GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

School Education Department – SCERT, A.P., Hyderabad – Curriculum and Textbook Development – Adoption of NCERT Textbooks and Capacity Building of Teachers and subject specific resource groups – Permission Accorded - Orders - Issued

SCHOOL EDUCATION (P.E- PROG.II) DEPARTMENT

<u>G.O. Ms. No</u> 169

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From C&DSE A.P, Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.81/D/C&T/SCERT/ 2011, dated 21-11-2011.

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ORDER:-

In the reference read above, the Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P., Hyderabad has reported that the Principal Secretary School Education (SE) Dept. convened a conference on Curricular Reforms and Revision of Textbooks on 16-11-2011 at CCG, Hyderabad involving National and State Level experts and subject specific chair persons, departmental officers to discuss and deliberate on the adoption of NCERT Mathematics and Science Textbooks from classes VIII to Intermediate level in the light of Govt. of India direction for the States participation in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for admission into medical courses and on other similar competitive examinations. It is further informed that the conference resolved for the adoption of NCERT Mathematics and Science Textbooks for the classes VIII, IX, X & Intermediate first and second year and to introduce during 2013 - 14 and also introduce single English Language Textbook for both Telugu and English and other language students and adapt NCERT English Textbooks from classes VIII to X. It is also resolved for the adaption of NCERT Hindi Books for first Language Hindi students in A.P. The conference resolved for conducting effective training and programme for continuous professional development of teachers with appropriate incentives to the Textbooks writers and subject experts for Textbook development and participating in the capacity building and resource generation programmes.

2. After considering the decision(s) taken during the conference to improve the standards of School Education through appropriate quality Textbooks to meet the National Level standards, the Commissioner & Director of School Education, Hyd has requested the Government to issue the necessary orders on the following: -

I. Adoption of NCERT Mathematics and Science Textbooks

Permission to adapt NCERT Mathematics and Science Textbooks for the classes VIII, IX& X and introduce during 2013 and 2014. The activities, examples, illustrations etc of the NCERT Books into Telugu and other languages. The layout, printing, paper quality, colour, binding, design and physical shape of the NCERT Textbooks shall be followed for State Textbooks.

II. Single English Textbook for the all media

Permit to introduce single English Language Textbooks for both Telugu, English and all other media students for all classes starting from Class – I and adopt NCERT English Textbooks from Class – VIII to X with localized and contextual improved examples, activities, exercises and illustrations.

III. Social Studies Textbooks

Permit to develop State specific Social Studies Textbooks in an integrated manner duly representing local Geography, History and Economic practices and adopting certain topics especially in Social and Political Life and Economics from NCERT Textbooks based on its suitability with due examination. A topic on the financial literacy and accountancy may be introduced from VIII class onwards.

IV. Adaption of NCERT Hindi Textbooks for first Language students:

Permit to adapt first Language NCERT Hindi books for first Language Hindi students in A.P. duly contextualizing and localizing the nature of exercises, activities, illustrations etc.

V. <u>Teacher Training and continuous professional development</u>

Permit to organize appropriate quality Teacher training on a large scale by involving National Level experts and institutions with appropriate Teacher Hand Books and training manuals to adapt to the new syllabus and Textbooks. Develop State and District specific resource groups with younger talent in various School subjects and involve them in the development of Textbooks and teacher training. Government may consider for providing appropriate training facilities in a residential manner by establishing a training center at State Level as a part of continuous teacher empowerment and development process a separate proposals will be submitted to Government for establishing a residential training centre at State Level. Permission may be accorded to Director, SCERT to start short term open learning certificate courses under SCERT in collaboration with National and State Level institutes.

VI. Incentive for the Textbook Writers and Experts

Permit to take the services of the teachers into resource groups on long term basis duly providing a qualified Vidya Volunteer or extra teacher in their place and attach them to the institutions like SCERT and DIETs, Permit to raise the remuneration in terms of Honorarium to the experts and Textbooks writers considerably over the present rates with flight charges to the National experts and Textbook writers for attending Textbook workshops, trainings, exposure visits etc. Government may constitute a committee with following members to study and revise the honorarium to the experts, text book writers & resource persons to the training programmes. The members of the committee may be C& DSE as Chairman and Director, SCERT, Director, Govt Text book Press as members.

VII. ICT Curriculum

SCERT may be permitted to send a team of experts to the nearby States like Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, CIET and NGOs to study the ICT School Curriculum and practices and submit a report to Government for taking necessary action.

3. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby agreed the proposal of Commissioner & Director of School Education A.P. Hyderabad as mentioned at para 2 above and accord permission to the Commissioner & Director of School Education and Director, SCERT, A.P., Hyderabad for taking necessary action on the items mentioned at para 2 above and also send necessary specific proposals to the Government wherever required further Government orders in the matter.

4. The Commissioner & Director of School Education and Director, SCERT, A.P., Hyderabad are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To The Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P., Hyderabad The Director, SCERT, A.P., Hyderabad. The Director, A.P., Govt. Text Book Press, A.P. Hyderabad. SF/SC

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