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Dear Chief Secretary Madam/Sir,

As you may be aware, a number of tragic incidents have occurred in the recent past in our schools, leading to injury and untimely tragic loss of young lives. These incidents related to preventable infrastructure failures and safety lapses demand immediate and concerted action from all responsible authorities and stakeholders. To avoid any further loss of life due to lack of preparedness or dilapidated infrastructure, proactive measures, vigilance and unwavering commitment to safety are the needs of the hour.

In this regard, the **"Guidelines on School Safety and Security" (2021)** and the **National Disaster Management Guidelines on School Safety (NDMA, 2016)**, may be referred to.

Keeping in view, the above, the following directions are recommended to be issued for immediate action:

1. **Preventive Safety Measures:** All schools and public facilities used by children and youth must undergo safety audits in accordance with national safety codes and disaster management guidelines. Structural integrity alongwith fire safety, emergency exits, and electrical wiring must be thoroughly assessed.
2. **Awareness and Training:** It should be ensured that staff and students are trained in emergency preparedness, including evacuation drills, first aid, and safety protocols. Collaborations with local authorities (NDMA, fire services, police, and medical agencies) must be strengthened for periodic training and mock drills.
3. **Psychosocial Well-being:** Alongside physical safety, mental health and emotional well-being through counseling services, peer-support systems, and community engagement should also be ensured.
4. **Reporting Mechanism:** Any dangerous situation, near miss or incident involving potential harm to young individuals must be reported within 24 hours to the designated State or UT authority. Strict accountability should be fixed in cases of delay, negligence, or failure to act.

5. **Public Responsibility:** Parents, guardians, community leaders, and local bodies should be encouraged to be vigilant and report unsafe conditions in schools, public areas, or transportation used by children and youth.

It is urged that the Education Departments, School Boards, and affiliated authorities may be directed to act **without delay** to implement the above measures.

Let us reaffirm our shared responsibility to ensure that **no child or youth is put at risk due to preventable circumstances.**

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

26/7/2025..
(Sanjay Kumar)

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Chief Secretary of All States/UTs

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