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ABSTRACT

School Education – Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Announcement in the year 2019-2020 - Waiver of Collection of Tuition Fee from the students studying in English Medium Classes in Government / Government Aided High and Higher Secondary Schools – Orders - Issued. .

SCHOOL EDUCATION (SE5(1)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.131

Dated : 29.07.2019

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2050,
ஆடி மாதம், 13-ஆம் நாள்

READ:

1. G.O. (Ms) No.705, School Education Department, dated 25.05.1990.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.584, School Education Department, dated 16.06.1993.
3. G.O. (Ms) No.110, School Education Department, dated 29.05.2008.
4. G.O. (Ms) No.148, School Education Department, dated 20.07.2018.
5. From the Director of School Education, R.C.No.044397/G2/S3/17, dated 16.08.2017, 06.07.2018, 24.08.2018, 19.10.2018 and 08.01.2019.

ORDER:-

In Government Orders first and second read above, orders were issued for framing guidelines for opening of new English Medium sections in Government Aided / Government High / Higher Secondary Schools from the academic year 1990-91 and 1993-94 respectively. In Government Order 3rd read above, orders were issued to cancel the Special Fees collected from students studying in Government / Government Aided High / Higher Schools and to continue the collection of Tuition Fee for English Medium Classes from students studying in class 6th to 12th standards in Government / Government Aided Schools. In Government Order 4th read above, orders were issued to commence English Medium Classes in Government Aided Elementary / Middle Schools also.

2. Meanwhile, the Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Youth Welfare and Sports Development, has made the following announcement on the floor of Hon'ble Legislative Assembly regarding **Waiver of tuition fee for English Medium students in Government and Government Aided Schools** as below:-

"At present, there is no tuition fee for the students studying in Tamil Medium in Government and Government aided schools. Considering the economic status of the parents and to encourage the learning desire of the students studying in these schools, the tuition fee for the students studying in English Medium will be completely waived".

3. In the letter 5th read above, the Director of School Education has sent the proposal to waive the Tuition fee collected from students studying in English Medium in Government /Government Aided High and Higher Secondary Schools. He has stated that, as per the norms in Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, students studying in classes 1 to 8th Standard in Government/Government Aided Primary / Middle Schools are exempted from paying Tuition Fee for opting both Tamil and English Mediums. In case of students studying in Government /

Government Aided High and Higher Secondary Schools, Tuition Fee for all categories of students opting English Medium other than Other Castes (OC) students is being reimbursed by the Government. And, as per statistics of SSA, statewide revenue collected from the students (totally 22,314 students only) studying in English Medium in Government/Government Aided High and Higher Secondary Schools is of the order of Rs.67 lakhs only. In support of his proposal, he has further stated that the waiver of Tuition Fee for English Medium provides opportunities to students in rural and urban areas alike for acquiring excellence in English Language skills to compete on par with students of other parts of the country in various entrance exams at National level and has also recommended that the stand adopted for students studying in Tamil Medium regarding non-collection of Tuition fee may also be extended to students studying in English Medium in both High / Higher Secondary Schools. He has also stated that the waiver also facilitates smooth retirements to many of the Government / Government Aided High / Higher Secondary School Headmasters who are normally served with Audit Objections arising out of non-collection of English Medium Tuition Fee from students in rural areas as they could not realise it from the students since most of them are poor.

4. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of Director of School Education, has decided to accept the proposal and order to waive the collection of Tuition fee from the students of 6th to 12th Standard studying in English Medium sections in Government / Government Aided High / Higher Secondary Schools, accordingly.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department—vide its U.O.No.33144/Edn-II/2019, dated 29.07.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

PRADEEP YADAV,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.


To

The Director of School Education, Chennai-6.
The Director of Elementary Education, Chennai-6.
The Accountant General, Chennai-18 / 35.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
The Finance (BG-1)/(BG-II)/(Edn.II) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
The Senior Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
The Principal Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary to Government, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
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