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SUB: Creating awareness regarding the POCSO e-box

Dear Principal,

The POCSO e-box (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) developed by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), was launched by the Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Maneka Gandhi, last year, for easy and direct reporting of sexual offences against children, by the victims themselves or their representatives, so that action against the offenders, after verification, may be taken under the POCSO Act 2012.

The POCSO e-Box is incorporated in the home page of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) website <http://ncpcr.gov.in/>. The user can lodge a complaint by pressing the arrow on this page which navigates to another page where he/ she has to select at least one picture option (describing the category of harassment). The user also needs to complete a form with details such as e-mail, mobile number and description of the harassment, in order to register a complaint.

Further, in order to create awareness among school children on what constitutes an 'inappropriate touch' or what is molestation, the Ministry for Women and Child Development had also commissioned a short animated film – *Komal*. This film won the national film award in the category of "best educational film". The "Komal" video is accessible on Youtube.

As heads of schools, you are requested to take necessary steps in order to create awareness amongst the students, teachers/ other staff and parents regarding the POCSO e-box. The film "Komal" may also be viewed.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive & Secretary