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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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To

The Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Education) of all States/UTs

**Sub: - Hon'ble Prime Minister's call to make India free from Single-use plastic.**

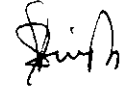
Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Hon'ble Prime Minister's address to the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day. In his speech, Hon'ble PM has urged the nation to make India free from single-use plastic.

2. As we know, single-use plastic drastically impacts the environment in a harmful way. Single-use plastic after usage is mostly dumped on land-fill sites, choking the water supply and drainage system and damaging the environment due to its non-biodegradability. A nation-wide campaign will be launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 towards making India free from single use plastic.

3. You are, therefore, requested to issue appropriate instructions to all schools in your State/UT to avoid the usage of single-use plastic, both within and outside the school premises.

Yours faithfully,



(P. K. Singh)

Deputy Secretary

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