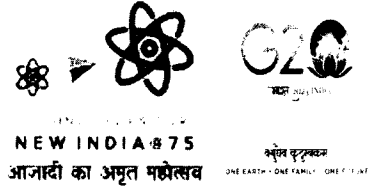




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Sub : Guidelines on School Safety and Security – provisions of Section 19 of POCSO Act – reg.

Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy has issued "Guidelines on School Safety and Security". The guidelines as regards Section 19 of POCSO Act are reproduced below :

Quote :

Role of individuals/school/school management under Section 19 of POCSO Act : All schools must constitute a Grievance Committee on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) within a month of beginning of every academic year. The Committee and school staff should be oriented about their role under Section 19 of POCSO Act, 2012. Section 19 of the Act states that any person who has apprehension that an offence under this Act is likely to be committed or has knowledge that such an offence has been committed, shall provide such information to : a) the Special Juvenile Police Unit; or b) the local police.

Punishment of individual/institution/school management for non-compliance of section 19 of POCSO Act : There is individual as well as institutional (management) liability to report commission of an offence under Section 21 of POCSO Act, 2012 as may be seen below :

Section 21 (a) states that – if any person, who fails to report the commission of an offence under sub-section (1) of section 19 or section 20 or who fails to record such offences under sub-section (2) of section 19 shall be punished with imprisonment of either description which may extend to six months or with fine or with both.

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Section 21 (b) states that – Any person, being in-charge of any company or an institution (by whatever name called) who fails to report the commission of an offence under sub-section (1) of section 19 in respect of a subordinate under his control, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and with fine.

Therefore, in case of sexual offence against children in the school premises/school transport during school hours OR after OR before it, and the school management/individual fails to report the commission of an offence under sub-section (1) of section 19, action may be taken under POCSO Act, 2012 against school management/individual.

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It is requested to strictly comply with the above guidelines in your School/JC.

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02/04/2024
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