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The Chief Secretary to Government Haryana.

To

1. The all Heads of Departments, Commissioners Ambala, Hisar, Rohtak and Gurgaon Divisions.
2. The Registrar, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
3. All the Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) in the Haryana State.

Dated Chandigarh, the 1st January, 2002.

Subject:- Regarding ban on Smoking.  
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Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the instructions contained in Haryana Government letter No.18/1/89-2681, dated 8.3.89 vide which smoking was prohibited in all the public offices under the Government of Haryana and to state that it has come to the notice of the Government that these instructions are not being adhered to and the employees are still indulging in smoking while on duty which is highly deplorable on their part. Undisputedly, smoking is injurious to health and may not only affect adversely upon the health of smokers but also compels the non-smokers to be the helpless victims of air pollution. Smoking is a harmful habit and can lead to grave health hazards and other fatal diseases to the mankind. Realising the gravity of situation and considering the adverse effect of smoking on smokers and passive smokers, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in CWP. No.316 of 1979 has passed orders on 2.11.2001 prohibiting smoking in the public places namely:-

1. Auditoriums
2. Hospital Buildings,
3. Health Institutions
4. Educational Institutions
5. Libraries

6. Court Buildings
7. Public Offices
8. Public Conveyances including Railways.

In order to implement the aforesaid orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court, Health Department Haryana has already issued instructions vide Memo.No.46/18/99-5HBII, dated 26.11.2001 regarding prohibition of smoking in the above mentioned public places (Copy enclosed, enclosures thereto not added)

2. Accordingly, I am to request you to bring these instructions to the notice of all the employees working under your kind control for strict compliance. Non-observance of these instructions will be viewed seriously by the Government.

Yours faithfully,

*f. R. S. —*  
Under Secretary General Administration,  
for Chief Secretary to Government Haryana.

A copy is forwarded to all the Financial Commissioners/ Commissioners and Secretaries to Government Haryana for information and necessary action in the matter.

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Under Secretary General Administration,  
for Chief Secretary to Government Haryana.

To

The Financial Commissioners/ Commissioners &  
Secretaries to Government Haryana.

U.O.No.18/2/2001-2881 Dated Chandigarh, the 1st January, 2002.

Endst. No.18/2/2001-2881 Dated Chandigarh, the 1st Jan., 2002.

A copy is forwarded to the Director Public Relations Haryana for necessary action. He is requested to give wide publicity to this issue by electronics as well as print media to make the general public aware of ill-effects of smoking on health of human beings.

*f. R. S. —*  
Under Secretary General Administration,  
for Chief Secretary to Government Haryana.

at Immediate  
Supreme Court matter

From

The Financial Commissioner & Secretary  
to Govt., Haryana, Health Department.

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries to Govt. Haryana.
2. All Divisional Commissioner in the State.
3. Registrar, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

Memo.No.46/18/99-5HBII ~~9/11/02~~  
Dated Chandigarh, the ~~26.11.2001~~  
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Enclosed herewith please find a copy of letter No.1502/1999/SC/PILC, dated 6.11.2001 from the Registrar General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi alongwith copies each of the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders dated 31.8.2001, 28.9.2001 and 2.11.2001 in the CWP. No.316 of 1999 on the above subject.

Hon'ble Supreme Court after considering all aspects has passed the orders on 2.11.2001 that after considering the adverse effect of smoking in public places, it would be in the interest of the citizens to prohibit the smoking in public places till the statutory provision is made and implemented by the legislative enactment. The persons not indulging in smoking cannot be compelled to or subjected to passive smoking on account of acts of the smokers.

Realising the gravity of the situation and considering the adverse effect of smoking on smokers and passive smokers, we direct and prohibit smoking in public places and issue directions to the Union of India, State Governments as well as the Union Territories to take effective steps to ensure prohibiting smoking in public places namely:-

1. Auditoriums
2. Hospital Buildings
3. Health Institutions
4. Educational Institutions
5. Libraries
6. Court Buildings
7. Public Offices
8. Public Conveyances including Railways.

You are, therefore, requested to direct all Subordinate offices, organisations, institutions etc. under your administrative control to implement the above directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding prohibition of smoking on the above mentioned public places.

Compliance report in this respect has to be filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court with in five weeks from the date of passing of orders i.e. 2.11.2001. You are, therefore, requested to take immediate necessary action in the matter and send a report of the action taken in this regard by 30.11.2001 respectively to this office.

It may be treated as most immediate.

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Under Secretary Health,  
for Financial Commissioner & Secretary  
to Govt. Haryana, Health Department.