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WARNING: SCAMS TARGETING UNSUSPECTING SCHOOLS

1. Principals of schools are warned against scams targeting unsuspecting schools. This has come to the attention of the Department as reports from two schools have already been received by the Department this year. A similar strategy was used to scam both schools but going forward other new strategies may be used by the culprits.
2. In both schools the scammers promised computers (laptops) which were indeed delivered to the schools but collected the following day for '**installation of necessary programmes**'. The culprits then disappeared with the gadgets without trace leaving schools in debt.
3. When they initially approached the schools they had fake letters from the 'Department of Basic Education' confirming the donation of gadgets to the schools.
4. Since they had already established relationships with the schools, the principals trusted them and allowed them to take the gadgets away.
5. It is against this background that principals of schools are strongly advised to inform Circuit Managers or approach District Offices to confirm authenticity of any donations promised to schools. Even if donations would be coming from Sister Departments or any other recognized entities, principals must always first check with the Department to minimize the risk.

Your co-operation is highly appreciated.

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