises."

► 'Bus was speeding', P 4