

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing with any terrorist attack on schools

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India has advised that experience gained in handling terrorism in recent years has shown that spectacular terrorist actions may be undertaken with a view to gain widespread media and public attention. Places with large number of footfalls such as malls, multiplexes, hostels and schools are soft and most vulnerable targets for terrorist attacks. This necessitates having a standard operating procedure (SOP), defining the role of the officials of the concerned agencies involved in counter measures.

An SOP for preventing/ dealing with any terrorist attacks on schools has been prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and the same is attached for the information of all the CBSE schools. The Principals are requested to:

- a. read the SOP carefully and bring it to the notice of all the staff and the teachers of the schools.
- b. develop a comprehensive action plan to implement the guidelines.
- c. allocate specific roles to different personnel and teachers as per the SOP.
- d. brief the staff about the action to be taken by them in any exigency.
- e. take preventive measures as given in the guidelines in consultation with the local police.
- f. keep the security personnel of the school on the alert
- g. communicate clear guidelines to parents about what they should and should not do in case of any news of such incidents.
- h. conduct advance reconnaissance of the school with the help of the local police.
- i. hold mock drills for students, teachers and staff.

The objective of this circular is purely educative in nature so as to alert the school administration and prepare it for any eventuality. Hence Principals are requested to ensure that this information is disseminated discreetly, without creating any sense of panic.

These guidelines are being circulated to all major schools to equip them in preventing and dealing with such exigencies and they should not be deemed as intimation of any prior information or any specific threat to any particular institution.

NDMA GUIDELINES OF SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY, 2016 –REG

National Disaster Management Authority has formulated national school safety policy guidelines which focus upon the need to strengthen disaster risk resilience measures in schools

across the country. The copy of same is available on the official website of NDMA(<http://www.ndma.gov.in/images/guidelines/School-Safety-Policy.pdf>). As per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the school safety guidelines issued by NDMA have to be implemented by all schools including the schools affiliated with the Board.

2) Hence, it is mandatory for all the schools affiliated with the Board to implement these guidelines. Every affiliated school is required to implement School Disaster Management Plan

Model Template- National School Safety Programme (NSSP) at the earliest. The Performa for

same is available as annexure -8 of guidelines of school safety policy, 2016.

3) It is the responsibility of school management to ensure and monitor the implementation of above said guidelines effectively in the school.