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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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No.629—SME-EL2-EL2-0019/2019/SME.— Government of India have notified the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act., 2009 for free and compulsory education of the children within the age group of 6 to 14 and it has been implemented in the State w.e.f. dated the 1st April, 2010 by notifying the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010. As per provisions contained in Section-12(1) (c) of the Act., the schools coming under sub-clauses (ii) and (iv) of clause (n) of Section 2 shall admit the children belonging to the weaker section and disadvantaged group of the society in class I or Pre-primary against the seats at least twenty-five per cent of the strength of that class, children belonging to weaker section and disadvantaged group in the neighbourhood and provide free and compulsory elementary education till its completion. Hence, it is mandatory in case of all schools including all un-aided private schools (those have obtained CoR from the State Government or from any other local/Competent Authority) to admit all children coming within the age group of 6 to 14 those belonging to the weaker section and dis-advantaged group of the society, limited to 25% of the seats meant for Class-1 or entry class of the school on free till completion of the elementary education i.e. up to Class-VIII.

Now, it is decided to implement the said provision of the Act. through a common platform on online mode to enable Government to ensure implementation of the provisions in the State and to enable the parents as well as the schools to follow easy way of availing the benefit of the provision in a transparent manner. Therefore, a web portal has been developed which will facilitate schools, parents & Government administration to streamline the admission process. The portal web address is www.rteparadarshi.odisha.gov.in

1. School Registration:

All private unaided schools those have obtained CoR from the State Government or from any other local/Competent Authority will have to register on the above portal to accept 25% admission of students under RCFCE Act., 2009 and RCFCE Rules, 2010 following the instructions available on the portal. The District Education Officers will ensure that all the eligible private schools who have obtained CoR must register on the portal.

Eligible Schools for admission under Section 12(1) © of RCFCE Act.

- A. All Government Aided schools also function as neighbourhood Schools for all those children who are interested in taking admission and access to free & compulsory education to all children at elementary (Class—I/Pre-primary to VIII) level.
- B. All Private unaided schools {received Certificate of Recognition (CoR) under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act., 2009 from State Govt. and any other local/Competent Authority} shall admit the children belonging to weaker section and dis-advantaged group of the society in the entry Class (Class-I or Pre-primary as the case may be) to the extent of at least 25% of the strength of that class in the neighbourhood and provide free and compulsory elementary education till its completion.

This provision will not be applicable to the schools having minority institution certificate issued by Competent Authority.

2. Student Registration:

In order to apply for admission in 25% reserved seats in private schools under RCFCE Act., parents and/or guardian of eligible children will visit the portal mentioned above and can apply from the Common Service Centre or Cyber cafes or by themselves or with the support of concerned school or BEO. The parent/ guardian will be able to select multiple schools for admission as per his/her choice in order of priority. If the parents/guardians of the eligible children approach the Block Education Officer (BEO) with all necessary documents, then the concerned BEO will facilitate the application process through available resources in his/her office.

Eligible Children to take admission under Section 12.1.c of the RCFCE Act.:

- A. All children (age 6-14 years) have the right to free & compulsory education in a neighbourhood school till completion of their elementary education.
- B. In a private unaided and specified category school, 25% of the strength of new enrolment in Class-I or Pre-primary would be reserved for children belonging to disadvantaged group & weaker sections.
- C. Eligible children residing within one kilometre radius of a private unaided school have the right to take admission in the private unaided school under 25% reservation quota under RCFCE Act. In case seats remain vacant because of the non-availability of eligible children (belong disadvantaged group & weaker sections), admission will be given to the children residing beyond the neighbourhood distance (for the online lottery process 3 km., 5 km. and 10 km. will be taken as reference).
- D. Eligible children are free to apply, as per their choice, in any private unaided school for the purpose of taking admission under the RCFCE Act, 2009 as per the eligibility criteria.
- E. With regard to the admission of children in entry level class (Class I or Pre-primary class as the case may be) under Section 12(1)(c) of the RCFCE Act in unaided schools, children belonging to disadvantaged group & weaker sections are defined as follows.

i. Out of 25%, 15% seats to be filled up by children belonging to disadvantaged groups & 10% of the seats to be filled up by children belonging to the economically weaker section. ii. Filling up disadvantaged group seats:

10% seats will be reserved for children belonging to SC, ST & SEBC categories & 5% will be reserved for the children without any home or settled place, no ostensible means of subsistence, found begging, child labour, street child, children with special needs, children in a foster care, children of manual scavengers, migrants, construction worker, road workers, children of landless agricultural labour, child of war martyr/war widow & HIV affected & infected children.

iii. Filling up seats for Economically Weaker Section:

10% of the seats to be reserved for children whose parents are belonging to BPL category/ card holders of different poverty alleviation programmes of Government.

iv. In case of non-availability of children belonging to any of the above two categories, there shall be interchange of seats between these two groups (Disadvantaged Group & Economically Weaker Section).

3. Online Lottery:

After submission of application through the respective online portal, parents and/or guardian of eligible students need to visit the office of the Block Education Officer (BEO) along with original copies of necessary documents. Concerned BEO will validate the application and forward it to the Directorate of Elementary Education through the portal. Accordingly, seats will be allotted to eligible children through an online lottery process considering their priority and category as per the policy. A Block Level Committee comprising BEO, two CRCCs and two representatives of unaided Private Schools (on rotation basis yearly) will monitor and validate the admission process.

4. Admission Rounds:

Three rounds of admission will be conducted to fill in the maximum number of seats under 25% reservation category. Respective schools will offer admission to the children according to the online lottery allotment. The whole process has to be completed within a given timeline.

5. Grievance:

Parents and/or guardians will be able to file online grievances through the portal in case of any disputes. These grievances will be tracked through the ticket numbers provided through message in their mobile number. All disputes will be verified and sorted out at the district level under the guidance of the Directorate of Elementary Education.

6. List of Documents required for Admission under the provision:

Document	Category	Accepted / Verified Documents
(1)	(2)	(3)
Birth Certificate	Applicable for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate issued by Competent Authority • ANM registration card • Anganwadi card • Hospital Birth Certificate

(1)	(2)	(3)
Identity Proof of Parents/ guardian	Applicable for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aadhaar Card • Voter ID • Driving License • Kisan Photo Passbook (KCC) • Ration Card • PAN Card • MNREGA Job card • Passport • Photo attested by any Gazetted Officer • Disability Certificate issued by Competent Authority
Caste Certificate	SC/ST/SEBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued by Competent Authority
Address Proof	Applicable for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aadhaar Card • Ration Card • Bank statement or passbook • Voter ID Card • Driving License • Gas connection bill (which is not more than 3 months old) • Farmer Photo Passbook (KCC Card) • Registered Lease / Sale / Rent Agreement • MGNREGA Job Card • Passport • Certificate in support of address given by the Sarpanch/ Counsellor/ Corporator as the case may be. • Labour Card • The Certificate in support of address given local MLA/ Gazetted Officer (written on their letterhead).
Proof for Economically Weaker Section	EWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any poverty alleviation card issued by the Govt. • Certificate of income issued by the Competent Authority.

(1)	(2)	(3)
Disability Certificate /HIV Positive Certificate (in case of Parent(s))	Children with disabilities (not less than 40%)/ HIV Positive of the parent(s)	• Certificate issued by Competent Authority.
CWC certified Certificate	Orphan	•Certificate issued by any CWC.

This will be will come into force w.e.f. the date of its publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

Order — Order that this will be published in the next issue of Extraordinary *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor
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 Principal Secretary to Government