

**GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL AND MASS EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION

No.II-SME/LMC-150/06- 673/SME., Dt.10.01.2008

In pursuance of article 243G of the Constitution of India, as inserted by the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 conferring powers to hand over the elementary education to the control of Zilla Parishad and other Panchayati Raj institutions, Government have been pleased to issue the following Resolution in super session of this Deptt. Resolution No.11676/SME dated 31st May, 2006 and Corrigendum No.20000/SME dated 12th October,2006 **and Resolution No.22438/SME dtd.14.11.07** provided that engagement made, action taken or things done under the provisions of the Resolution and Corrigendum so repealed shall be deemed to have been taken, made, issued or done under this resolution, namely :-

1. That, all the functions of elementary education will be transferred in phases to Zilla Parishad and other Panchayati Raj Institutions.
2. That, henceforth all the Swechhasevi Sikshya Sahayaks (SSS) including the existing one and the new recruits shall be called as Sikshya Sahayaks (SS).
3. That, engagement of all new Sikshya Sahayaks (SS) will be made by Zilla Parishads as per requirement under the programme of Elementary Education and Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan (SSA). The services of SS will be placed with Village Education Committee (VEC).

ENGAGEMENT:

4. Sikshya Sahayak (SS) will be engaged in each Panchayat Raj **Block Unit wise** ("**Block Unit**" includes the Urban Local Bodies situated in the same Block Headquarters or adjoining to the same Block Headquarters) by the Zilla Parishad by a Selection Committee to be headed by the Collector-cum-Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad as Chairman and Circle Inspector of Schools, District Inspector of schools, District Project Coordinator (SSA), District Employment officer and the District Welfare Officer as members. The District Project Coordinator (SSA) will act as Convener of the Committee, who shall prepare the draft selection list and place the same before the Zilla Parishad with due approval of CEO-cum-Collector. The final selection will be made by Zilla Parishad maximum within 15 days. In case the Zilla Parishad does not finalise the selection list within the stipulated time, the draft selection list submitted by the CEO-cum-Collector will be deemed to be approved.

4.1 70% of the vacant posts of each **Block unit** will be for candidates having Matric/+2 with C.T. qualification and 30% for candidates having BA/B.Sc/B.Com with B.Ed. qualification. If candidates of any one of the categories is not available, it will be filled up through candidates of other category.

4.2 Selection shall be made only on merit i.e. on the basis of percentage of marks secured in Matriculation/+2 and C.T. examination for C.T. candidates and B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Com examination and B.Ed. examination for B.Ed. candidates. In case two or more candidates secure the same marks, the candidate older by age and if ages are same, the candidates passing matriculation examination earlier will be placed above the other in the select list. In case CT/B.Ed. trained candidates are not available under SC and ST categories, **untrained +2** candidates of that category can only be engaged. But against SC and ST quota, non SC/ST candidates shall not be engaged.

4.3 The select list for each **Block unit** will be valid for a period of one year from the date of it's finalisation. This will be 150% of the posts advertised for such Block unit.

4.4 Orders of engagement shall be issued by the Zilla Parishad through its Chief Executive Officer-Cum-Collector of the District. The engagement will be on an annual contract basis. Contract will be renewed in subsequent years depending on the performance of the candidate. While renewing the contract of the Sikshya Sahayaks (SSs), the Zilla Parishad / Collector-cum-CEO, Zilla Parishad must see that the Village Education Committee of the concerned school has given positive certificate in his/her favour about regular attendance and satisfactory teaching. The Sikshya Sahayak (SS) can be removed from engagement with 30 days prior notice, if she/he violates the conditions of the contract or is considered unsuitable later on by the authorities or on the basis of adverse report of the Village Education Committee.

5. MODE OF APPLICATION

5.1 Applications will be invited from eligible candidates (registered with local /State employment exchanges as the case may be) through advertisements in local newspapers as per prevailing instructions of Government in this regard. A candidate may make an application for any Block unit of the State irrespective of his / her home Block subject to condition that he / she shall apply in respect of one Block unit only. The candidate shall have to furnish an affidavit to the effect that he / she has not made application for engagement of Sikhya Sahayak other than the Block unit applied in his / her application. If, on verification it is found that the candidate has applied in more than one Block unit for engagement of Sikhya Sahayak, his / her application may be rejected without assigning any reason.

6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 The candidates must have passed H.S.C./+2 examination and C.T. examination or B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Com. examination and B.Ed. examination.

6.2 B.Ed. candidates must have registered their names either in the special employment exchange located at Vani Vihar, Jyoti Vihar, Bhanja Vihar (Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur, Berhampur) or in the State Employment Exchange at Bhubaneswar. C.T. candidates must have registered their name in any employment exchange.

7. AGE:

Candidates shall not be below 18 years of age and above 42 years of age. However, in case of SC/ST, Women and Ex-Servicemen candidates, the upper age limit may be relaxed by five years and in case of SEBC, the upper age limit may be relaxed by three years.

8. RESERVATION

The O.R.V. Act and other principles of reservation as prescribed by Government, from time to time, shall be followed. Upto 33 1/3% posts will be reserved for women candidates.

9. ASSIGNMENT

- (i) Teaching in the schools shall be the main duty of the Sikshya Sahayaks (SS).
- (ii) They must ensure minimum level of learning (MLL) for the students as prescribed by the Competent Authority (School & Mass Education Department).
- (iii) They must ensure atleast 90% attendance of the children in respective schools in all classes.
- (iv) They shall reduce the dropout of the children in school below 10%.
- (v) She/He shall motivate the parents / guardians of the village in which Primary Schools is situated for enrolment of children within the age group of 6 to 14 years. It shall be his/her duty to contact parents / guardians in case children fail to attend classes regularly and get back such children to the classes.
- (vi) They shall perform all such other duties as assigned to them by the competent authority as and when required.

9.1 The Sikshya Sahayaks (SS) will get remuneration of **Rs.3000/- per month with effect from 1st December 2007.**

9.2 The Sikshya Sahayaks (SS) would attend training programme as may be fixed by Government, from time to time.

9.3 The engagement would be on the basis of annual contract. In case Zilla Parishad decide not to renew the contract, appeal shall lie to Government within three months of non renewal of contract.

9.4 The Sikshya Sahayak shall be eligible for casual leave of 12 days during one Calendar year. She/He shall not be entitled to any other authorised absence beyond the above-mentioned period. If he/she remains absent with permission and if she/he does not have any authorised leave at her/his credit, the proportionate amount from consolidated remuneration shall be deducted.

9.5 Any Lady Sikshya Sahayak who is having less than two surviving children are entitled to avail leave on account of maternity for three months.

9.6 The agreement as prescribed by the Government, between the C.E.O. Zilla Parishad-cum-Collector and Sikshya Sahayak (SS) is to be signed on stamped paper.

9.7 Funds as required for remuneration of Sikshya Sahayak (SS) for each district will be placed with the respective Zilla Parishads who shall pay to the SS, through Village Education Committee.

10. The Sikshya Sahayak (SS) after completion of **3 years** of continuous satisfactory engagement will be eligible for appointment as Junior Teacher by the Zilla Parishad on contractual basis with consolidated remuneration of **Rs.3500/- per month with effect from 1st December 2007.**

The following conditions must be fulfilled by the Sikshya Sahayak for appointment as Junior Teachers by the Zilla Parishad, namely: -

- i) The Sikshya Sahayak (SS) must have rendered **3 years** of continuous service satisfactorily from the date of engagement;
- ii) The Sikshya Sahayak (SS), must have ensured 90% attendance of children in respective schools in all classes;
- iii) The Village Education Committee must have given positive certificates about attendance and performance of the SS in the schools for the last 3 years;
- iv) The Sikshya Sahayak (SS) must not have any adverse reports during last **3 years** of service in the school as SS. They must have ensured Minimum Level of Learning (MLL) for the students as prescribed by the competent authority; and
- v) The Sikshya Sahayak (SS) must have reduced the drop out of **children of Primary and Upper Primary School** to below 10%.

10.1 Candidates not fulfilling the criteria contained in para –10 above shall not be considered for appointment as junior teachers by the Zilla Parishad.

10.2 The eligibility conditions specified in para-10 shall not apply to 7855 numbers of SSS engaged during the year 2001.

11. The vacancies out of the sanctioned posts in primary and upper primary schools will be filled up by appointment of regular primary school teachers by the Zilla Parishad from among the Sikshya Sahayaks. The above vacancies against which regular primary school teachers would be appointed will be transferred to the Zilla Parishad cadre from the existing district cadre as all the schools would in phases be transferred to Panchayati Raj bodies as to be decided by the Government.

12.1 The Junior Teachers after completion of **3 years** of continuous satisfactory engagement as such under Zilla Parishads will be eligible for appointment as regular primary school teachers by the Zilla Parishads **with effect from 1st April 2008** on the basis of the number of vacancies to be transferred from the existing District Cadre to the Zilla Parishad cadre and subject to the fulfilment of following conditions.

- (i) The Junior Teachers must have rendered at least **3 years** of service as such satisfactorily with an unblemished records.
- (ii) They must have ensured 90% attendance of Children in their respective schools in all classes.
- (iii) They must have been given positive certificate by the Village Education Committee about regular attendance and satisfactory teaching. They must have ensured Minimum Level of Learning (MLL) for the students as prescribed by the competent authority.
- (iv) They must have reduced the dropout of children on the schools below 10%.

12.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Para-12.1, a Sikhya Sahayak after completion of 6 years of continuous satisfactory engagement as Sikhya Sahayak and Junior Teacher, taken together, as on 1st April, 2008, shall be eligible for appointment as Regular Primary School Teacher.

13. The Junior Teachers of Zilla Parishads on rendering satisfactorily service as reviewed every 3 years can continue in service but not beyond 58 years of age.

14. Funds would be placed with Zilla Parishad for remuneration and pay of SS, Junior Teacher and Regular Primary School Teacher appointed by Zilla Parishad, by School and Mass Education Department. Zilla Parishads shall administer the school administration of the “**Block Unit**” through respective Panchayat Samiti, Gram Panchayat and VEC as decided by them.

15. Service conditions of Junior Teacher and Regular Primary School Teacher appointed by Zilla Parishad would be formulated by the Government in the School and Mass Education Department in due course.

16. Decision taken in the matter of engagement of Sikshya Sahayak (SS) will also be applied mutatis-mutandis to the institutions looked after by the ST & SC Development Department.

17. The Government in School and Mass Education Department would put in place of strict, concrete, permanent mechanism to evaluate the performance and eligibility of Sikhya Sahayak, Junior Teacher and regular teacher by the Zilla Parishad at every level.

18. The Sikhya Sahayaks whose engagement have been declared irregular by the Hon'ble High Court, their cases may be considered for engagement by giving an opportunity to them to participate in the process of selection by relaxing their upper age limit wherever necessary and their past experience will be taken into consideration for the purpose.

19. For the purpose of Universalisation of Elementary Education, persons engaged by the Government in different schemes such as District Primary Education Programme (DPEP), Education For All (EFA), Non Formal Education (NFE), Educational Volunteer (EV) under EGS having requisite qualifications may be considered for engagement as SS by relaxing their upper age limit wherever necessary and their past experience will be taken into consideration for the purpose.

20. The Competent Authority, for the purpose of this Resolution, means the Government in the School and Mass Education Department.

21. This Resolution will take immediate effect.

By Order of Governor

Sd/- S.C. Patnaik
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 674/SME., Dt.10.01.2008

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