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## HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

### ORDER

The 20th January, 2014

**S.R.O. No. 22/2014**— WHEREAS the State Government are satisfied that in the interest of Public, it is necessary to prohibit strikes in the form of cessation of work by the employees of the Directorate of Text Book Production and Marketing Bhubaneswar including contractual employees in services / engagements connected with Printing of essential Books required to be provided to the students of Class-I to Class-VIII free of cost by the State Government from the starting of Academic Session during 2014-15 as per the mandate of Right to Education Act, 2009.

WHEREAS, as per Section 2 (b) of the Act, strike means the cessation of work by a body of persons employed / engaged in any essential service acting in combination or a concerted refusal or a refusal under a common understanding of any number of persons who are or have been so employed / engaged to continue to work or to accept employment and includes unauthorized absence from duty in pursuance of a common understanding among the persons who unauthorisedly absent themselves from duty or under the direction of any other person or persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 read with Section 4(3) of the Orissa Essential Services (Maintenance) Act, 1988 (Orissa Act 9 of 1992), the State Government do hereby prohibit strikes as defined by Section 2(b) of the Orissa Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1988 (Orissa Act 9 of 1992) on the aforesaid services. The order shall remain in force for a period of 6 (six) months from the date of issue of this Order.

[No. 148/C.]

By Order of the Governor

P.C. PRADHAN

Additional Secretary to Government