School Education (X1) Department

G.O.(Ms.)No. 177

Dated: 14.11..2002

Read:-


ORDER:

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the massive scheme ‘Sarva Siksha Abhiyan – Education for All’ from the year 2001-02. The scheme aims at the universalisation of Elementary Education with the following objectives:

1. Enrolment of all children either in formal school or in Alternative school by 2003.

2. Ensure that children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007.

3. Ensure that children complete eight years of elementary schooling by 2010.

4. Focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.

5. Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage by 2007 at elementary education level by 2010.

Several reports have come to Government pointing out the difficulties in ensuring 100% enrolment and in providing meaningful Formal and Non-Formal Education in the State of Tamil Nadu. Some of the reports have cited the archaic Education Rules and instructions given in the past as one of the main reasons for turning away children from the poorer backgrounds especially with illiterate parents. The same problem persists in the case of continuing education for the school drop-outs and students who fail to show good academic standards because of various difficulties. The Government have gone through the existing Madras Education Rules and some of the Codes relating to grant of aid, Regulations of Matriculation Schools etc. and have considered the task of making suitable changes in the existing Acts, Rules and various Regulations so as to reach the objectives of Universalization of Elementary Education within the reach of every citizen of Tamil Nadu. Time has also come for increasing the participation of private initiatives in the education sector in view of the difficult financial situation faced by the State, despite making substantial allocations of more than Rs.4000 crores per year for the Education sector in schools alone. The issue was discussed with the Departmental Officials and in the letter read above, the Director of School Education has suggested that the Madras Educational Rules require revision as many rules therein are obsolete and out of place in the changed circumstances different from the colonial period during which they were originally framed.

2. The Govt have examined this matter carefully and decided to constitute a Committee, to bring out “The Education Manual for Tamil Nadu“, comprising of the following existing Codes, Acts and Rules by suggesting suitable changes and modifications and make the existing Codes, Acts and Rules relevant and forward looking to suit the present needs and also to cater to the future demands of all the state holders.

i) Grant-in Aid Code

ii) Educational Inspection Code

iii) Code of Regulation for Matriculation Schools

iv) The Tamil Nadu Recognised Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 1973,


3. The Govt also direct that the following persons who have indepth knowledge of the subject matter are nominated to this expert committee.

1) Thiru A.Muthukrishnan : Chairman
Director of School Education (Retired)

2) Thiru K.S.Subbiah : Member
   Joint Director of School Education
   (Retired)

3) Thiru P. Santhanakirshnan, : Member
   Deputy Director School Education
   (Retired)

4) Thiru A.Pandian : Member
   District Educational Officer
   (Retired)

5) Thiru Irudayanathan, : Member
   Inspector of Matricualtion Schools
   (Retired)

6) Thiru Radhakrishnan : Member
   P.A. to The Director of School Education
   (Retired)

7) Joint Director of School Education : Member Secretary
   (Secondary Education)
8) Director of School Education : Ex-Officio Member

9) Director of Elementary Education : “

10) Director of Matriculation Schools : “

11) Director of Teacher Education
Research and Training. : “

4. The above High Level Committee is declared to be a First Class Committee. The remuneration for the Chairman and the other five members will be issued separately.

5. The above High Level Committee will consider and recommend necessary proposals to Government to bring out the draft Education Manual for Tamil Nadu, covering the revision of existing Codes, Acts and Rules referred to in para 2 above and also all the relevant G.O.’s issued so far on the subject. The Committee will also draft suitable notifications wherever necessary.

6. The expenditure for the above Committee (i.e.) Stationary, Travel and remuneration etc. will be met from the funds available under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Scheme which provide for such studies to assess the objective of needs and requirements of students to achieve the Universalisation of Elementary Education as a first step towards achieving Education for all.

7. The Director of School Education, Chennai 6 will render necessary assistance to the High Level Committee, in respect of accommodation and other clerical assistance, required for the efficient functioning of the Committee.

8. The Committee should complete this work within three months from the date of issue of this order.
9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance department vide its U.O.No.5014/FS/P/02, dated 12.11.2002.

( BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR )

C.V.SANKAR,
SECRETARY TO GOVT

To

Thiru A. Muthukrishnan, Retired Director of School Education, (Chairman, High Level Committee)

Thiru K.S. Subbiah, Retired Joint Director, Member

Thiru P. Santhanakrishnan, Retired Deputy Director, Member

Thiru A. Pandian, Retired District Educational Officer,

Thiru Irudayananthan, Retired Inspector Matriculation Schools

Thiru Radhakrishnan, Retired P.A. to Director of School Education

The Director of School Education, Chennai 6

The Director of Elementary Education, Chennai 6

The Director of Matriculation School, Chennai 6

The Director of Teacher Education Research and Training, Chennai 6

The Joint Director, School Education, Secondary Education,

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Project Director, DPEP, Chennai 6

Director of Non-Formal Education and Adult Education, Chennai 6

The Accountant General, Chennai 35

The Pay Accounts Officer, (North), Chennai 18/35

The School Education Department, Chennai 9

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