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8th April, 2016

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Maneka Sanjay Gandhi
OFFICE OF THE
SUPDT. OF POLICE (EAST)
No. 2058/S.15/CR/16
Dated: 22/4/16

OFFICE OF THE ICP
PUDUCHERRY
No. 19142/CE/16
Date: 18/4/16

Dear

As you are aware that the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 has come into force w.e.f. 15.1.2016. With this the previous Act of 2010 stands repealed.

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2. I would like to draw your attention to Section-77 of the Act which provides that "if a person give or causes to be given, to any child any intoxicating liquor or any narcotic drug or tobacco products or psychotropic substances, shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment which may extend to 7 years and shall also be liable to a fine which may extend upto one lakh Rupess".

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3. In the new Act, tobacco products have been specifically included so as to protect the children from getting induced to their consumptions. Studies have indicated that those who start using tobacco an early age are the ones who find it most difficult to quit. An estimate has shown that over 5000 children start consuming tobacco every day, most of which is on account of some inducement.

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4. Another objective of inserting tobacco products in the scope of Section 77 of the Act was fight this menace as well as defeat the sinister designs of the tobacco industry to target vulnerable children as their new consumers. This is infact one of the path-breaking initiative taken by any country in the world.

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5. No doubt, police authorities will have critical responsibility to discharge in this direction. The Ministry of Women and Child Development along with National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and its State counterparts will be undertaking mass campaign against inducement of use of tobacco products by children. I would request that the police authorities may be sensitized about Section 77 and its implications. Necessary regulatory enforcement with respect to sale/ use of tobacco products to children may be

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undertaken especially at vulnerable points like tobacco products venders located near schools/cinema halls/parks, sale of cigarette in bars/ restaurants etc. I would also request you to have public outreach activities undertaken on this issue through the local police stations, particularly the designated child welfare police officers who, I am sure have been provided in every police station as per the requirements of JJ Act. A large number of civil society organizations are active in protecting children from use of tobacco who could also be taken on board for this purpose.

6. I shall be looking forward to a report from your side addressed directly to me on the action taken.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Maneka Sanjay Gandhi
(Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi)

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