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Dear Madam,

I am writing to you to share the initiatives taken by Ministry of Women & Child Development for spreading awareness amongst young children regarding the protection facilities available to them. As you know, children are vulnerable to various kinds of abuses due to their young age and trusting nature. The increasing incidents of child abuse are an evidence of this fact. In order to equip children with the information regarding the possible modes of protection / complaints, the Government has requested NCERT to publish information regarding Childline (1098) - 24x7 Helpline for children and POCSO e-box to be published on the back covers of the course books.

2. It is requested that similar measures may be adopted by your department also in consultation with the State Boards. You may kindly recall the directions of Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Hon'ble Minister, Women & Child Development while launching the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) Scheme Implementation Guidelines and other documents on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017 through video conferencing. The information can also be published on other relevant study material as deemed fit.

3. I am enclosing the draft material for ready reference. I shall be grateful for a line in confirmation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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