

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF MATRICULATION SCHOOLS,
CHENNAI-6**

Rc. No. 5534 /A1/ 2018 , Dated 24.09.2018

SUB: School Education - Matriculation Schools - Banning of homework for classes I & II - Compliance of orders issued by the Hon'ble Court - Reg.

REF : 1. Judgment dated 29.05.2018 in W.P. No. 9267 of 2018
2. From the Under Secretary to Government of India,
Department of School Education & Literacy,
F.No. 1-38/2018-Sch-3, dated 29.06.2018
3. Government Letter No. 15862/MS/2018-1,
dated 17.09.2018

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The Hon'ble High Court of Madras on 29.05.2018 in W.P No. 9267 of 2018 directed the Central Government to instruct the State governments and Union Territories as follows regarding homework to class I & II Students.

"48. (c) Direction to the first respondent / Union Government to direct all the State Governments and union territories forthwith not to prescribe any homework for Class I & II students in the State Board/ Matriculation/ Anglo Indian Schools."

(h) Direction to the Union Government, the first respondent herein to direct the State Government and Governments of Union Territories forthwith to formulate "Children School Bag Policy" reducing the weight of the School bags in the line of guidelines issued by either State of Telangana or State of Maharashtra.

Therefore, in order to comply with the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, all the Matriculation and Matriculation Higher Secondary schools are instructed not to prescribe any homework for students of classes I and II.

As regards reduction of weight of school bags, the Government of Tamil Nadu has introduced Trimester Pattern from the year 2012-2013 for classes I to VIII and for class IX in the year 2013-2014. Pursuant to the introduction of the Trimester Pattern of Education, the book load of children has been considerably reduced as indicated in the following table.

| Class | Average weight | | Weight of school bag before the introduction of Trimester Pattern (in kgs) | Weight of School bag after the introduction of Trimester Pattern (in kgs) |
|-------|----------------|-------|---|--|
| | Boys | Girls | | |
| 1 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 1.5 |
| 2 | 18 | 14 | 3 | 1.5 |
| 3 | 19 | 17 | 4 | 2 |
| 4 | 19 | 17 | 4 | 2 |
| 5 | 27 | 25 | 5 | 2.2 |
| 6 | 31 | 29 | 7 | 3.25 |
| 7 | 33 | 31 | 7 | 3.35 |
| 8 | 37 | 35 | 7 | 3.75 |

Thus, as directed by the Hon'ble Court, the Government of Tamil Nadu has already introduced the Trimester System to reduce the weight of school bag of children.

All the Chief Educational officers are instructed to issue instructions to all the Matriculation and Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools not to prescribe any homework for students of Classes I & II as directed by the Hon'ble Court. Further, they are instructed to form flying squads to cause inspections in schools to monitor the compliance of the above directions. This should be closely monitored by the Chief Educational Officers and District Educational Officers during the course of school inspections and visits.


Director of Matriculation Schools

To

All Chief Educational Officers

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