ABSTRACT


School Education (ERT) Department

G.O. (Ms) No 155

Dated: 16.11.2021

Read:-

1. Announcement of the Hon'ble Minister for School Education on the floor of Assembly during the year 2021-2022: (Announcement Nos. 22 & 24)


ORDER:-

During the Budget Session for the year 2021-2022, the Hon'ble Minister for School Education has made the following Announcements on the floor of the Assembly:-

Announcement No.22

It is mandatory to provide hands on experiential learning to teachers during state level training in teaching learning processes. To ensure this State Resource centre shall be created at State Council of Educational Research and Training at a cost of Rs.20 Lakhs. Arrangements will be made to facilitate throughout the year to visit of teachers and students to this resource centre.

Announcement No.24

An Assessment Cell will be created at the State Council of Educational Research and Training at the cost of Rs 40 Lakhs for assessing learning outcomes of each student at appropriate time intervals through HiTech Labs, recording the data, ensuring quality of
teaching learning and designing remedial strategies based on this for enhancing the quality of teaching and learning.

2. In the letter second read above, the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training has stated as follows in respect of Announcement No.22:-

State Council of Educational Research and Training has planned to setup State Resource Centre with an ultimate objective of providing academic and technical support to students and teachers. The centre aims to create conducive environment for learning. It shelters subject-specific resource and provides information through audio-visual packages. It encourages learners to use the latest technology in the resources centre and helps them gain an access to information from other sources. It enables the teachers as well as students to acquire knowledge regarding social, political, cultural, economic and educational aspects. They can visit the resource centre not only during the state level training but also throughout the year. The special cells to be established includes Language Cell, Science Cell, Mathematics Cell, Social Science Cell, Research Cell and ICT Cell in the resource centre. The establishment of State Resource Centre is to be undertaken initially at a cost of Rs.20 lakhs in the old building of State Council of Educational Research and Training.

Besides, the State Resource Centre will take care of the training and capacity building activities through State Institute of Educational Management and Training (SIEMAT) for the teachers, block level, educational district level and district level officials of School Education Department on content, pedagogy, assessment, internal supervision, school visit, infusion of innovation and creativity in school education, arts and crafts, literature and language development, management and administration etc. In order to ensure effective functioning of the State Resource Centre, it is essential that a full-time academic and administrative head should lead the centre. All the activities of the State Resource Centre can be well planned and executed by the head who may be designated as the Special Officer. The Special Officer who has vast experience in academic, administrative and training activities can be identified totally on an honorary basis without causing any expenditure to the Government.

The Special Officer will be given responsibility for designing training calendar of SIEMAT for the entire financial year based on the need and requirements in consultation with the stakeholders and the Government. He will be responsible for identifying the resourceful experts in various fields from various organizations such as NIEPA, NCERT, Azim Premji University, Anna Institute of Management, Tata Institute of Social Sciences etc. The best human resources in various fields can be identified from renowned universities, Arts and Science Colleges, Medical Colleges & Law colleges.
Institutes of Chartered Accountants, experts in supporting students for various competitive examinations, Treasury and Finance Department officials, Fine Arts College etc. Based on the nature of the training, the best human resources can be involved for capacity building of all stakeholders of the department. The Special Officer will be responsible for developing training calendar for SIEMAT activities. He would identify and enlist the programmes to be organized by State Council of Educational Research and Training, SIEMAT and State Resource Centre in an integrated manner.

Hence, she has requested permission for Establishment of State Resource Centre in State Council of Educational Research and Training at the cost of Rs.20 Lakhs and to appoint the Special Officer on the honorary basis and undertake all the proposed activities for revitalizing the SIEMAT activities, by establishing the State Resource Centre for benefit of teachers and students of the State."

3. In the letter third read above, the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training has stated as follows in respect of Announcement No.24:-

"State Council of Educational Research and Training proposes to procure the infrastructural facilities such as computers, printers and other accessories required for the assessment cell, depute resourceful teachers and teacher educators for developing good quality assessment items for the classes I-XII, build the capacity of these teachers in developing higher order assessment tools based on Learning Outcomes involving resourceful experts in the field of assessment and constitute district level assessment cells involving DIET faculty members and BRTEs to extend district level support to teachers to build their capacity in developing quality assessment tools. In order to implement this activity, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.40 Lakhs in the PAB of Samagra Shiksha for the year 2021-22 for the establishment of Assessment Cell in State Council of Educational Research and Training and operationalise its activities. Hence, she has requested permission to implement the above activity."

4. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training and accord permission

(i) To Establish a State Resource Centre in State Council of Educational Research and Training at a cost of Rs.20 Lakhs and to appoint a Special Officer on the honorary basis and undertake all the proposed activities for revitalizing the State Institute of Educational Management and Training (SIEMAT) activities for the benefit of teachers and students of the State and
(ii) To establish an Assessment Cell in State Council of Educational Research and Training to implement the activities of the Assessment Cell for the benefit of teachers and students at a cost of Rs. 40 Lakhs sanctioned in the PAB of Samagra Shiksha for 2021-2022.

(By Order of the Governor)

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