

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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From
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Chennai-600 006.

To
All the Chief Educational Officers
All the District Educational Officers

R.C.No. 30294 / E / S1/2019, Dated. 18.07.2019

Sir/ Madam,

Sub: School Education – Complaints against Schools alleging mandatory purchase of uniform, books, stationery, food, etc-reg. - Regarding.

Ref: Competition Commission of India (CCI) New Delhi F.No.INV/CCI/2018/6808/7401 dated 11.07.2019.

In reference letter cited, it has been stated that Competition Commission of India (CCI) has been set up to prevent practices having adverse effect on competition, to promote and sustain competition in markets, to protect the interest of consumers and to ensure freedom of trade carried on by other participants in markets, in India and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Further it is informed that with reference to the subject cited above, various complaints have been received in the Commission wherein it is alleged that schools at different parts of India are compelling parents/pupil to mandatorily purchase/avail uniform, books, food, stationery, bus service etc. from school through its authorized sellers.

All the Chief Educational Officers are requested to instruct all the Headmasters of the schools in your districts, not to compel students/parents to buy books, uniform, stationery, food, etc from them or their authorized vendors.

Director of School Education

Copy submitted to Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Chennai-9

Copy submitted to Secretary, Competition Commissioner of India, 9th Floor, Office Block-1, Kidwal Nagar (East), New Delhi – 110 023