

VISVA-BHARATI  
SANTINIKETAN




NOTIFICATION

The undersigned is to convey that the Sub-Divisional Officer, Bolpur, Birbhum has communicated the following through his letter vide Memo No.123/J.M. dated 18.12.2013 for compliance;

1. The Academic Departments, Centres, Hospital etc. using different acids and other chemicals in the laboratories will follow the guidelines given by the Joint Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, Home Department, Howrah-711 102 vide No.48-HS (N)/PE-165-50/08(Pt.III) dated 30.11.2013 (copy enclosed).
2. A report on the stock position of different acids and other chemicals being used by the academic Departments, Centres, Hospital etc. is to be sent to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Bolpur, Birbhum immediately.

All concerned are hereby requested to kindly comply with the above and send a report on the stock position of different acids and other chemicals to the undersigned for onward transmission to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Bolpur, Birbhum at the earliest.

Memo No. 11436  
Date : 11.01.2014  
Enclo : as stated

  
Registrar  
Visva-Bharati

Copy to :

1. The Directors/Adhyakshas/Heads of all Bhavanas/Vibhagas/Depatt./Centres
2. Principal Investigators of various Projects
3. Chief Medical Officer, Pearson Memorial Hospital
4. Finance Officer
5. Chief Security Officer
6. Deputy Registrar (Estate)
7. Superintendent, Sanitation Section
8. Section Officer, Purchase and stores
9. P.A. to the Registrar
10. University Web Master – For uploading it in the University Website.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
HOME DEPARTMENT  
'NABANNA'  
325, SARAT CHATTERJEE ROAD  
HOWRAH - 711 102**

No.48-HS(N)/PE-16S-50/08 (Pt.III) Howrah, dated the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

**ORDER**

Whereas the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (Crl.) 129 of 2006 Laxmi Vs. Union of India and others, on 18-07-2013 had passed certain directions regarding the sale of acid/corrosive substances.

And whereas the State of West Bengal is yet to notify appropriate Poison Rules under the Poisons Act, 1919, for regulation of sale of acid and other corrosive substances.

And whereas as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it is to be brought to be notice of the general public which include individuals, educational and research institutions, hospitals, industries, Government Departments and Public Sector Undertaking or sellers of the following acids and corrosive substances, that henceforth their sale would be regulated until the new poison rules are promulgated:- Acetic Acid(Beyond 25% concentration by weight), Acetic Anhydride, Sulphuric Acid (Beyond 5% concentration by weight), Hydrochloric Acid (Beyond 5% concentration by weight), Phosphoric Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid, Perchloric Acid, Formic Acid (Beyond 10% concentration by weight), Hydrocyanic Acid- except substances containing less than 0.1% weight in weight of Hydrocyanic Acid, Nitric Acid- except substances containing less than 5% weight in weight of Nitric Acid, Oxalic Acid, Perchloride of Mercury (Corrosive sublimate), Hydrogen Peroxide (Beyond 50% Concentration by weight), Formaldehyde (Beyond 25% Concentration by weight), Phenol(Beyond 3% Concentration by weight), Potassium Hydroxide - except substances containing less than 2% weight in weight of Potassium Hydroxide. Sodium Hydroxide - except substances containing less than 2% weight in weight of Sodium Hydroxide.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that:

1. Over the counter sale of acids is completely prohibited unless the seller maintained a log/ register recording the sale of acids which will contain the details of the person(s) to whom acid(s) is /are sold and the quantity sold. The log/register shall contain the address of the person to whom it is sold.

2. All sellers shall sell acid only after the buyer has shown a photo ID issued by the Govt. which also has the address of the person and he/she specifies the reason /purpose for procuring acid.
3. All stock of acid must be declared by the seller with the concerned Sub Divisional Officer and Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) in the districts and a designated Dy. Commissioner of Police (DCP) in the Police Commissionerates within a period of 15 days.
4. No acid shall be sold to any person who is below 18 years of age.
5. In case of undeclared stock of acid, it will be open to the concerned SDM to confiscate the stock and suitably impose fine on such seller upto Rs.50,000/-.
6. The concerned SDM/DCP may impose fine upto Rs.50,000/- on any person who commits breach of any of the above directions.
7. The concerned SDM/DCP shall be vested with the responsibility of taking appropriate action for the breach/ default/ violation of the above direction.

It is also hereby ordered that the educational institutions, research laboratories, hospitals, Government departments including the Public Sector Undertakings, who are required to keep and store acids, shall follow the following guidelines:

1. A register of usage of acids shall be maintained and the same shall be filed with the concerned SDM/DCP.
2. A person shall be made accountable for possession and safekeeping of acids in their premises.
3. The acid shall be stored under the supervision of this person and there shall be compulsory checking of the students/personnel leaving the laboratories/place of storage where acid is used.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

Sd/-  
(S. Mitra)  
Chief Secretary

Ordered that this order be published in an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette.

Sd/-  
(Nirmalya Ghoshal)  
Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

No.48(50)-HS(N)/PE-16S-50/08 (Pt.III) Howrah, the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action including giving publicity of the order to:

- 1) All the Division Commissioners;
- 2) The Director General & Inspector General of Police, West Bengal;
- 3) All District Magistrates - with the request kindly to inform all the Sub-Divisional Officers/ Sub-Divisional Magistrates under his jurisdictional control about this order;
- 4) All Commissioners of Police-with the request kindly to designate a Deputy Commissioner of Police as per provisions of this order;
- 5) All Superintendents of Police.

Sd/-  
(Nirmalya Ghoshal)  
Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal