No. 13012/7/2017-K.II Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Deptt. of J&K Affairs

North Block, New Delhi. Dated the 22nd February, 2019

To,

Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.

Sub: Incidents of assault and harassment against residents of Jammu & Kashmir, especially students - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government is concerned at the reports of incidents of assaults and harassment against residents of Jammu & Kashmir, especially students in some parts of the country, in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack of 14th February, 2019. In this regard, an Advisory dated 16.02.2019 was issued to all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to take necessary steps to ensure safety and security of the persons belonging to Jammu and Kashmir.

- 2. This issue was also raised before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 60/2019 and the Court vide its Order dated 22.02.2019 has *inter alia* directed that the Nodal Officers appointed by the States/UTs for the safety and security of residents of Jammu & Kashmir would take necessary steps to prevent acts of violence, discrimination and other coercive acts against Kashmiris (including students enrolled with the institutions in the respondent States and the Union Territories) and other minorities in the wake of the terrorist attack dated 14.02.2019.
- 3. State Governments and Union Territory Administrations and the Nodal Officers appointed by them (list enclosed) are once again advised to take all necessary steps to prevent any act of assault, threat, intimidation, social boycott etc. against Kashmiris (including students) as well as minorities in accordance with the aforesaid Order of the Supreme Court. The name of Nodal Officer may be given wide publicity within your State/UT.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

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- 2. Director General of Police of all States and Union Territories.