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To

✓ All the Dy. Directors of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

Subject:-

Establishing Career Counseling Centres in all Government High and Senior
Secondary Schools of Himachal Pradesh

Sir,

As you all are aware that school years are the most formative years in each student's life and hence need focused guidance so as to prevent him / her from making debilitating choices in his / her future. Today in this rapidly growing era of technology and industry, there are numerous opportunities for all students to explore and select the best options according to their potentials and capabilities, to start the new phase of their life. Usually it is observed that almost all students especially in rural areas face the question of 'what next' after class 10th and 12th. Helpless 15 or 17 year old High / Senior Secondary school students face the choice of three streams-Humanities, Science and Commerce. It is only the **Career Guidance** which can really help students to select the right path of moving forward on the education ladder according to their inbuilt traits.

Therefore, the **Career Counseling** for school students can help them sail through these turbulent times and know the pros and cons of different streams. Selecting career options by all students at the secondary stage of education shall certainly determine their destinations where to go. In this process, teachers and parents jointly need to act as facilitators and mentors to help and support them in achieving the goals of their lives. It is also true that the right selection of a career at the right point of time can make students' lives more pleasant, whereas a wrong one can ruin it, as the decisions are irreversible. Career counseling in schools will help students in reaping the following benefits:-

- 1. Determining the right career paths:** There may be students who are clear as to what they want to become. On the other hand, there may be others who are either confused or have no idea about their career preferences. Regular aptitude tests and counseling sessions in schools can help students in finding out the right career options and the fields that interest them. On the basis of these counseling results, students may select the right options / choices regarding what courses they want to enroll into in order to accomplish their career goals.
- 2. Clearing of doubts:** Despite having a clear idea of what they want to achieve in their life, some students still may not be knowing the requisite academic qualifications for the career path they need to follow to join a particular course. Career counseling can help such students clear their doubts by providing them a clear picture of what they can expect and achieve from various educational courses. Some students might also have preconceived notions about certain fields. Career counseling shall also help students in overcoming such notions by knowing the true facts.
- 3. Support and motivation:** Career counseling shall also provide essential support to students by understanding and tapping their inbuilt potential. Building the motivational level of students is very essential in this competitive world for their long term success.

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In view of the above background of career counseling, it has been, therefore, decided to establish one **Career Counseling Centre (CCC)** in each Government High School and Government Senior Secondary School of the State. Following **Career Counseling Committees** under the chairmanship of concerned school heads may be constituted at the school level with immediate effect:-

Government High School:

- a) Science Teacher-1
- b) Social Science Teacher-1
- c) Language Teacher-1

Government Senior Secondary School:

- a) PGT/ Lecturer (Science)-1
- b) PGT/ Lecturer (Arts)-1
- c) TGT (Science)-1

With prior approval of the Government, these instructions come into force with immediate effect.

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Principal Secretary Education,
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