CIRCULAR

It has come to the notice of this office that the season of marriages is going on at present in the villages of Diu District wherein Samuh-Lagna (Collective Marriages) are arranged by the particular Samaj. The minimum age of marriage is 21 years for a boy and 18 years for a girl. Child marriages below the prescribed age of marriage is a social evil and also an Offence under the relevant law.

Thus, parents of minor children, Patels of particular Samaj, other persons associated with solemnization of marriages of minors and even probable invitees to such child marriages are liable for Criminal Proceedings. As such, the B.D.O./Executive Magistrate (Rural), the Enquiry Officer (CS)/Executive Magistrate (Urban), S.H.O. Police Station, Diu all the Sarpanches and Patels of various Samaj are hereby directed to ensure that no child marriage takes place in their jurisdiction. A wide publicity may be given to this order.

This is issued with the approval of the Collector, Diu.

(D. S. SAROHA)
DY. COLLECTOR/SDM,
DIU.

To,

1) The B.D.O./Executive Magistrate (Rural), Diu.
2) The Enquiry Officer (CS)/Executive Magistrate (Urban), Diu.
3) The S.H.O., Diu Police Station, Diu.
5) The Patels of Kharwa/Koli/Muslim etc. Samaj of Diu/Ghoghla/
Bucharwada/Vanakbara area of Diu District.

Copy to :-
1. Hon’ble M.P., Daman and Diu, Daman.
2. The Superintendent of Police, Diu.
3. The Vice-President, District panchayat, Diu.
4. The President, DMC, Diu.
5. The Patels of Other Samaj in Diu District.

The DIO, NIC, Collectorate, Diu... with a request to upload the same on website of Diu.