

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education Department – Examination Reforms for Class IX and X - G.O. Ms. No. 17, School Education (PE.Prog.II) Dept. dated 14.05.2014 Kept in abeyance for the academic year 2014-15 - Expert Committee constituted to study and make recommendations on implementation of Examination Reforms from the Academic Year 2015-16 - Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PROG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 29

Dated: 23.09.2014

Read :-

1. G.O. Ms. No. 17, School Education (PE.Prog.II) Dept. dated 14.05.2014
2. From the Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad (2) Letters Rc. No. 302/E1-1/2009-2, dated 27.06.2014
3. From the Hon'ble Minister HRD Note No.7/M(HRD)/2014, dated 11.07.2014.
4. Govt Memo No. 11564/Prog.II/A1/2014, dated 16.07.2014
5. From the Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad (2) Letters Rc. No. 302/E1-1/2009-2, dated 17.07.2014
6. Govt Memo No. 11564/Prog.II/A1/2014, dated 23.07.2014
7. From the Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad Letter Rc. No. 302/E1-1/2009-2, dated 23.07.2014.
8. Govt Memo No. 11564/Prog.II/A1/2014, dated 02.08.2014
9. From the Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad Letter Rc. No. 302/E1-1/2009-2, dated 05.08.2014.

ORDER:

In continuation of the Curriculum Reforms undertaken under National Curriculum Frame Work -2005 and Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, and with an objective to facilitate for a makeshift in the teaching learning process and to improve transactions of new technologies, and to transform the ways of learning to be comprehensive, holistic and dynamic, Government have brought in the Examination Reforms vide G.O. Ms. No. 17, School Education (PE.Prog.II) Dept. dated 14.05.2014 for classes IX and X from the academic year 2014-15 onwards. However, certain quantitative and qualitative measures were contemplated under the reforms such as reducing the number of papers from 11 to 9, giving 80% of the weightage to the Subject papers, and 20% of weightage to the Internal Assessment of the Student, Training for teachers on the new patterns of teaching and text books, summative and formating assessment etc., all of which require extensive capacity building at the level of all High Schools in the State of Andhra Pradesh but the said training programmes were not held due to various administrative reasons.

2. The Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad in Letters 2nd, 7th & 8th cited has stated, among other things, that the concept of Internal Evaluation has not drilled into the minds of either Government Teachers or Private Teachers. She has observed that there is a large number of Government as well as Private Schools in the State and introduction of the new procedure without taking adequate preparatory steps to orient the Teachers and Students to the new system will have serious ramifications on the future of the students. She has also explained the experience that the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan have introduced the concept of Comprehensive and Continuation Evaluation (CCE) since two years upto VIII class but in spite of continuous trainings being given, the teachers are not yet fully equipped with that system. The G.O. Ms. No. 17, School Education (PE.Prog.II) Dept. dated 14.05.2014 has reduced the Language papers whereas the basic objective of School Education is to impart languages in the early years of student life. As such reducing two papers of the Languages to one paper and giving lot of weightage to the Subjects is not desirable at School level. The Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad has also opined that it is not possible to monitor the Internal Evaluation of large number of Government and Private Schools in the State and the new system would eventually result into reduction of

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academic standards. The Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad has, therefore, requested the Government to rescind/defer the G.O. Ms. No. 17, dated 14.05.2014 and requested to accord permission to proceed with the following actions:

1. The present X class examination will be based on new text books only.
2. There will be 11 papers with same marks like earlier practice.
3. There is no weightage for internal valuation.
4. The pass marks for Hindi will also be continued as 20 which is the existing practice.
5. Constitution of an Expert Committee with the Directors, RMSA, Government Examinations and SCERT to study and propose modifications to the reforms mentioned in the G.O. Ms. No. 17, dated 14.05.2014.

3. Government have carefully examined the report of the Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad, and in the circumstances that require in depth study and consultation on the various academic issues raised in her report as well as the serious consequences of implementation without examination of these issues and, therefore, agreed with the same and decided to keep the G.O. Ms. No. 17, School Education (PE.Prog.II) Dept. dated 14.05.2014 in abeyance for the Academic Year 2014-15 only. Accordingly, Government hereby keep the G.O. Ms. No. 17, School Education (PE.Prog.II) Department, dated 14.05.2014 in abeyance for the Academic Year 2014-15 and permit her to proceed with the actions proposed in para 2 above.

4. Further, Government hereby constitute an Expert Committee with the following officers as proposed by the Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad: -

1. Director, RMSA, A.P. Hyderabad
2. Director of Government Examinations, A.P. Hyderabad
3. Director, SCERT, A.P. Hyderabad

5. The Expert Committee shall widely study and hold extensive consultations on the reforms proposed in the G.O. Ms. No. 17, School Education (PE.Prog.II) Department, dated 14.05.2014 and make necessary recommendations / suggestions on modifications required to the reforms so as to consider its implementation from the academic year 2015-16 onwards. The Expert Committee shall also prepare an action plan of preparatory works required such as Teacher Trainings etc. so as to bring the reforms into implementation from the Academic Year 2015-16. The Expert Committee shall submit the above reports to Government by the end of November, 2014 positively so as to follow the implementation scheduled from new academic year.

6. The Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (SE) (I/c)

To
The Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P., Hyderabad.
All the Committee members through the Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad.

Copy to: P.S. to Hon' Minister for HRD.
P.S. to Secretary to Govt., School Edn Department.

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