



Abstract

School Education - Recommendation of the Committee headed by Prof.Dr.S.V.Chittibabu on functioning of Matriculation Schools and Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools in Tamil Nadu-Orders-issued.

School Education (X2) Department

G.O.(2D). No. 48

Dated. 21-7-2004

Read:

1. G.O (2D) No.16, School Education, dated 6.3.2002.
2. Dr.S V.Chittibabu Committee Report.

ORDER:-

In the G.O: 1st read above a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dr. S.V.Chittibabu former Vice -Chancellor to study in depth the following three issues relating to the Matriculation Schools and make suitable recommendations on them on the functioning of the Matriculation Schools in Tamil Nadu.

- i) Fee structure for Matriculation Schools and Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools.
- ii) A set of minimum infrastructural facilities for Matriculation schools and Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools.
- iii) Salary scales for Teachers of Matriculation Schools and Matriculation Higher secondary Schools.

2. A questionnaire was specially prepared for collecting relevant data on Matriculation schools in regard to their infrastructure, the way they are managed, their manner of functioning, their endowment resources, the pay scale of their teachers, their student strength and fee structure and the questionnaire was distributed to all the Matriculation Schools numbering more than 3000. The Committee also received representations from the managements, parents and teachers and also visited Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi and also obtained comments and suggestions of some distinguished experts and Educationists after which the Committee has given its recommendations on the three issues mentioned above.

3. Apart from the three issues mentioned above Dr.Chittibabu Committee has also given its recommendations on the following two issues also:-

- i) Strengthening of the Directorate of Matriculation Schools.
- ii) To make suitable provision in the Code of Regulations for Matriculation Schools calling upon the permission granting authority to first satisfy itself that there is a felt need for a Matriculation school in the proposed locality vis-à-vis a similar one or more than one already existing in the same locality or in its neighbourhood.

4. The Government have carefully examined Dr.Chittibabu Committee Report, Recommendations of Board of Matriculation thereon along with the suggestions of Director of Matriculation Schools and pass the following orders on the recommendations of Dr.Chittibabu Committee read above in paragraph-1 above.

I. Fee Structure:

As per the Judgement of the Supreme Court of India, ⁱⁿ T.M.A. Pal foundation ~~case~~ and others versus state of Karnataka, the Government Cannot prescribe the fee structure for unaided private Schools. Therefore the Director of Matriculation Schools is instructed to issue suitable instructions in the form of an advice to the individual managements of Matriculation High Schools and Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools to consider implementation of the suggestions of Dr.Chittibabu Committee towards the fees including Special fees, Registration and application fees.

II Minimum Infrastructural facilities:

As the conditions relating to the provision of infrastructure are not spelt out in the code of regulation, accepting the recommendation of the Dr.Chittibabu committee the Government direct that the following minimum facilities shall be provided by every Matriculation School as a condition of recognition.

Land Area

Locality	Minimum Land Area
Corporation	6 grounds
District Headquarters	8 grounds
Municipality	10 grounds
Township	1 acre
Rural	3 acres

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In view of the steep rise in land costs it is suggested that three or four years' time may be given to the managements to satisfy the land area condition, if not already fulfilled.

School Buildings

School Buildings should be planned suitably and adequately. They should be owned or secured on a rent free basis or taken on a long lease of at least 30 years. The management should produce a license permitting the use of the school building as a public building under the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings Licensing Act of 1963.

Classrooms and Furniture

Classrooms should ensure a minimum of 9 to 10 sq. ft. (0.91 metre) of space per student. Tables and chairs or desks should be provided according to the strength of the class.

Library

The library should have books, maps, geographical models, teaching aids, audio and video cassettes besides journals and dailies. A High School library should have a minimum of 1500 books and that of a higher secondary school 3000 books.

Laboratory

There should be a well-equipped general science laboratory for teaching standards upto X and separate laboratories for Physics, Chemistry and Biology at the Higher Secondary level.

Playgrounds

Adequate playground should be provided as part of the school complex or very close to the school. In Corporation or Municipal areas, managements may secure permission to use corporation or other playgrounds.

Sanitary Facility

Protected drinking water should be supplied. Lavatory and urinal facilities should be provided as per the criteria prescribed in the grant-in-aid code.

The Government direct the Director of Matriculation Schools to send suitable self-contained proposals to Government for making specific provision in the Code of Regulations for Matriculation Schools towards requirement of

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minimum infrastructural facilities to Matriculation Schools and Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools.

III. Salary of teachers:

The Director of Matriculation School is instructed to send circular to individual managements of the Matriculation High Schools and Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools in the form of advice informing them the recommendations of the Committee and suggesting that in the matter of payment of salary to teachers the managements are advised to adopt a policy of fair-mindedness, while paying their qualified teachers such salaries as are commensurate with the fee structure that is adopted.

Untrained teachers be given five years time to acquire the teaching qualifications as indicated in the Code of Regulations.

IV. Strengthening of the Directorate of Matriculation Schools

This recommendation would be considered separately at the time of reorganizing the administrative set up of the entire School Education Department.

V. Requirement of number of Matriculation High Schools/Higher Secondary Schools in the area.

The Director of Matriculation Schools is instructed to ensure reasonable distance between Matriculation Schools in Urban areas while recognizing new Matriculation Schools so that there is no unhealthy competition among the schools and in respect of rural areas a distance of at least 1 km shall be maintained between two Matriculation schools.

(By Order of Governor)

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