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SKILL DEVELOPMENT & TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 8th January 2021

No. 150—SDTE-HTE-HTE-I-0001/2021-SDTE.—Government have been pleased to constitute a High Power Committee, with the following members, for making necessary recommendation regarding reservation of seats for the students of Government High Schools in Engineering/Medical courses of the State :—

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| 1. Hon'ble Justice Dr. A. K. Mishra,
Retired Judge of Orissa High Court | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Asoka Kumar Das,
Vice-Chairperson, Odisha State Higher Education Council | Member |
| 3. Chairman, Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha | Member |
| 4. Director, Technical Education & Training, Odisha | Member |
| 5. Director, Medical Education & Training, Odisha | Member |
| 6. Joint Secretary to Government, SD&TE Department | Member Convener |

Terms of Reference of the Committee :

1. After the introduction of common entrance examinations like NEET and JEE at the all India level, the numbers of students from Government High Schools and Colleges of our State in those courses is getting considerably reduced.

2. This is not due to lack of meritorious students, rather they are unable to fare better in these tests due to lack of proper coaching facilities.

3. Such common entrance tests require specialized training which are only available in the coaching centres and through online coaching classes. But since such coaching centres have opened in urban areas only and it requires considerable amount of finance, the students from rural areas and from Government schools are getting deprived of it. As a result they are unable to exhibit their best talents in these entrance examinations.

4. As such, these have turned into a competition among the unequals for the majority of the students of Odisha.

5. Hence, in order to create self-confidence among them and to enable them to realize their dreams by doing away with such inequalities, the Cabinet have resolved to reserve adequate number of seats for the student of Government High Schools in the Medical and Engineering Colleges of the State. The same shall be made applicable in the State from the coming academic year.

6. Taking into consideration the facts stated above, the High Power Committee shall recommend the ratio/percentage of reservation of seats to be made in favour of the students of Government High Schools in the Medical/Technical Education Courses of the State.

7. The Committee shall submit their recommendation to the Government within three months from the date of constitution of the Committee.

ORDER—Ordered that notification be published in the extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* for general information and copies be forwarded to all the Departments of the Government and placed in the website of Skill Development & Technical Education Department.

By order of Governor

SANJAY KUMAR SINGH

Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government