



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

General Education - The Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and Rules 2011 - Guidelines for granting recognition to unrecognized schools following State Syllabus - Approved - orders issued.

GENERAL EDUCATION (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O (MS). 184/2013/G.Edn. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 10th June 2013

Read: - 1) G.O. (P) No. 100/2011/G.Edn. dated 30.04.2011
2) G.O. (MS.) No. 202/2011/G.Edn. dated 07.10.2011

ORDER

The State is in the process of implementing the provisions of the Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and thereby the Right to Education Rules formulated by Government of Kerala vide Government order read as 1st paper above. There are many unaided schools following the State Syllabus that have been functioning in the State without recognition. As per Rule 14 of the Right to Education Rules, all unrecognized schools were to apply for recognition/upgradation within three months from 30.04.2011 as per the norms specified thereunder. Since the State needs to be fully compliant with Right of the Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act, 2009, the process of recognition has to be initiated as all schools that are compliant with the norms and standards specified in the Right to Education Rules are to be recognized and those schools which are non compliant are to be closed down. Recognition will be granted as per the procedure laid down under Rule 2, 2A of Chapter V Kerala Education Rules.

2) The Government have already issued guidelines for giving No Objection Certificate to CBSE/ICSE schools vide order read as 2nd paper above. The following guidelines are approved and issued for granting recognition to unrecognized schools that follow State Syllabus:-

- 1 The school must be run by a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860), or a public trust or an educational agency constituted under any law for the time being in force;
- 2 Each school must have a properly constituted Governing Body.
- 3 The Society or Trust should have financial stability. It should have permanent source of income to meet running expenses of the school, to maintain it at a reasonable standard of efficiency and to pay the salaries of teachers regularly and in time.
- 4 It should have suitable equipments and furniture as may be prescribed from time to time.
- 5 The school is not run for profit to any individual, group or association of individuals or any other persons;
- 6 The school conforms to the values enshrined in the Constitution;
- 7 The school must comply with the provisions in the Kerala Education Act and Rules issued thereunder relating to area, location and accommodation;
- 8 Malayalam is taught as a compulsory language in all classes.
- 9 The pupil-Teacher ratio shall be 30:1 for LP (I-V) and 35:1 (VI-X)
- 10 The school complies with the provisions under sections 13, 16 & 17 of the RTE Act;
- 11 The school provides barrier-free access and adapted toilet for children with disabilities;
- 12 The bio-metric identification details along with the Unique Identification Number of each child is maintained in the school.

- 13 The school buildings or other structures or the grounds are used only for the purposes of education and skill development:
- 14 The school does not run any unrecognized classes within the premises of the school or outside, in the same name of the school;
- 15 The school is open to inspection by any officer authorized by the Government.
- 16 The rate of tuition and other fees charged shall be commensurate with the facilities provided and a yearly return on the fee charged (all fees) shall be filed before the District Educational Officer concerned and in the school website.
- 17 The school shall appoint only qualified and eligible teachers
- 18 The salary of the teachers should be that paid in the Government sector.
- 19 The school should have been functional for at least five years as on 01.06.2012
- 20 The admission to the school shall be open to all without any discrimination on the ground of religion, caste, or race, place of birth or any of them. All schools shall strictly comply with RTE Act and Rules and shall provide admission for students belonging to category to be notified by Government to 25% of seats. The fee payable by such students shall be fixed by Government from time to time.
- 21 The school furnishes such reports and such information as may be required from time to time and complies with such instructions of the Government as may be issued to secure the continued fulfilment of the condition of recognition or the removal of deficiencies in the working of the school.

22 A class should have minimum strength of 30 students. In case there are no 30 students in a class, the overall strength of students as indicated below will apply.

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| 1) Lower Primary school | - | 150 |
| 2) LP & Upper Primary School | - | 250 |
| 3) Stand alone UP | - | 100 |
| 4) High School (1 - 10) | - | 350 |
| 5) Stand alone High School | - | 100 |

23 The schools shall comply with the provisions in the Kerala Education Act and Rules issued thereunder relating to area, location and accommodation. The distance norms and area norms would apply for considering the recognition except for schools which have been functioning for at least 10 years as on 01.06.2012.

24 Clause (I) & (II) of the guidelines are not applicable for schools run by individual management and in existence for more than 10 years as on 01.06.2012.

(By Order of the Governor)

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