



**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,**  
**CIVIL SECRETARIAT JAMMU/SRINAGAR**  
(Legal Section)  
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Subject: CPPIL No. 06/2017 in PIL No. 09/2016 titled Badrul Duja V/S State of J&K and others.

Government Order No: 488 - Edu of 2017

D a t e d: 31 - 07 - 2017

Whereas, the Petitioner filed PIL No. 09/2017 before the Hon'ble High Court and sought issuing directions to the respondents to come up with the policy viz-a-viz the weight carried by the school/Children Tiny Tots in order to save the said school children from the ailments suffered while carrying the heavy school bags and also to encourage E-School rooms/Audio Visual Technology and other technological means for teaching purposes of the students, and

Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court was pleased to pass the following orders on 30.05.2016, the operative part whereof is reproduced as under:-

*".....It is stated in the petition that for the reliefs sought for, petitioner submitted a representation to the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent by registered post on 02.05.2016 and same is pending with the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent and a copy of the same has been also been addressed to 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent.*

*The appropriate decision in the matter has to be taken by the Government alone, hence without expressing anything on merits the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner and take a decision within three months. No costs".*



Whereas, the matter was again listed on 12.07.2017 before the Hon'ble High Court and the Hon'ble High Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

*"The learned counsel for the respondents requests for some more time for submitting the compliance report. We direct that the order passed by this court i PIL No. 09/2017 on 30.05.2016 requiring the respondent no. 1 to consider the representation of the petitioner and to take a decision within three months has to be complied with. The period of three months has long gone by. As a final opportunity, we direct that the decision be taken within two weeks".*

Whereas, in pursuance of directions of the Hon'ble High Court vide its order dated 30.05.2016, the representation of the petitioner was examined in the Department viz-a-viz the policy for reducing Burden of Heavy School Bags; and

Whereas, during the examination, it was also come into the notice of the Department that the Director School Education, Kashmir has already issued a Circular vide No. DSEK/CEW/9079 dated 05.06.2017 wherein, it has been enjoined upon all Heads of the institutions particularly the Principals of Private Schools to ensure that the time table is framed in such a manner that minimum book load is required to be carried by the students; and

Whereas, the Department in order to place a comprehensive mechanism and to take all possible measures to help reduce the weight of school bags and other aspects of the representation, it was decided that an expert committee shall be constituted comprising members having expertise in the field; and

Whereas, accordingly, following experts are included in the Committee:-

- (a) Mtr. Naseema Lanker, IAS (Retd.) Ex-Commr./Secy. School Education Department.
- (b) Prof. A.G. Madhosh, Former Head of the Department, Department of Commerce, University of Kashmir
- (c) Prof. (Dr.) Nusrat Andrabi, Ex-Principal & Member of Indian Red Cross Society
- (d) Prof. Abdul Jabbar (Retd.) Ex.Principal Govt. Degree College Bemina.
- (e) Prof. Veena Pandita, Secretary, J&K State Board of School Education



Now, therefore, the representation filed by the petitioner having been considered in compliance of the Hon'ble Court's order dated 30.05.2016, and it was decided that the above referred Committee shall submit its report to the Government regarding reduction of weight of school bags within a period of two months.

**By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

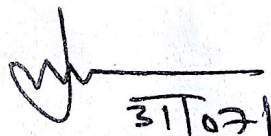
**Sd/-**  
**(Farooq Ahmad Shah)**  
Secretary to Government  
School Education Department


No: Edu/Legal/K/86/2016

Dated: 31-07-2017

Copy also to the:-

1. Director School Education, Kashmir/Jammu.
2. Sh. Abdul Majid Mir, Deputy Advocate General, J&K High Court, Srinagar. He is requested to inform the Hon'ble Court accordingly on the date of hearing.
3. OSD to Hon'ble Education Minister for information of the Hon'ble Minister.
4. Pvt. Secretary to Secretary to Government, School Education Department.
4. Incharge Website.
5. Sh. Badrul Duja S/O Showkat Ahmad Khanyari R/O Hawal Mohalla Sangeen Darwaza District Srinagar.
6. Govt. Order file (w.3.s.c)/Stock file

  
31/07/17  
**(Sanjay Pandita)**

  
Under Secretary to Government  
School Education Department