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CIRCULAR NO. 52

To,
The Heads of all recognized Secondary Schools
And Higher Secondary Schools
under the jurisdiction of this Board.

**Sub: Streamlining of Educational Benefits for Children with Disabilities
Regarding Guideline for Conducting Written Examination for Person
with specified disabilities regarding.....**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above cited subject, Goa State Commission for protection of Child Rights Govt. of Goa, during their review meeting held recently, deliberated on the correct procedure to be followed by primary referral sources and early intervention, officials to promote prompt, appropriate referrals of children to the District Early Intervention Center (DEIC) and coordination among all those with roles in the referral and intake process.

1. The DEIC officials during the meeting observed that neither the Schools nor the students/parents are aware about CWSN exemption in a comprehensive manner and are not following correct way of seeking available exemption during their course of studies and examinations.
2. It was also observed that, the current pending load of issuance of certificate is due to the students' seeking available exemptions **at last minute in Std. IX and X** at the **DEIC**.
3. The practice is in direct contravention of the existing circulars, where it is stated that students with special needs must **have certification at the beginning of IX standard**.
4. Most schools have cited that the delay in certification is due to delayed appointments with the doctors. Earlier referrals to the DEIC or IPHB will help counter his difficulty.
5. The certificate and concessions should not be the only aim, but early intervention and rehabilitation of the child should be given utmost importance.
6. The objective of tracking and periodically screening children who are at the risk of disability is to be able to identify as early as possible those children who manifest a disability to be able to provide them with appropriate early intervention services.
7. In view of above, the Hon'ble commission recommends new simplified yet comprehensive guidelines, superceding all previous circulars specifying standard operating procedure (SOP's) for the stakeholders with the following points:
 - a. It is also recommended that the guidelines should restrict referrals for certification **in X standard** and stop practice of applying for concessions (services of reader /writer/extra time) to X standard students directly.



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- b. Referrals for certification should compulsory happen in elementary years, with teachers being trained to administer Screening checklist for students with learning disabilities, entering I standard, i.e. formal schooling and then in middle school years (std. V to VII).
- c. The teachers should administer available checklist like DALI or the DEIC can provide a comprehensive qualitative checklist for screening. This should be made a compulsory procedure for entry to Secondary Section in all Schools so that children are referred to **DEIC in early years and due remediation is started for rehabilitation of the child as well as certification** can be done at the same time.
- d. The current referral system, i.e., beginning of **IX standard** should be changed to VII or VIII standard as certification is required to be completed in the beginning of IX standard.

Therefore, Head of the Institutions are informed to take appropriate measures and action taken in this regard under intimation to this office.

For any clarification you can contact Assistant Secretary, Examination Section.

The contents of this Circular should be brought to the notice of all concerned and be displayed on notice Board at a prominent place for the information.

Yours faithfully,


(Vidhyadatta B. Naik)
Secretary

Copy to:

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