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The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of  
All State Governments/UT Administrations,  
Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India.

**Subject: Complete and clear display of the State Emblem of India on seals.**

Sir/Madam,

The State Emblem of India (SEI) is the official seal of the Government of India. The State Emblem is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of the Emperor Ashoka. The Emblem consists of the profile of the Lion Capital showing three Lions mounted on the abacus, with a Dharma Chakra in the Centre, a bull on the right, a galloping horse on the left and outlines of Dharma Chakras on the extreme right and left with the motto "Satyameva Jayate"- written in Devanagiri script. Design of the State Emblem of India is provided in the Schedule of the State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005.

2. It has been brought to notice of this Ministry that **the official seals having the State Emblem which are used in the Government Offices put very unclear and vague impression on papers because such seals are overused till they get worn out.** It may be noted that sometimes, the word "Satyameva Jayate" hardly appears on the seal due to its poor impression. Such indistinct use of the State Emblem of India on the seals amounts to violation of the State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005 and State Emblem of India (Regulation of Use) Act, 2007 [as amended in 2010].

3. It has also been brought to notice of this Ministry that various Government Agencies which are using the State Emblem of India on their stationery, publications, seals, vehicles, buildings, websites etc., often omit the motto "Satyameva Jayate" and are only depicting the profile of Lion Capital. It may be noted that the State Emblem of India is incomplete without the motto "Satyameva Jayate" inscribed (in Devanagiri script) below the profile of the Lion Capital. Incomplete display of the State Emblem of India is a violation of the aforesaid Act (A copy of the Act and Rules is enclosed (also available on this Ministry's website [www.mha.gov.in](http://www.mha.gov.in)).

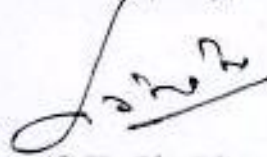
4. It is therefore, stated that **all the Government agencies which are using the State Emblem of India on their seals must ensure that the seals are timely replaced before they are worn out so that the impression of the seals on papers may be clear and precise.** Furthermore, the Government agencies which are authorized to use the State Emblem of India for various purposes must depict the complete 'State Emblem' with the motto 'Satyameva Jayate' in Devanagiri Script- inscribed below the profile of Lion Capital, as per

the enclosed format and also to ensure that no unauthorized use of the State Emblem of India is made on stationery, vehicles etc.

5. Suitable steps in this regard may please be taken and suitable instructions may please be issued to all concerned agencies and wide publicity in this regard be made. Strict action should be taken against concerned officials (for incomplete display of the SEI) for any violations in this regard.

**Encl.: As above**

Yours faithfully,



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