

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

NO.EDN/RTE-297/11/64

Dated Shillong, The 8th August, 2013.

NOTIFICATION

1. In Exercise of the powers conferred by Section 2(d) and 2(e) the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and with reference to Rule 6 (4) (g) and 6(4) (h) of Meghalaya Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011 the Government of Meghalaya is pleased to notify that children belonging to disadvantaged groups shall include children belonging to the following category:

- i. 'Orphan' category
- ii. Child belonging to 'single parent' family
- iii. Child with special needs/Disability
- iv. Street child living 'on' the street and 'off' the street
- v. HIV affected/infected child
- vi. Child who is a victim of any armed conflict, civil commotion, Ethnic clashes or natural calamity.
- vii. Child who is found vulnerable and is likely to be inducted into drug abuse or trafficking.
- viii. Child of a commercial sex worker.
- ix. A child who has no one to take care of or whose parents have abandoned the child.
- x. Who has a parent or guardian but such parent or guardian is unfit or incapacitated to look after the child.
- xi. A child belonging to the Scheduled Tribe/Scheduled Caste Community with Below Poverty Line (BPL) status.

Various castes/tribes constituting categories mentioned in Sl.No.XI, shall be as prescribed by Community & Rural Development Department from time to time.

2. Further the Government notifies that the 'child belonging to weaker sections' means, child belonging to such parent's/guardian's who falls under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) as notified by the State Government.

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3. The unaided school shall earmark 25% of their sanctioned capacity for the purpose of admission as per the Rules. Out of the earmarked 25% of seats 16% of seats shall be provided to children belonging to Scheduled Tribe and 7.5% of seats to children belonging to Schedule Caste. The balance of 1.5% seats be provided to other categories of children belonging to disadvantaged group and children belonging to weaker sections living in the neighbourhood. If sufficient numbers of applications from children belonging to SC category have not been received then those seats shall be filled from among children belonging to ST and vice versa. If the SC & ST quota remains unfilled then it will be added to remaining categories of children belonging to disadvantaged group and children belonging to weaker sections. In case, the seats earmarked for such other categories of children remain unfilled, those seats shall be filled from among children from Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste.
4. After exhausting all the applications of children residing in the neighbourhood / applications of children from outside the neighbourhood shall be considered.
5. Procedure prescribed by the Social Welfare Department shall be adopted for identification of children to disadvantaged groups.
6. For identification of an orphan child, certificate of competent authority of Social Welfare Department shall be relied upon.
7. For identification of migrant and street child, certificate of competent authority of Education Department or Social Welfare Department or Labour Department shall be relied upon.
8. For identification of children with special needs and HIV affected/infected child, certificate of competent authority of Health & Family Welfare Department shall be relied upon.
9. For identification of child belonging to weaker section, Parents or guardian, certificate of competent authority of Community & Rural Development Department shall be relied upon.

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