Government of West Bengal
Bikash Bhaban, North Block, 10th Floor, Salt Lake, Kol-91

No. 1657(20)-SW/1K-17/16

From: State Project Manager, Kanyashree Prakalpa

To: (1-20) Nodal Officer, Kanyashree Prakalpa, DPMU Alipurduar/ Bankura/ Birbhum/ Burdwan/ Cooch Behar/Darjeeling/ Dakshin Dinajpur/Hoogly/ Howrah/ Jalpaiguri/ Kolkata/ Maldah/ Murshidabad/ Nadia/ North 24 Parganas/ Paschim Medinipur/ Purba Medinipur/ Puruliya/Siliguri/ Uttar Dinajpur.

Sub : Spreading Awareness against Child Marriage on Akshay Tritiya

Madam/Sir,

Enclosed please find the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Women & Child Development requesting for organising awareness campaigns for prevention of child marriage on the occasion of Akshay Tritiya which is falling on 9th May this year.

As Kanyashree Prakalpa also works towards curbing child marriage, you are requested to observe this day at institution level selected under your jurisdiction, in a befitting manner spreading awareness on rights of women and prevention of child marriage.

Expenditure, if any, may be borne out of the kanyashree fund from the head of account “2235-02-103-SP-026-50-00” under demand no 56 placed at the districts.

Encl: As Stated

Yours Faithfully,

[Signature]
State Project Manager
Kanyashree Prakalpa

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Copy forwarded for information to:

1. Secretary, Kanyashree, WD & SW Department.
2. Joint Secretary, Kanyashree, WD & SW Department.
3. PS to Mos, WD & SW Department.

Dated. 22.04.2016

[Signature]
State Project Manager
Kanyashree Prakalpa
Dear Shri Banerjee,

As you would be aware, the festival 'Akshay Tritiya' which is celebrated in many parts of the country, including many marriages, falls on 9th May, 2016. In quite a few places, child marriages are also conducted on the festival day, which need to be prevented. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006, which came into effect from 1st November 2007, is to be implemented by the State Governments.

It is, therefore, requested that the State Government may organize awareness campaigns for prevention of child marriages well in advance of the date of the festival, especially in districts which have a history of this unlawful practice. Suitable instructions may be issued to the police authorities, District Magistrates, etc. for appropriate action at the field level. The States Women's Commission and civil society organizations may suitably be involved in building awareness and taking other preventive steps.

I shall be grateful if an action taken report could be sent to us in due course.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Shri Basudeb Banerjee
Chief Secretary
Government of West Bengal
Kolkata -700001