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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The 22nd December, 2017

Sub: Provision of Supply of Uniform to APL Boys reading in Government Primary & Upper Primary Schools and Children reading in Government aided Primary & Upper Primary Schools and School Bags to Class-I students under the flagship programme of **Gangadhar Meher Sikshya Manakbrudhi Yojana**.

No. 25603–SME-MSSA-MSSA1-0128/2017/SME.— The School Uniform has been provided to all the Girl Children, ST, SC & BPL boys reading in Class-I to VIII in Government Primary and Upper Primary Schools from the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) funds. Above Poverty Level (APL) boys reading in Government Primary & Upper Primary Schools and children reading in elementary classes in Government aided Schools are deprived from getting uniform. After careful consideration of Government, it has been felt necessary to provide uniform to all the children reading in elementary classes without any discrimination to make them feel comfortable for pursuing their studies in Govt. & Govt. aided Schools from the Academic Year 2017-18.

Besides that, School Bags were provided to students reading in Class-I to III in Government and Government aided Primary Schools in the year 2016-17. In 2017-18, School Bags will be given to Class-I & V students of Government and Government aided Primary Schools. In subsequent years, School Bags will be provided to students of Class-I only in Government and Government aided Primary & Upper Primary Schools.

1. State Government will bear the cost towards providing Bags to Class-I & V students in 2017-18 and to Class-I Students in subsequent years of Government and Government aided Primary & Upper Primary Schools. Further, State Government will bear the cost towards providing uniform to APL Boys reading in Government Primary & Upper Primary Schools and all Children reading in elementary classes in Government aided Primary & Upper Primary Schools.

2. The maximum amount payable for two pairs of uniform will be Rs.400/- per child and for each School Bag Rs.125/- with annual hike of 10% & GST.
3. Uniform & School Bags will be provided to the children as mentioned above each year starting from 2017-18.
4. Uniform to the children will be provided through the concerned School Management Committees (SMC). No additional staff will be engaged / appointed for the purpose.
5. The School Bag will be procured centrally by SSA & distributed to children through DPC, BEOs, CRCCs & concerned Schools.
6. The entire cost towards Gangadhar Meher Sikshya Manakabrudhi Yojana will be borne from the State Budget under Programme Expenditure-State Sector Schemes.

By Order of the Governor

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