ਦਫਤਰ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸੈ:ਸਿ:), ਪੰਜਾਬ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਭਵਨ, ਚੌਥੀ ਮੰਜਿਲ, ਫੇਜ਼-8, ਸਾਹਿਬਜਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ *(ਸੈਕੰਡਰੀ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ)*

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

ਸਟੇਟ ਟਰਾਂਸਪੋਰਟ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਓ. ਨੰਬਰ 177–78, ਸੈਕਟਰ 17 ਸੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।

ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰਬਰ 2(ਸ)-10/2-15 ਸੈ:ਸਿ:(6)/2319 ਮਿਤੀ:ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ,

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਸਿਵਲ ਰਿੱਟ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਨੰਬਰ 6907 ਆਫ 2009-ਕੋਰਟਸ ਆਨ ਇਟਸ ਮੋਸ਼ਨ ਵਰਸਿ**ਸ਼** ਸਟੇਟ ਆਫ ਪੰਜਾਬ ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਤੇ ਆਪ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ ਐਸ.ਟੀ.ਸੀ./ਏ.ਈ 53011 ਮਿਤੀ 24-12-2015 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਕੋਰਟ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਤਹਿਤ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਮਰੀਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਨੋਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ ਲਗਾਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।ਫੀਲਡ ਗਤੀਵਿਧੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਿਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਡਿਊਟੀ ਲਗਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਸਿਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸੈ:ਸਿ) ਪੰਜਾਬ

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ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਸਿਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸੈ:ਸਿ) ਪੰਜਾਬ

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Office of the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, SCO 177-78 Sector 17-C, Chandigarh.

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The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh. No. STC-AE/ Dated:

Subject: Civil Writ Petition No. 6907 of 2009- Court on its own motion v/s State of Punjab (Reg. School Buses).

Please refer to the subject cited above.

2. The Subject cited Civil Writ Petition is pending before the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court at Chandigarh and the same is now fixed for hearing on 08.01.2016. The said Civil Writ Petition is regarding compliance of the "Safe School Vahan Scheme" issued by the Govt. of Punjab, Department of Transport vide order Endst. No. 4/39/2011-2T2/120628/1 dated 07.11.2013. The said civil writ petition was lastly fixed on 18.12.2015 when the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court was pleased to pass the following interim order:-

All school buses / vehicles transporting school children were directed to comply with the "Punjab Safe School Vahan Policy" by 1st December , 2015 with a few modifications. The DPI Schools, Punjab ,shall furnish a list of aided ,unaided and Govt. Schools to the Punjab State Commission for protection of child rights , Punjab within 15 days from today. The State of Punjab shall provide the services of an officer from the office of the DPI Schools, Punjab , an officer/official from the Transport Department, Punjab and a Police Officer/official to the Commission. The Commission and these officers / officials shall inspect school buses in the state of Punjab, prepare a report and file a report before this court, giving the names of the school(s) and setting out conditions that have not been complied with. The needful be done on or before 15.02.2016. The State of Punjab shall provide a road-worthy vehicle and a driver to the commission to comply with this order.

Accordingly, to comply with the aforesaid interim order of the Hon'ble High Court , the Govt. of Punjab , Department of Transport is 2 (m) mm

requested to provide a road-worthy vehicle and a driver to the commission immediately for the requisite purpose. To comply with the aforesaid interim order of the Hon'ble High Court it is also requested that a child help line number may also be included in the "Safe School Vahan Policy" so that it could be ensured that all school buses could display the number of the child helpline. A copy of the above said interim order dated 18.12.2015 of the Hon'ble High Court is enclosed herewith.

Encl: As Above

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Sdl-State Transport Commissioner, Punjab

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Dated: 24-12-15 A copy alongwith an interim order dated 18.12.2015 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court is forwarded to the DPI Schools, Punjab with the request that in compliance to the aforesaid interim order furnish a list of aided , unaided and Govt. Schools to the Punjab State Commission for protection of Child Rights within 15 days from the date of passing of the aforesaid interim order and also provide the services of an officer from the office of the DPI Schools to the commission.

Encl: As Above

Endst. No. STC/AE

- State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Sml Dated:
- A copy of the above alongwith a copy of the aforesaid interim order dated 18.12.2015 passed by the Hon'ble High Court is forwarded to Sh. Mahesh Garg, Joint State Transport Commissioner, Punjab -- Cum-Chairman of the Committee constituted vide order Endst. No. STC/AE/48394-96 Dated 24.11.2015 consisting of Service Engineer and Auto Mobile Engineer as members with the directions to inspect the various types of doors / hydraulic doors , Mechanical jackknife doors etc. and submit a report whether these doofs meet the safety standards required for transporting school children, namely ensure that the door is safely shut before the bus starts and remain shut till the time it is opened at the next stop, so that accordingly, the reply could be filed before the Hon'ble High Court on the next date of hearing i.e. 08.01.2016. The committee is also directed to intimate whether it is satisfied with the safety door provided in the buses manufactured by M/s Force Motors ltd. in view of its report submitted vide letter no. JSTC/Insp.rpt-I/2015/48814 dated 26.11.2015.
- 2. In accordance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court vide interim order dated 18.12.2015 sh. Pardeep Dhillon, Assistant District Transport Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib, is hereby deputed with Punjab State Commission for protection of Child Rights to the inspect the school buses in the State of Punjab. He is directed to report and coordinate with the aforesaid commission immediately under intimation to this office.

Sd/-State Transport Commissioner, Punjab

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No: 203 (3 cases)

Court on its own motion		Versus	State of Punjab and others
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Present:	Ms.Munisha Gandhi, Senior Advocate, Amicus Curiae.		

Ms.Munisha Gandhi, Senior Advocate, Amicus Curiae. Ms.Salina Chalana, Advocate.

Ms.Sonia G.Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner (in COCP-1834-2015).

Mr.Rajinder Goyal, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

Mr.D.Khanna, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Vishal Sodhi, Advocate, for UT, Chandigarh.

Mr.Kanwaljit Singh, Senior Advocate, with Ms.Gurdeep Kaur, Advocate, for Private Unaided Schools Association, CBSE.

Mr.Dheeraj Jain, Advocate, Senior Counsel, UOI.

Mr.M.K.Singla, Advocate, for All Affiliated Schools Association, Kotakpura, District Faridkot.

Mr.R.S.Cheema, Advocate, for DAV Public School, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana, and for Secretary, Association of Unaided Punjab CBSE Schools.

Mr.Inderjit Kaushal, Advocate, for Independent Schools Association.

Mr.Rohit Sud, Advocate, for Innocent Heart School.

Mr.Inderjit Kaushal, Advocate, for Indpendent Schools Association, Chandigarh

Mr.H.S.Saini, Advocate, for Chandigarh School Bus Association.

Mr.Nitin Kumar, Advocate, for Stepping Stones School.

Ms.Aarti, Advocate, for Mr.Rajiv Kataria, Advocate;

Mr.Sandeep Kotla, Advocate;

Mr.Nitin Kaushal, Advocate, for the applicant (in CM-15026-2015 and CM-15027-2015)

Mr.Saurav Verma, Advocate, for the applicant In CM-14981-2015)

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<u>Union of India</u>

The UOI has chosen not to respond to order dated 30.09.2015. Counsel for the UOI submits that he has repeatedly addressed letters to the UOI but no officer is coming forward to assist him.

It is made clear to counsel for the UOI that in case the requisite affidavit is not filed on or before the next date of hearing, this Court may be constrained to stay operation of Rule 125-C of the Central Motors Vehicles Rules, 1989.

State of Punjab

All school buses/vehicles transporting school children were directed to comply with the "Punjab Safe School Vahan Policy", by 1st December, 2015, with a few modifications. The DPI Schools, Punjab, shall furnish a list of aided and unaided, government schools to the Punjab State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Punjab, within 15 days from today. The State of Punjab shall provide the services of an officer from the office of the DPI Schools, Punjab, an officer/official from the Transport Department, Punjab and a police officer/official to the Commission. The Commission and these officers/officials shall inspect school buses in the State of Punjab, prepare a report and file a report before this Court, giving the names of the school(s) and setting out conditions that have not been complied with. The needful be done

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on or before 15.02.2016. The State of Punjab shall provide a roadworthy vehicle and a driver to the commission to comply with this order.

<u>State of Haryana</u>

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All school buses/vehicles transporting school children were directed to comply with the "Surakshit School Vahan Policy", by 1st December, 2015, with a few modifications. The DPI Schools, Haryana, shall furnish a list of aided and unaided, government schools to the Haryana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Haryana, within 15 days from today. The State of Haryana shall provide the services of an officer from the office of the DPI Schools, Haryana, an officer/official from the Transport Department, Haryana and a police officer/official to the Commission. The Commission and these officers/officials shall inspect school buses in the State of Haryana, prepare a report and file a report before this Court, giving the names of the school(s) and setting out conditions that have not been complied with. The needful be done on or before 15.02.2016. The State of Haryana shall provide a road-worthy vehicle and a driver to the commission to comply with this order.

The State of Haryana is directed to clarify whether the monitor has to be installed in each bus or in the school.

Union Territory of Chandigarh

All school buses/vehicles transporting school children

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are directed to comply with the "Safe Transportation Policy for School Children". The DPI Schools, Chandigarh, shall furnish a list of aided and unaided, government schools to the Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Chandigarh, within 15 days from today. The UT, Chandigarh shall provide the services of an officer from the • office of the DPI Schools, Chandigarh, an officer/official from the Transport Department, and a police officer/official to the Commission. The Commission and these officers/officials shall inspect school buses in the UT, Chandigarh, prepare a report and file a report before this Court, giving the names of the school(s) and setting out conditions that have not been complied with. The needful be done on or before 15.02.2016. The UT, Chandigarh shall provide a road-worthy vehicle and a driver to the commission to comply with this order.

The Commissions shall be empowered to recommend to the transport department of the States of Punjab and Haryana and the UT, Chandigarh, that school buses/vehicles transporting school children that do not comply with conditions of the "Punjab Safe School Vahan Policy", "Surakshit School Vahan Policy" and the "Safe Transportation Policy for School Children", are not allowed to operate till they comply with the terms & conditions of the policy.

The States of Punjab and Haryana and UT, Chandigarh shall include the number of the child helpline in the "Punjab Safe

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School Vahan Policy", "Surakshit School Vahan Policy" and the "Safe Transportation Policy for School Children" and ensure that all school buses display the number of the child helpline.

The States of Punjab and Haryana and UT, Chandigarh may consider assigning a helpline number to the commission or placing the existing child helpline under the purview of the Commission.

The States of Punjab and Haryana and UT, Chandigarh shall inspect the various types of doors/hydraulic doors, mechanical jackknife doors etc. and submit a report whether these doors meet the safety standards required for transporting school children, namely ensure that the door is safely shut before the bus starts and remain shut till the time it is opened at the next stop.

M/s Force Motors Ltd.

The State of Punjab has filed an affidavit whether it is satisfied with the safety door provided in the buses manufactured by M/s Force Motors Ltd.

Adjourned to 08.01.2016.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

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[RAJIVE BHALLA] JUDGE

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