GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS)

ORDERS Imphal, the 20th June, 2020

No. 41/1/2020-SE(S): Whereas, in view of the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic and closing down of all Schools in the State by an Order dated 12th March, 2020, the academic calendar have been greatly affected and thereby creating lots of apprehension, anxieties to the students as well as to teachers, non-teaching staff, parents, guardians, transporters, etc.

- 2. Whereas, Private Schools have contributed towards providing School Education to the Students of the State for the past few decades and the role of the teachers in these schools are paramount;
- 3. Whereas, on receipt of some representations regarding collection of fees by the Schools and payment of salaries to the teaching and non-teaching staff by the school authorities during the period the schools remain closed; a Circular dated 20-05-2020 was issued by Education-S Department directing the Private Schools and other Schools charging some fees to furnish a detailed statement in a prescribed format on or before 30th May, 2020.
- 4. Whereas, in response to the above Circular dated 20-05-2020; a representation dated 29-05-2020 has been submitted to the Education-S Department by the Convener, United Association of Recognised Schools of Manipur (UARSoM) with a request to allow the Private Schools to furnish the desired information after the present Corona virus crisis is over or at least after the Quarantine Centres set up in the Schools are closed down and sanitized. The problems highlighted therein are that the School Authorities cannot go inside the Schools to take out the relevant information and documents.
- 5. Whereas, after a thorough examination of the aforesaid representation dated 29-05-2020, the concerned School Authorities were allowed to submit the desired information latest by 8th June, 2020 by giving them extension of time for submission of the desired information vide this Department letter dated 30-05-2020; wherein it was also emphasized that if the School Authorities find any difficulty in accessing the records/documents kept in the School Buildings (which are now used as Quarantine Centres); the State Education Department will extend maximum co-operation with all concerned authorities to enable the School Authorities to access the records.
- 6. Whereas, despite the above assurance, none of the Private Schools had approached the Education-S Department for any assistance. Rather, the above Association has submitted a subsequent representation dated 06-06-2020, requesting again to review the time frame (dateline) for furnishing of the information. The request made in this representation dated 06-06-2020 has also been disposed of and rejected vide this Department's letter dated 08-06-2020. That is, sufficient opportunity of being heard had been given to all concerned Private Schools Authorities through the Association.
- 7. Whereas, despite the aforesaid Circulars and subsequent instructions, it is regretted to state that over 800 schools from around 1200 schools have willfully not submitted the information to the Government, thereby defying Government's directions/instructions.
- 8. Whereas, a series of meetings have been held with various stakeholders including those of Private Schools at the level of the Hon'ble Minister Education and the matter have been appropriately brought to the knowledge of the Government;

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9. Considering all the above facts and circumstances, all the Private and Aided Schools (other than Government Schools and Schools under the Central Government) shall ensure that:

a) Admission fees may be collected by schools (there should not be any hike of fees for the

session):

b) Monthly School fee (including tuition fee under any nomenclature) upto the month of March, 2020 may be collected by schools without any hike in amount;

c) All monthly School fee (including tuition fee under any nomenclature) and salaries of staff (Teaching & Non-Teaching) for the months w.e.f. April, 2020 to July, 2020 shall be as per the following norms:

Slab	Enrolment	Amount of fees	Salary of Staff
А	Schools with enrolment less than 200	No tuition fees	Payment of 50% of salaries of teachers and non-teaching staff (payment may be made after the lockdown is over)
В	Schools with enrolment of 200 to 700	No tuition fees	Payment of 50% of the Salaries of teachers and non-teaching staff
С	Enrolment above 700	No tuition fees	Salaries of teachers and non- teaching staff to be paid in full

- d) All Schools shall ensure that some Teaching-Learning process takes place for the school.
- e) Fees, if already collected for these months (April to July, 2020), by the schools, then they shall be adjusted with subsequent months in future;
- 10. All the concerned school managements shall ensure that the order is fully complied with. In the event of non-compliance by any school authority, the same may be reported to the Department through email address <u>manipur.education.s@qmail.com</u> along with details and proof.

By Orders etc.,

(T. Ranjit Singh)

Commissioner, Education (S)
Government of Manipur

Memo No. 41/1/2020-SE(S):

Imphal, the 20th June, 2020.

Copy to:-

1) Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, Manipur.

2) Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur.

3) PPS to Hon'ble Minister (Education), Manipur.

- 4) Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
- 5) All Deputy Commissioners, Manipur.
- 6) Director (Education-Schools), Manipur.

7) Director (IPR), Manipur.

8) Additional Directors of Education Schools (Hills/Valley), Manipur.

- 9) All Zonal Education Officers, Manipur. They are directed to ensure compliance of this order in their respective jurisdiction by all concerned Stakeholders.
- 10) Convener, United Association of Recognised Schools of Manipur (UARSoM).

11) All Heads of Institutions (Private Schools Concerned), Manipur.

12) Guard file/ Order Book.

(Anjali Chongtham)
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Government of Manipur