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To
The Heads of all recognized
Secondary Schools,
Within the jurisdiction of this Board.

Sub: Regarding Beehive Textbook in English (F.L.) for Class IXth (Unit 8 – Part II)
(pages 104 to 107)

There have been various representations from associations, academicians and others to delete the topic on Maria Sharapova, a tennis icon who won 5 Grand Slam titles and a silver medal in 2012 Olympics.

Behave the English text book for class IX was introduced in 2006-07. The topic (Unit 8 Part II) “ Reach for the Top” depicts how Maria Sharapova with her unwavering desire to succeed and readiness to sacrifice reached the pinnacle of her career.

Subsequently she was tested positive for the use of a banned drug and has been banned by the International Tennis Federation for two years. The ban has damaged her reputation as an ace star and several of her endorsements have been cancelled for which she will now face financial losses.

Playing in the Olympics has been her ardent desire and to play for Russia, her dream. Maria Sharapova’s fall to disgrace will not allow her to participate in the Rio Olympics.

In the above context, teachers are hereby requested that while teaching the above unit to focus on moral values , negative impact on the use of unfair means and proper character development so as to be responsible citizens in order to build a good society and a strong Nation.

In the next revision of the text book, the said unit shall be excluded from the book.

Heads of schools are required to see that the instructions contained herein are strictly adhered to.

Sd/-

(Shivakumar D. Jangam)
Secretary

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