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Dear Sir,

There have been recent reports in newspapers of harassment and attack on girls in school toilets. These reports are mostly from urban and peri-urban areas, though it is likely that such incidents from rural areas may not be widely reported by the Press.

A contributing reason for this is inappropriate location of girls' toilets. During field visits by Officers of this Department, it has been noticed that girls' toilets are usually built away from the school buildings and in a remote corner of the school campus. Such remoteness in itself would make the toilets unsafe for girls to use. They would also become dens for illegal activities by anti-social elements after school hours and even during school hours.

It is, therefore, recommended that the girls' toilets in all schools be located near the school entrance itself or at least in places easily visible to the Head teacher. It is requested that suitable instructions on the above lines may be given to all authorities under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for locating toilets in a manner that would ensure safety of the girl child.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Santha Sheela Nair)

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