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Letter No.2156/GL-II/2026-1, dated.09.04.2026

From
Thiru.N.Mohan, B.Com., D.Co-op.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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- The Director of School Education, Chennai – 6(w.e.)
 - The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation, Chennai-6.(w.e.)
 - The Chairman, Teachers Recruitment Board, Chennai-6. (w.e.)
 - The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Chennai-6. (w.e.)
 - The Director of Elementary Education, Chennai-6. (w.e.)
 - The Director of Private Schools, Chennai-6 (w.e.)
 - The Director of Non-Formal and Adult Education, Chennai-6. (w.e.)
 - The Director of State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chennai-6. (w.e.)
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Ref: From the Principal Secretary to Government, Public (General.I) Department, letter No.e 1968/ Gen-I / 2026-1, Dated: 24.03.2026

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2) I am therefore to request you to adhere to the conditions stipulated therein and send the nomination along with your recommendation highlighting the exceptional area to Government on or before 20.06.2026 for onward transmission of Public (General – I) Department.

Yours faithfully,

M. R. R. for Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Public (General-I) Department,
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From
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Principal Secretary to Government.



To
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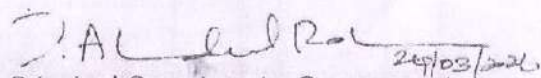
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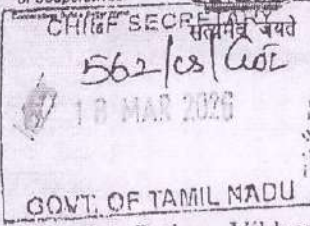
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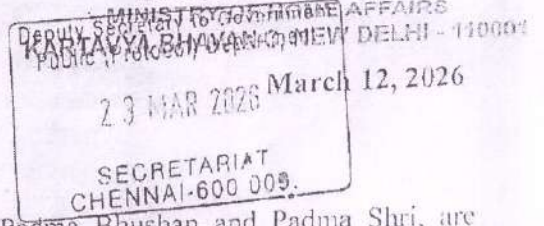
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


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