

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ASSAM
KAHILIPARA, GUWAHATI -19.

No. PC/HE/Misc.58/2020/8

Dated kahilipara the 5th March /2021

From : Smti G. Phukan, A.C.S.
Director of Higher Education, Assam.
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

To,

1. The Registrar (s),
All State Universities of Assam.
2. The Principal (s),
All Govt. and Provincialised Colleges of Assam.

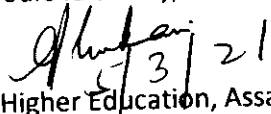
Sub: Regarding petition from Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, member of Lok Sabha,

Ref: Govt. letter No. AHE.63/2021/2, dtd. 09/02/2021

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. AHE.63/2021/2, dtd. 09/02/2021 petition from Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, member of Lok Sabha, Chennai, for your necessary action.

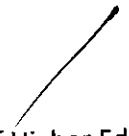
Yours faithfully,


Director of Higher Education, Assam.
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19
Dated kahilipara the 5th March/2021

Memo No. PC/HE/Misc.58/2020/8- A,

Copy to:-

1. The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Guwahati-6.
2. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, 14 Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001, for kind information.


Director of Higher Education, Assam.
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
DISPUR : GUWAHATI-6.

AHE.63/2021/2

Dated Dispur, the 9th February, 2021

Handwritten signature
From: Smti A.S.Baruah, ACS
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Higher Education Department

To: The Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

Sub : Forwarding petition.

Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to forward here with a copy of Letter no- Nil, dtd-Nil, received from Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, member of Lok Sabha, which is self explanatory and request you kindly to instruct all the Principal of Colleges and Registrar of Universities to take the necessary action accordingly.

Matter may be taken as most urgent.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signature
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Higher Education Department

Memo No : AHE.63/2021/2-A

Dated Dispur, the 9th February, 2021

Copy to : 1.P.S to Principal Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Education Department, for kind information and appraisal.
2. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, 14 Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001. for kind information.

By order etc

Handwritten signature
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Higher Education Department



Dear Shri B.K. Chakravarthy
Principal Secretary
Department of Education
Government of Assam
Guwahati

Dear Shri Chakravarthy

I am happy we spoke. You seem to be a sensitive and compassionate human being who is interested in the all round development and sensitization of children to the environment and animals.

These are a few suggestions I would like to make :

1. Please start with banning the use of leather for shoes in schools. This was started by the British and now it is the largest reason for the killing of cattle in India. Leather shoes are expensive and impractical. The child has still to buy canvas shoes for PT and sports. The making of leather is destroying our rivers specially the Ganges as it uses the most poisonous chemicals. For the child, leather does not breathe and is not flexible so it does not allow the feet to sweat and also cramps the feet making them grow unnaturally. The polish that is used on leather by the child is carcinogenic and a poison and when the socks are washed or the hands are washed, the water goes into the rivers and kills fish immediately. It is better for each child to simply be asked to wear canvas shoes. These are not heavy on the environment, they breathe and are flexible, they are much cheaper and last longer and they do not need polishing. Everyone will bless you for this. You can do this by calling all the local education district officers and telling them to inform each school. These are mainly done by private schools and they need to be told.

2. Each school and college should have an animal welfare group. This should be a recognized society in the same way as all schools/colleges have drama societies and debating societies etc. If you can stand firm on this , it will change the entire generation. The society members do this :

- a. Looks after the animals within the educational premises
- b. Learns first aid and the laws
- c. Learn about how to preserve and protect animals in general and hold talks within the school/college (we can supply information and details in pamphlets or on the net)
- d. Work with shelters and animal welfare groups in their holidays as interns
- e. Many colleges across India already have animal welfare societies . Every college in Delhi University has one. This has a great impact.

Do let me know what you decide. If there is anything I can do to help, let me know. This is a great opportunity to change young minds.

Warm regards

Maneka Sanjay Gandhi
14 Ashoka Road
New Delhi 110001
Ph:011-23357088 / 08800067890

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