

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No.EDN/RTE-175/2011/61

Dated Shillong, the 20th August, 2012

The list of Neighbourhoods and Schools located within the boundaries of their respective Neighbourhoods is hereby circulated for information of all concerned in connection with the purpose of implementing the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009. An advisory on the categories of schools, their responsibilities and entitlements as per provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 is also attached as per Annexure.

(Enclosed –CD ROM of Neighbourhoods & Schools)

Sd/-

(P.S.Thangkhiew, I.A.S.,)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Education Department

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Copy to :-

1. P.S. to Chief Minister Meghalaya for information of the Chief Minister.
2. P.S. to Deputy Chief Minister In-charge Education, for of information of the Deputy Chief Minister.
3. P.S. to Chief Secretary, Meghalaya, for information of the Chief Secretary.
4. Director, printing, Stationary Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication the above notification in the Meghalaya Gazette and to supply 200 printed copies of the notification to this Department.
5. The Director of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action. He is directed to circulate the above Guidelines for the purpose of eliciting claims and objections from all concerned within a period of two months from the date of the order.
6. The Director of Educational Research and Training, Meghalaya Shillong for favour of information.
7. Joint Director of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya - cum RTE Local Authority, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Jaintia Hills, Jowai/East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/West Garo Hills, Tura/South Garo Hills, Baghmara/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh for their information and necessary action.
8. District Schools Education Officers, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Jaintia Hills, Jowai/East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/West Garo Hills, Tura/South Garo Hills, Baghmara/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.
9. Sub-Divisional School Education Officers, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/Sohra/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Mawkyrwat/Mairang/Jaintia Hills, Jowai/Amlarem/Khliehriat/East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/Resubelpara/West Garo Hills, Tura/Ampati/Dadenggeri/South Garo Hills, Baghmara/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.
10. State Project Director, SEMAM (SSA & RMSA), Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
11. Web Administrator, Education Department (O/o DHTE) for posting on Department Website.

By Order.,

Special Officer to the Govt. of meghalaya
Education Department



**ADVISORY ON ENTITLEMENTS AND DUTIES OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO BE DEEMED AS
NEIGHBOURHOOD-RTE SCHOOLS**

A. About Neighbourhoods:

1. As a preparatory step for implementation of the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009 the Department of Education, Government of Meghalaya has prepared a Draft Neighbourhood List on the basis of GIS mapping of all elementary schools, wherein 5158 numbers of neighbourhoods have been demarcated and 12782 Schools have been identified to provide access to and equity and quality in education to all school going children residing in those areas falling within the neighbourhood. One school can cater to more than one neighbourhood.

2. Neighbourhoods have been demarcated to essentially position all categories of schools imparting elementary education as follows:

(i) Neighbourhood RTE Schools shall comprise of:

a) Government Schools (L.P. & U.P.) except those who have been categorized as specified schools

b) SSA aided Schools

As per Section 2(n)(i) read with Section 12 (i) (a) of the RTE Act 2009, the above schools shall provide free and compulsory elementary education to all children who reside in the concerned neighbourhood. The School Managing Committees of the above categories of schools shall be constituted as laid down in Section 13(1), (2) & (3) of the Meghalaya Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Rules 2011.

(ii) Neighbourhood Government aided Schools shall comprise of:

(a) Deficit aided (L.P. & U.P.)

(b) Adhoc aided (L.P. & U.P.)

(c) Non-Government (deficit aided) LP Schools.

As per Section 2(n)(ii) read with Section 12(i)(d) of the RTE Act 2009, the schools indicated at (ii) (a), (ii) (b) & (ii) (c) above shall provide free and compulsory elementary education to such proportion of children admitted therein as its annual recurring aid or grants so received bears to its annual recurring expenses, subject to a minimum of 25%.


(iii) Neighbourhood Private Schools

(iv) Neighbourhood Specified Category Schools

Schools indicated at (iii) & (iv) above, have been included in the neighbourhood list for the purpose of admitting in class 1, to the extent of at least twenty-five percent of the strength of that class, children belonging to weaker sections and disadvantaged groups in their respective neighbourhood and provide free and compulsory elementary education till its completion. As per Section 12(1) (c) and Section 12 (2), they shall be reimbursed expenditure so incurred by them to the extent of per child expenditure incurred by the state or the actual amount charge from the child, whichever is less in such matter as may be prescribed provided that such reimbursement shall not exceed per child expenditure incurred by a government school.

B. Entitlements of Neighbourhood RTE Schools:

1. Funds for teachers' salary would be ensured for all Government and RTE schools.
2. Infrastructure funds and Maintenance grant wherever applicable will be extended.
3. RTE schools will be entitled to financial support for providing uniforms to the children.
4. RTE schools will be entitled to free text books and reading materials for its students as per rates made admissible by the Government from time to time.
5. RTE schools will be entitled to Annual School grants and teacher grants as per rates admissible.


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Secretary
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6. RTE schools will be entitled to financial support for improvement of Classrooms, provision of toilets and drinking water facilities as admissible.
7. Children of all RTE schools will be entitled to Mid-Day-meal and other infrastructural support for providing Mid-day-meal in the school as per norms admissible.


C. Entitlements of Neighbourhood Government aided schools:

1. Existing grant – in-aid will be continued.
2. Mid-day-meals will be provided.
3. Toilets and drinking water facilities shall be provided.
4. Free text books will be made available.
5. Training of teachers shall be provided.

D. Consequences for schools opting for category indicated at 2(iii) above:

1. Schools opting for category above shall be required to reserve 25% of their seats for providing admission to the children belonging to economically weaker section and disadvantaged groups from their neighbourhood.
2. Schools opting out will need to obtain fresh recognition as per norms of RTE, 2009.
3. Government assistance shall be limited to short term training for teachers only and reimbursement of tuition fees as specified in the relevant provisions of the RTE, 2009.

All concerned School Management Committees of (1) Government aided schools and (2) schools availing of SSA Funds may examine the above entitlements of Schools categorized above and may exercise their options accordingly.


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