

Nagaland Board of School Education Kohima

NOTIFICATION NO.32/2009
Dated Kohima, the 16th Sept. 2009

NO.NBE-75/Aca/2009-10:: In pursuance of Notification No.EDS/DM-31/2005 dt. 11.09. 2009, Government of Nagaland, School Education Department, the following information on Disaster Management is hereby notified:

Disasters both manmade and natural have affected mankind since time immemorial. Disasters of varied forms like earthquakes, landslides, cyclones, droughts, floods, fire, etc. can be predictable, seasonal/annual or sudden and unpredictable. Our state is highly prone to landslides and seismic activity. Like all other North-Eastern states of India, Nagaland lies in the seismic zone V(fifth). This is the most severe seismic zone and is referred to as the Very High Damage Risk Zone.

While natural occurrences such as floods, earthquakes will always occur, human activities have accelerated the frequency and severity of natural disasters. However, destruction from natural hazards can be minimized by a well-functioning warning system combined with preparedness on the part of the community.

Pre-disaster management have gained unprecedented importance over post-disaster management. Disaster planning, being relatively new to the education system, should be fused with school safety planning. Apart from awareness and preparedness, one major area of concern is the safety of the school both structural and non-structural. It should be ensured that schools are safe by either locating in hazard free area or by constructing buildings that can withstand the hazard. When an incident does occur, schools should be able to contain and control events. This can be done by planning in advance and anticipating as many health and safety variables as possible. This is to ensure that correct decisions are taken quickly and effectively on the day of a crisis, which again depends on the time spent on pre-planning for disaster.

Henceforth, all Heads of institutions are directed to generate awareness by identifying potential critical incidents, developing a whole new approach to safety and health as well as putting in place a Safety and Disaster Management Plan. In case of disaster, children, particularly groups of children in classrooms will be the most vulnerable to serious injury. It is therefore of the utmost importance that teachers who have undergone trainings on Disaster Management organize sensitization sessions in their respective schools.

In addition, institutions should conduct Mock Drills for various hazards like fire and earthquakes, impart knowledge and trainings on life saving skills to teachers, students and thereby to the community at large. Because hazards strike without warning, life protecting actions must be taken. Earthquake drills must be practised to help students and staff learn how to react immediately and appropriately. Students should learn and practise **WHERE** to seek shelter and **HOW** to protect them so that precious lives can be saved.

(Mrs. Asano Sekhose)
Secretary

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A. Copy for information and necessary action:-

1. Heads of schools/institutions in Nagaland.
2. The District Education Officer/Deputy Inspector of Schools, _____
They are requested to inform the content of this notification to all schools under their jurisdiction.
3. The Editor, Nagaland Post/Morung Express/Eastern Mirror, Dimapur with a request to publish the above notification in 1 (one) issue and to submit the bill to the Chairman, NBSE, Kohima.
4. The Director, Information & Public Relations, Nagaland, Kohima with a request for wide publicity.

B. Copy for information:-

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of School Education, Kohima.
2. The Director of School Education/Higher Education/SCERT, Nagaland, Kohima.

(Mrs. Asano Sekhose)
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