No. 15011/35/2017-ATC Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs

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To

1. The Director Generals of Police of all State Governments.

2. The Inspector General/Commissioner of Police of all Union Territories.

Sir/Madam,

Globalization has increased the movement of people in search of better opportunities that often make them victims of trafficking. Many a times, the victims of trafficking are lured by unscrupulous agents and they land in a difficult situation.

2. It has been noted that **traffickers often use public transport** like trains and buses, etc. for transporting victims from one State to another. Such victims often exhibit certain physical signs of distress like fear, anxiety, panic, nervousness etc. They could also be speaking in a distinct accent and language. If paid due attention, such persons can be easily identified by alert and vigilant police officials.

3. Some time back, the Ministry of Home Affairs had written to the Railway Board to sensitize their RPF and GRP personnel to keep vigil on Railway stations to watch out for hapless victims who could be in the process of being trafficked through Railways.

4. It is felt that there is also a need to sensitize police personnel posted on Bus Depots/Bus Terminals etc. to keep a close watch on suspicious activities at such places. It is felt that detection of such activities by police personnel deployed at bus terminals and other such places may go a long way in apprehending the trafficking activities. Similarly, police personnel deployed at various check posts in the States and at borders of the States may also be sensitized and briefed on issues relating to trafficking. They can also keep a watch on hapless victims being trafficked through commercial vehicles from one State to other State etc.

5. You are therefore requested to sensitize the Police personnel/Beat Constables/AHTU Police officers etc in this matter suitably.

Yours sincerely,

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The Nodal Officers of AHTUs in all States /UTs.