CIRCULAR


Ref: i. G.O Ms.No.101, dated 24th October 2011 of Chief Secretariat (Education), Govt. of Puducherry.
   ii. Circular No.22264/DSE/EE/P10/2012-13/RF dt.11.11.2011 of the Directorate of School Education.

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 has come into force on 1st April 2010 and the Puducherry Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011 framed thereunder has also come into force on 24.10.2011.

And elaborate procedure has been prescribed under Rule-12 of the said rules for giving recognition/renewal of recognition to all schools. Hitherto schools seeking recognition/renewal of recognition submits application in Form-I / VIII as prescribed in the Pondicherry School Education Act, 1987 and Rules, 1996 framed thereunder.

Now, as the Puducherry Right of Children to Free and compulsory Education Rules, 2011 has come into force, the procedure as prescribed in the said rules needs to be complied with regarding the recognition/renewal of recognition to schools. Though the procedure has been detailed vividly in the rules, for the sake of better understanding and compliance, the procedure to be followed for submission of application, Inspection and according of recognition/renewal of recognition is detailed below.

The proposals of the private schools seeking renewal of recognition / upgradation / opening of new private schools from Pre-primary to Higher Secondary level shall be submitted in Form-I / VIII appended to the Pondicherry School Education Rules (PSER), 1996. All the proposals for renewal for the ensuing academic year 2012-13 must be resubmitted in the new format of Form-I as appended to “The Puducherry Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011".

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The Puducherry Right of Children to Free and compulsory Education Rules, 2011 governs the classes from Pre-Primary (LKG/UKG) to VIII std., only. Since, there are no provisions for the classes from IX std. to XII std., the provisions of the PSEA and PSER may be scrupulously adhered to by the managements of the private schools, for these higher classes.

Further, the private schools which opt to follow other Boards viz. CBSE / ICSE etc., may also be instructed to submit their proposals as per the Section 12, Part-IV of the RTE Rules, 2011 failing which action will be initiated as per the RTE Rules, 2011. It is also requested to take utmost care in obtaining the proposals from the managements of the private schools, in the new format of Form-I of the RTE Rules, 2011 from the academic year 2012-13 and onwards. This process of obtaining Form-I in the new format stated above may be completed on or before 29th February 2012.

In this regard, the Inspecting Officers are hereby instructed to circulate the contents of this Circular and familiarize the provisions of the RTE, Rules 2011 to the managements of the private schools, under their jurisdiction. The deadline for submitting the proposal in new Format for obtaining recognition / renewal of recognition may also be communicated to all concerned.

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