

Higher Education (A2) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

Letter No.20034/A2/2021, dated: 07.07.2025

From Thiru. P. Sankar, I.A.S., Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Chennai – 15. (w.e.)
The Commissioner of Technical Education, Chennai – 25. (w.e.)
The Registrars of all Universities
under the aegis of Higher Education department. (w.e.)

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Drug Free Tamil Nadu – Prohibition of selling of tobacco products near educational institutions – World No Tobacco Day – Tobacco free educational institutions – Instructions – Regarding.

Ref: D.O. letter No.20034/A2/2021, Higher Education (A2) Department, dated 19.06.2025.

I am directed to invite attention to the D.O. letter in the reference cited and to request you to issue appropriate instructions to the officials concerned of their department / university to popularise among students and Teachers to share information with law enforcement agencies about availability of drugs and banned tobacco products near educational institutions by using the following methods, so as to have tobacco and drug free educational institutions.

- i. Mobile App for Drug Free Tamil Nadu
- ii. A toll free Help line Number 10581 and
- iii. Mobile No.94984 10581

2. I am also to request you to furnish an action taken in this regard to Government, immediately.

Yours faithfully,

For Secretary to Government



Home, Prohibition and Excise (XVI) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

Letter No. 13257/Home, P&E(XVI)/2025-1, dated 26.06.2025

From
Thiru. Dheeraj Kumar, I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Principal Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.



Sir,

Sub: CQTPA 2003 - Prohibition of selling of tobacco products near educational institutions - the World No tobacco day - Tobacco free educational institutions guidelines issued - instruction issued - Reg.

Ref:

1. D.O letter No.15519/H,P&E(XVI)/2024-8, dated 14.04.2025.

2. Government letter No.13366/H,P&E(XVI)/2025-1, dated 02.06.2025.

I am to inform that the Health and Family Welfare Department has been requested to issue necessary instructions to Commissioner of Food Safety Department and the District officials,

- i. to monitor the sale of Cool lip, Hans and other banned tobacco products near educational institutions.
- ii. to increase and improve the quality of joint inspections to detect the sale of banned tobacco products.
- iii. to focus on seizure of the banned tobacco products exclusive by Food Safety Department during their normal raids to curtail the sale of the banned tobacco products in the State.

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- 2. In this connection, I am to request you to instruct the concerned officials to popularise among School/College Students and Teachers to share information with law enforcement agencies about availability of drugs and banned tobacco products near educational institutions by using the following methods so as to tobacco free educational institutions.
 - i. Mobile App for Drug Free Tamil Nadu
 - ii. A toll free Help line Number 10581 and
 - iii. Mobile No.94984 10581.
- 3. An action taken report in this regard may be sent to this department immediately.

Yours faithfully,

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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