## GOVERNMENT OF N.C.T. OF DELHI DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION (ACT-I BRANCH) OLD SECRETARIATE, DELHI – 110 054

No. DE-15/Act-I/WPC-1225/2014/25415-25416 Dated:4/8/14

Subject: - Appointment of Special Educators and making the buildings/schools premises barrier free to provide movement/access to children with disabilities.

The management of all Recognized Unaided Private Schools of Delhi were directed vide order No. DE.Act.15/WPC/4618/2012/6961-70 dated 19.02.2013 and its corrigendum of even no. dated 11.03.2013 to comply with the directions dated 05.09.2012 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi passed in WPC 4618/2011 in the matter of Social Jurist, A Civil Rights Group Vs Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

The Hon'ble Court in the said order had directed all the private recognized schools to appoint 'Special Educators' and make their buildings/schools premises barrier free so as to provide movement/access to the children with disabilities. The Hon'ble Court granted two years time (upto 04.09.2014) to appoint 'Special Educators' from the date of judgement/orders i.e. 5.09.2012 and also to make the school premises barrier free upto 31.03.2013.

The matter of appointment of Special Educators for the 'Disabled Children' and other connected issues, have again been agitated before the Hon'ble High Court during the proceedings of another case titled Pramod Arora Vs GNCT of Delhi (WPC 1225/2014), wherein, the Hon'ble Court directed the Department to submit the compliance report with regard to appointment of 'Special Educators' by the Private Unaided Schools of Delhi and making their buildings/schools premises barrier free so as to provide access to the Disabled Children alongwith other related directions.

So, all the Recognized Unaided Private Schools were directed vide this Directorate's Circular dated 18.06.2014 and its subsequent reminders dated 24/07/2014 to up-load the 'Special Educators' and 'Disabled Children's' related information on the module made available at this Directorate's website www.edudel.nic.in with the link Login ID->School Plant-> Data pertaining to Disabled Children but it has been found that most of the schools are still to upload the requisite information on the website.

Therefore, following directions are given to <u>all private</u> schools for strict compliance:-

- To upload the requisite information regarding disabled children on the department's website on the aforesaid module immediately if not done so.
- 2. To appoint 'Special Educators' in their schools, if not appointed so far, at the earliest but not later than the time granted by the Hon'ble Court.

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 To make their building/school premises barrier free for the disabled children immediately, if not done yet,

The latest **order dated 24/07/2014** has been placed on the website of the department ( On Pop up ) and the extract of these orders have also prominently been published by the leading 'News Papers' in Delhi but despite all this, most of the private schools are not submitting/uploading the requisite information on the link mentioned. The list of the defaulter schools is also available at the link  $\rightarrow Log$  in  $\rightarrow School$  Plant  $\rightarrow Disability$  student  $\rightarrow$  pertaining to disabled children report  $\rightarrow$  Defaulter schools who not fill disability children (2014-15).

All the Dy. Directors of Education are, hereby, directed to monitor this case on TOP PRIORITY, being a High Court matter where even contempt of the court is involved. It is also directed that all Dy. Directors of Education shall bring the status report in this case indicating, therein, the names of the defaulting private schools and initiation of action against such schools in the forthcoming meeting with Director of Education on 06/08/2014. Non-compliance of the order shall be viewed seriously.

This issue with the prior approval of the competent authority.

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1. IT (Computer) with direction to upload the same on the website.

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