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As you are aware, India will be entering the 70^{th} year of Independence on 15^{th} August, 2016. It has been decided that the period from 9^{th} August, 2016 to 23^{rd} August, 2016 should be declared as "Azadi 70 – Yaad Karo Kurbani" (Freedom Fortnight) and school children all over the country should be encouraged to celebrate this fortnight in a befitting manner.

- 2. I am enclosing a draft list of activities that can be carried out at the school level. You are requested to circulate this to all your schools, including private and aided schools, and ask them to carry out as many activities in each school as possible, while ensuring that each primary/upper primary/elementary/secondary school takes up at least one activity and each higher secondary school takes up at least two activities. In addition, the mass singing of the National Anthem at 11.00 AM on Tuesday, the 23rd August, 2016 should apply to all school children in your State / UT.
- 3. You may also like to cover the events of Freedom Movement of 1857 and the Independence Struggle in your celebrations.
- 4. A short report on the action taken in this regard may kindly be sent to this Ministry. Schools can send regular reports to e-mail address: azadi70@gov.in or update the events and photographs on the website www.mhrd.gov.in and on face book page azadi 70.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Satbir Bedi)

To

1. All Secretaries of Education of States / UTs (As per list)

Copy to:-

- 1. Commissioner, KVS taking similar action in their schools.
- 2. Commissioner, NVS for taking similar action in their schools.
- 3. Chairman, CBSE for taking action as per the Expression Series.
- 4. CEO, CISCE.

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ACTIVITIES AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL TO CELEBRATE "AZADI 70" FROM 9TH TO 23RD AUGUST, 2016.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- To have a mass recitation of the National Anthem by all school students in the State/UT, including in private and aided schools, at 11.00 AM on Tuesday 23rd August which is the terminal day of the fortnight long celebrations.
- 2. School children could paint greeting cards for jawans posted at the border stations. These could be sent to the nearest or any APO for forwarding to the jawans.
- 3. Students may undertake a **mass tree plantation drive** which could inculcate the idea of sustainable development among the students.
- 4. Schools can invite persons who can talk to the students regarding the **freedom movement of 1857**, and the Independence Struggle. This include writers, academics and persons from the defence forces (retired or serving). The focus can be on martyrs from that State/UT or local area.
- **5.** Painting competition.
- **6.** Elocution competition
- **7.** Freedom run
- **8.** Essay writing competition
- **9.** Play with freedom movement as theme.
- **10.** Slogan writing competition
- **11.** Patriotic songs singing competition.