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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 21st July, 2012

No.19092-IX-SME(BSE)17/2012/SME.— During the course of discussion in the Assembly on the issue of reschedulement of Annual High School Certificate Examination, Hon'ble Minister, School & Mass Education had announced on the floor of the Assembly on 23rd March, 2012 that a High Level Committee will be constituted by the Government for undertaking reforms in the High School Certificate Examination system. In order to have a comprehensive review of the various aspects relating to the conduct of the High School Certificate Examination, Government have been pleased to constitute the High Level Committee as follows:—

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| (1) Principal Secretary to Govt., S. & M.E. Deptt. | - | Chairperson |
| (2) President, Board of Secondary Education, Odisha | - | Member |
| (3) Director, Secondary Education, Odisha | - | Member |
| (4) SPD, OMSM (RMSA), Odisha | - | Member |
| (5) Regional Officer, CBSE, Bhubaneswar | - | Member |
| (6) Shri S.K. Singh,
Former Director of Higher Education, Odisha | - | Member |
| (7) Shri Trilochan Sarangi,
Former Secretary, BSE, Odisha | - | Member |
| (8) Shri Mohit Mohan Mohanty,
Retd., Addl. Director, OPEPA | - | Member |
| (9) Controller of Examination, BSE, Odisha | - | Member Convenor |

The Committee may invite experts having relevant knowledge and persons having wide experience in the field and seek their opinion before finalizing its recommendations.

Terms of Reference of the Committee—

The aim of the exercise, *inter alia*, would be to align our system with CBSE so that the students reading in State Govt. Schools do not suffer from any disadvantage *vis-à-vis* CBSE students. The terms of reference of the Committee shall be as follows:—

- (i) Introduction of grading system and abolition of ranking of candidates.
- (ii) Introduction of Internal Assessment (School-based Examination) in the HSC Examination.
- (iii) Registration of candidates for the Examination and fixation of Examination fee.
- (iv) Selection of Centres of Examination and tagging of Schools.
- (v) Examination Schedule and duration of each sitting of the Exam.
- (vi) Pattern of Questions and mode of evaluation.
- (vii) Distribution and safe custody of question papers and answer books.
- (viii) Valuation of answer books and processing of results.
- (ix) Publication of results and issue of memorandum of marks and original certificates.
- (x) Prevention of cheating and other malpractices.

Logistic Support for the Committee—

- (a) The Board of Secondary Education will provide all logistic support like vehicles, secretarial assistance etc.
- (b) The non-official members shall be entitled for sitting fees as admissible to the members of Board of Secondary Education. Besides, they will also get T.A./ D.A. and other facilities as admissible to Class-I officers of the State Government.
- (c) Experts and other persons invited by the Committee shall be entitled to T.A. /D.A. and other facilities according to their entitlement, if they are serving in Government. The retired or private persons will be entitled to get T.A. /D.A. and other facilities as admissible to Class-I officers of the State Government.

(d) All expenses including sitting fees, T.A./D.A., transport and other miscellaneous expenditure will be initially borne by the Board, which may be reimbursed by OMSM in accordance with RMSA guidelines.

The Committee shall submit its final recommendations to the Government within four months.

ORDER

Ordered that this Notification to be published in an Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By order of the Governor

R. VERMA

Principal Secretary to Government