

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ABSTRACT**

Directorate of School Education (Secretariat Wing) - Mandatory Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) qualification for promotion and recruitment in compliance with the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court - Orders - Issued.

**DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
(SECRETARIAT WING)**

G.O.Ms.No. 29

Puducherry, dated 25-08-2026

READ:

1. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.
2. Notification dated 11.02.2011 of the National Council for Teacher Education.
3. Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 01.09.2025 in Civil Appeal No.1385/2025 (Anjuman Ishaat-e-Taleem Trust Vs. State of Maharashtra & Others).
4. Order dated 29.05.2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Review Petition (Civil) Diary No.53434/2025 in Civil Appeal No.1385/2025.
5. e-I.D.Note No.A/4719/2025/DSE dated 29.07.2026 of the Director of School Education, Puducherry.

ORDER

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its Judgment dated 01.09.2025 in Civil Appeal No.1385/2025 read with the Judgment dated 29.05.2026 in Review Petition (Civil) Diary No.53434/2025, has issued directions regarding the mandatory requirement of Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) qualification for recruitment and promotion of teachers.

2. The Government having examined the aforesaid judgments in detail, including the opinion rendered by the Law Department, is bound to comply with and implement the above directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in letter and spirit.

3. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that:
- Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) shall be a mandatory qualification for consideration of recruitment and promotion to all teaching posts for which TET is prescribed by NCTE.
 - For promotion from Primary School Teacher to Trained Graduate Teacher or Headmaster (Primary), the concerned teacher shall possess a valid TET Paper-I qualification.
 - For promotion from Trained Graduate Teacher to Lecturer, Headmaster Grade-II, the concerned teacher shall possess a valid TET Paper-II qualification.
 - Teachers having less than five years of service remaining as on 01.09.2025 may continue in service without TET qualification till retirement, but shall not be considered for promotion unless they have qualified the requisite TET.
 - In-service teachers having more than five years of service remaining as on 01.09.2025 shall acquire the prescribed TET qualification on or before **31.08.2028**. They shall be considered for promotion only after acquiring the requisite TET qualification and subject to fulfillment of all other conditions prescribed under the relevant Recruitment Rules.
 - A Teacher who is not qualified in the requisite TET shall not be considered for promotion.
 - All Departmental Promotion Committees shall strictly adhere to the above provisions while considering eligibility of teachers for promotion henceforth.
 - The Directorate of School Education shall ensure strict compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and these orders for filling up of posts in all Government Schools.
5. This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

//BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR//

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**UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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To
The Director of School Education, Puducherry.

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