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C I R C U L A R

Most of the Primary schools in the state of Goa that are imparting education in regional languages are receiving salary grants. The proposal of release of grants to the primary schools with English as Medium of Instruction was under consideration of the Government for some time.

After examining the matter in detail Government has now taken following policy decision on the VIII Cabinet meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 6/6/2012.

- (i) At the primary level, the teaching in primary schools shall be in the mother tongue of the child i.e. Konkani/ Marathi, as the case may be and subject to exception provided herein after, only Konkani/ Marathi primary schools shall be entitled to receive grants.
- (ii) Government will give permission immediately to new primary schools opting to impart primary education in Konkani/Marathi. For such schools, one time initial special grant of Rs. 12.00 Lakhs and Rs.1.00 Lakh per annum for next 05 years shall be given so as to improve and set up the necessary infrastructure as well as build up resources in the school
- (iii) State Government proposes to amend suitably the Goa School Education Rules to overcome the distance criteria, in respect of permitting additional schools in Konkani/Marathi within 01 KM, provided the existing school has strength of less than 40 students.
- (iv) All grant-in-aid primary schools, including the new ones will be eligible for full grant to primary schools including Maintenance Grant, Salary Grant for non teaching staff as also additional teachers with B.Ed.



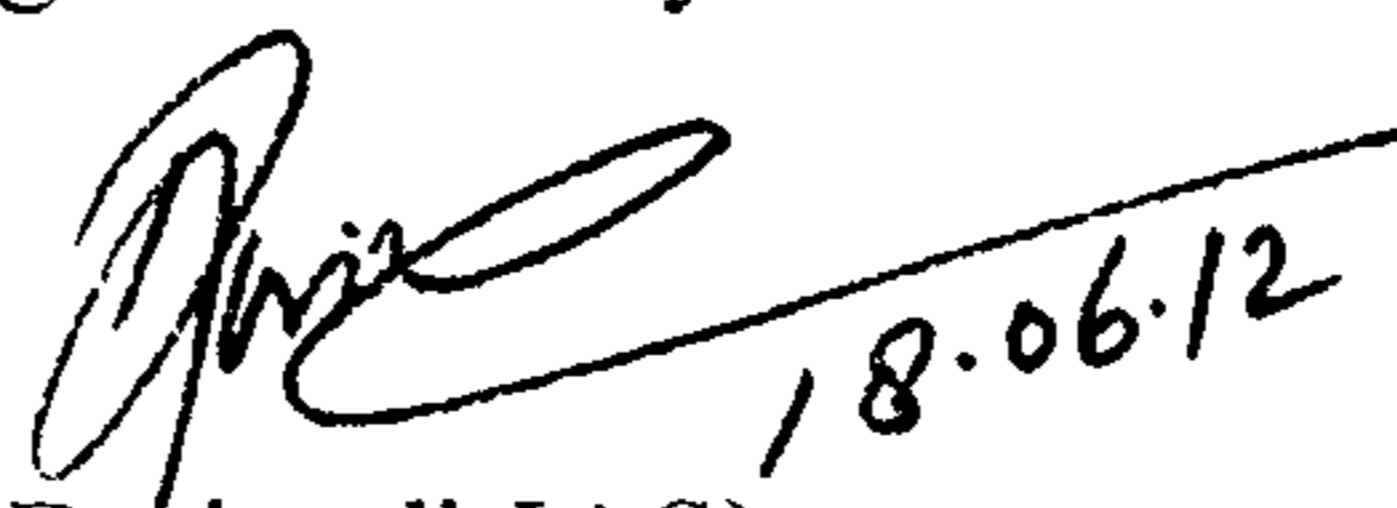
qualifications for improving the quality of English /Konkani/Marathi teaching at the primary level, on a case to case basis.

(v) The State Policy is to encourage Primary Education in the mother tongue of the Children i.e. with Konkani and Marathi being the regional languages of the State and in this regard, the State Government shall initiate all steps to increase the number of schools in the regional languages namely Konkani/Marathi and give financial assistance as well as full grants over and as above free salary grants to all such Konkani/Marathi schools proposed to be started in the State

(vi) However, having regard to the fact that minority/certain institutions in the State which were prior to 10th June, 2011 imparting Konkani/Marathi primary education, and have thereafter simultaneously shifted to English and started English Primary classes shall, continue to receive grants so as to give continuity to these schools and especially having regard to the fact that the students in these schools should not suffer.

(vii) The aforesaid schools will be entitled to continue receiving grants provided they fulfill the following:-

- a) Such schools were Konkani/Marathi schools until 10th June 2011. These schools have started English classes at the primary stage during the last academic year wholly or partly.
- b) That none of such schools had given an undertaking to the Directorate of Education stating that they would not claim grant in aid from the state Government to establish or run such English Primary schools.


(D.P. Dwivedi, IAS)
Director of Education

To

- 1) All the Government Aided Primary/Secondary schools in the state of Goa.
- 2) The Dy. Director of Education, North/South/Central Education Zone, Mapusa/Margao/Panaji.
- 3) The A.D.E.Is of all Talukas
- 4) All the section of this Directorate.
- 5) P.A. to Director of Education.