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Press Release

CBSE files FIR against concerned Publisher regarding:

Class XII Physical Education Book

Taking strong exception of the indecent depiction of women and misrepresenting the syllabus prescribed by CBSE for Class XII Physical Education Course, CBSE has registered an FIR in Preet Vihar, Police Station on 14.04.2017, under Section 6 (indecent representation of women (Prohibition) Act 1986).

There were several complaints reported on 12.04.2017 through various sources including media which said 'Class XII CBSE Physical Education textbook says/certifies/claims 36-24-36 is the best figure for females'. The news was strongly condemned and denied by the Board and a clarification was issued on 12.04.2017 itself stating that the Board had not prescribed the controversial book.

The class XII Textbook titled 'Health and Physical Education' is authored by Dr. V.K. Sharma, Professor Department of Physical Education, DAV College, Cheeka (Kaithal) Haryana. The Book is published by New Saraswati House (India) Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.

The Board further set up a Committee of experts to review the contents of the said book and as reported by the Committee:

1. The shape, size, figure have been inappropriately described which are not in consonance with the spirit of the syllabus.
2. The author has written out of context, the textbook is not strictly as per the syllabus as being claimed by the publisher/author.
3. The publisher and the author have committed criminal misconduct by publishing and selling these books to the students in connivance with some schools.
4. In the process, the publisher has caused wrongful loss of reputation, goodwill and credibility of CBSE.

It is pertinent to mention that the Class XII curriculum of Physical Education is designed to meet certain objectives which promote health and fitness amongst youth. The Curriculum includes topics among others such as Sports and Nutrition, Yoga and Lifestyle, Physiology, Psychology, Training, Bio-mechanics and Sports etc. The Board neither subscribes nor encourages irrelevant, sexist or derogatory references to any gender specially women.

It is further added that CBSE does not recommend books by any private publishers to the affiliate schools. Rule 15.1 (d) of the Affiliation-byelaws of the Board clearly states that the schools will follow the syllabus on the basis of curriculum prescribed by NCERT/CBSE and textbooks published by NCERT or CBSE as far as practicable. It also states that the schools will exercise extreme care while selecting books of private publishers. The content must be scrutinized to preclude any objectionable content that hurts the feelings of any class, community, gender, religious group in society if prescribing books having such content, the school will have to take the responsibility of such content. The bye-laws further mandate that the school will put a list of such books prescribed by it on its website with the written declaration



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duly signed by the Manager and the Principal to the effect that they have gone through the contents of the books prescribed by the school and own the responsibility.

It is brought to the notice of all, that, this book of the private publisher has been recommended by the schools themselves and the contents of the book are not compliant with the prescribed CBSE syllabus. The Board has no association with the objectionable contents and indecent references to women in the book authored by Dr. V.K. Sharma.

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