

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR, SCHOOL EDUCATION,  
TELANGANA, HYDERABAD.  
(Present: A.Sridevasena, I.A.S.,)

No.12/Genl./2022.

Date:07 -11-2022.

Sub: School Education - Providing certain exemptions and concessions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in SSC Public Examinations and other examinations of Classes VI to X from the Academic Year 2022-23 – Reg.

Ref: G.O.Ms.No.27, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Dt.07.11.2022.

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Copy of G.O.Ms.No.27, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Date:.07.11.2022 with regard to providing certain exemptions and concessions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in SSC Public Examinations and other examinations of Classes VI to X from the Academic Year 2022-23 is communicated to the Director of Govt. Examinations, Telangana, Hyderabad, Regional Joint Director of School Education, Hyderabad & Warangal and all the District Educational Officers in the State for strict compliance.

Encl: (As above)

  
For DIRECTOR, SCHOOL EDUCATION

To

The Director of Government Examinations, Telangana, Hyderabad.  
The Regional Joint Director of School Education, Hyderabad / Warangal.  
All the District Educational Officers in the State.  
Copy to the Secretary, TREIS, Hyderabad.  
Copy to the Addl. Director, Model Schools, Telangana, Hyderabad.  
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Copy to the Secretary, TMWREIS, Hyderabad.  
Copy to the Secretary, MJPBCREIS, Hyderabad.  
Copy to the Secretary, EMRSS, Hyderabad.  
Copy to the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Telangana, Hyderabad.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

School Education – Providing certain exemptions & concessions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in the SSC Public Examinations and other examinations of Classes VI to X from the Academic Year 2022-23 – Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PROGRAMME-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.27

Dated:07.11.2022.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.142, Education Department, Dated.19.01.1962.
2. G.O.Ms.No.1139, Education (K) Department, Dated.27.12.1976.
3. G.O.Ms.No.77, Education (K2) Department, Dated.02.02.1980.
4. G.O.Ms.No.33, Education (Exams) Department, Dated.19.03.2001.
5. G.O.Ms.No.34, Education (SE-Exams) Department, Dated.05.03.2004.
6. From the Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi, D.O.Lr.No.9-39/2021-IS.18, Dated.09.11.2021.
7. From the Director, School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad, Lr.No.12/Genl./2022, Dated.16.02.2022.

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**ORDER:**

In the G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above, Government have issued orders for payment of remuneration to the scribe who takes dictation from the blind and other handicapped candidates appearing for H.S.C. / S.S.L.C. and other Government Examinations conducted by the Commissioner for Government Examinations.

2. In the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government have provided certain concessions to Physically Handicapped and Blind candidates appearing for SSC Examinations.

3. In the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, Government have provided certain exemption from payment of examination fee and exemption fee to Physically Handicapped (Blind, Deaf and Dumb) persons appearing for SSC and VII Class Common Examinations.

4. In the G.O. 4<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have provided certain concessions to Blind, Deaf and Dumb students, in addition to the existing concessions to the Physically Handicapped candidates who appear for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Class Common / Public Examinations.

5. In the G.O. 5<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have provided certain concessions / exemptions to the students suffering from Dyslexia and appearing for SSC Public Examinations March, 2004 onwards.

6. In the D.O. Letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi has informed that National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 reaffirms the provisions contained in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 (Central Act No.49 of 2016) in regard to students with disability. Section 17 of this Act mandates that the appropriate Government and local authorities must "make suitable modifications in the curriculum and examination system to meet the needs of students with disabilities such as extra time for completion of examination paper, facility of scribe or amanuensis, exemption from second and third language courses". The Secretary has requested to review the existing provisions for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in State Boards, revise them, accordingly notify in Government rules and facilitate for Implementation of these provisions for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) as per section 17 of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 (Central Act No.49 of 2016) and NEP, 2020 so that there are uniform provisions across all Boards with clear eligibility criteria and suggested that provisions for Children with Special Needs by CBSE might be helpful for replication by State Board.

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7. In the letter 7<sup>th</sup> read above, the Director, School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad has stated that a workshop was organized on 04.02.2022 with the officials of departments such as Government Examinations, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Board of Intermediate Education, Department for Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens, faculty / experts from (4) National Institutes working for the persons with Disabilities located at Secunderabad and Identified Teachers / Headmasters / Deputy Educational Officers / Inclusive Education Coordinators working in District Project Offices of Samagra Shiksha to review the existing provisions and additional provisions to be made for Children with Special Needs (CwSN). Accordingly, the Director, School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad has submitted new proposals for providing concessions/exemptions to Children with Special Needs in addition to the provisions as per Orders 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> read above for the SSC Public Examinations and for other examinations of Classes VI to X so as to facilitate Children with Special Needs (CwSN) as mandated in section 17 of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 (Central Act No. 49 of 2016).

- i. As per Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, classification of Disability categories and disabilities that are covered under each disability category with unique Disability Codes as mentioned in the **Annexure -I** are to be followed now on the lines of CBSE.
- ii. The Disability specific exemptions / concessions to be provided to Children with Special Needs (CwSN) newly in addition to the existing exemptions / concessions being allowed in the following GOs as per **Annexure - II** in order to comply with section 17 of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 (Central Act No. 49 of 2016) to make modification in the curriculum and examination system to meet the needs of students with disabilities such as extra time for completion of examination paper, facility of scribe or amanuensis, exemption from second and third language courses etc.
  - a. G.O.Ms.No.33, Education (Exams) Department, Dated:19.03.2001.
  - b. G.O.Ms.No.34, Education (SE-Exams) Department, Dated:05.03.2004.
- iii. General Exemptions / Concessions to be provided to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in addition to the existing exemptions / concessions being allowed in the following GOs as per **Annexure - III**.
  - a. G.O.Ms.No.33, Education (Exams) Department, Dated:19.03.2001.
  - b. G.O.Ms.No.34, Education (SE-Exams) Department, Dated:05.03.2004.
  - c. G.O.Ms.No.142, Education Department, Dated:19.01.1962.
  - d. G.O. Ms. No. 77, Education (K2) Department, Dated:02.02.1980.
  - e. G.O. Ms. No. 1139, Education (K) Department, Dated:27.12.1976.
- iv. Other General Instructions for providing exemptions / concessions to all the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) as per **Annexure-IV**.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to provide exemptions / concessions as per Annexure-II & Annexure-III for the disabilities mentioned as per Annexure-I and other General Instructions as per Annexure-IV appended to the G.O. to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in the State of Telangana for the SSC Public Examinations and other examinations of Classes VI to X from the Academic Year 2022-23, in addition to the existing exemptions / concessions being allowed to Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in the G.Os 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> read above, so as to facilitate Children with Special Needs as mandated in section 17 of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 (Central Act No. 49 of 2016).

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9. The Director, School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad and the Director of Government Examinations, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

KARUNA VAKATI  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director, School Education, T.S., Hyderabad.  
The Director of Government Examinations,  
Telangana, Hyderabad.  
The Regional Joint Director of School  
Education, Hyderabad / Warangal.  
All the District Educational Officers in the State.  
Copy to:  
The Higher Education Department.  
The Secretary, Board of Intermediate  
Education, Telangana State, Hyderabad.  
The Social Welfare Dept./BC Welfare Department/Tribal  
Welfare Department/Minorities Department/  
WCD&SC Welfare Department.  
All the HoDs under the control of School Education  
Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.  
The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (Education)  
The P.S. to Secretary to Government (Education)  
The Law (D) Department.  
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**ANNEXURE - I**

(to G.O.Ms.No.27, School Education(Programme.II) Department Dt:07.11.2022.)

The List of disabilities for providing exemptions/concessions.

Sl.No. (1)	Disability Category (2)	Disability Code (3)	Name of the Disability** (4)
1	Physical Disability - Locomotor Disability	HL	Leprosy Cured Persons
		HC	Cerebral Palsy
		HD	Dwarfism
		HM	Muscular Dystrophy
		HA	Acid Attack Victims
		LE	Permanent Physical Impairment of Extremities (Hand, Foot etc.)
		LS	Permanent Physical Impairment of Spine
		LA	Permanent Physical Impairment-Amputation
		LF	Permanent Physical Impairment-Club Foot and other Conditions.
	LL	Spinal Cord Injuries	
2	Physical Disability - Visual Impairment	BB	Blindness
		BL	Low Vision
3	Physical Disability - Hearing Impairment	DD	Deaf
		DH	Hard of Hearing
4	Physical Disability - Speech and Language Disability	DS	Speech and Language Disability
5	Intellectual Disability	CS	Specific Learning Disabilities: i. Dyslexia ii. Dysgraphia iii. Dyscalculia iv. Dyspraxia, v. Developmental Aphasia
		CI	Intellectual Disability
		CA	Autism Spectrum Disorder
6	Mental Behavior	SM	Mental Illness
7	Disability caused due to Chronic Neurological Conditions & Blood Disorders	SN	Chronic Neurological Conditions: i. Multiple Sclerosis ii. Parkinson's Disease
		SB	Blood Disorders: i. Haemophilia ii. Thalassaemia iii. Sickle Cell Disease
8	Multiple Disabilities	SD	Multiple Disabilities
** The Definition of disabilities are defined in the Schedule of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, (Central Act No. 49 of 2016)			

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**ANNEXURE – II**

(to G.O.Ms.No.27, School Education(Programme.II) Department, Dt:07.11.2022.)

**DISABILITY SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS & CONCESSIONS**

Sl. No. (1)	Disability Code (2)	Name of the Disability** (3)	Exemptions and Concessions (4)
<b>Physical Disability - Locomotor Disability</b>			
1	HL	Leprosy Cured Persons	a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '20'(Thirty-five to Twenty) in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations. b) For the purpose of valuation, certain grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored, wherever necessary. c) Separate answer scripts (Thick paper) may be provided for the examinations d) Suitable assistive devices like calculators, computers and facilities like appropriate chairs & tables may be availed by the candidate, if necessary. e) Exemption from Studying & appearing in any one (1) language out of the three. f) May be permitted to avail the services of the scribe and compensatory time. g) Rest breaks may be permitted during the examination, if necessary. h) Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State, may permit the candidates to take the examinations in a Hospital under the Supervision, if necessary, on a case-by-case basis. i) May be permitted to avail the services of Care Assistant during the examination, if necessary, with the prior permission of Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State.
2	HC	Cerebral Palsy	
3	HD	Dwarfism	
4	HM	Muscular Dystrophy	
5	HA	Acid Attack Victims	
<b>Physical Disability – Locomotor disability</b>			
6	LE	Permanent Physical Impairment of Extremities (Hand, Foot etc.)	a) Exemption from studying & appearing in any one (1) language out of the three. b) Suitable assistive devices like calculators, computers and facilities like appropriate chairs & tables may be availed by the candidate, If necessary c) Only the candidates whose upper limbs (Hands) are dysfunctional or affected are permitted to avail the services of the scribe and compensatory time. d) Examination hall may be allotted on the ground floor. e) May be permitted to avail the services of Care Assistant during the
7	LS	Permanent Physical Impairment of Spine	
8	LA	Permanent Physical Impairment- Amputation	

9	LF	Permanent Physical Impairment- Club Foot and other Conditions.	examination, if necessary, with the prior permission of Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State.
<b>Physical Disability - Visual Impairment</b>			
10	BB	Blindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '20' (Thirty-five to Twenty) in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations.</li> <li>b) For the purpose of valuation, certain grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</li> <li>c) Suitable assistive devices (Abacus, Tyler frame, magnifying glass, portable video magnifier, Braille Slate, Geometry Kit, Braille Measuring tape, etc.) shall be permitted in the examination hall as per the requirement.</li> <li>d) Suitable assistive devices like calculators, computers and facilities like appropriate chairs &amp; tables may be used by the candidates in the examination hall with prior permission, if necessary.</li> </ul>
11	BL	Low Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) Exemption from studying &amp; writing any one (1) language subject out of the three.</li> <li>f) May be permitted to avail the services of the scribe and compensatory time.</li> <li>g) Alternate type of questions in lieu of descriptive questions requiring visual inputs may be provided for candidates with visual impairment.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Disability - Hearing Impairment</b>			
12	DD	Deaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '20' (Thirty-five to Twenty) in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations.</li> </ul>
13	DH	Hard of Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) For the purpose of valuation, only certain grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</li> <li>c) Students with Hearing Impairment are permitted to study &amp; write only one (1) language subject out of the three. (Any 2 languages are exempted)</li> <li>d) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.</li> <li>e) Trained Teachers should only attend the valuation of answer papers.</li> <li>f) Interpreter using sign language may be allowed in the examination room to help the learner with hearing impairment to understand the instructions.</li> <li>g) One Interpreter adequate for each examination room. The center</li> </ul>

			<p>superintendent may take decisions regarding arrangements of Interpreter.</p> <p>h) The words count of answers can be less than the expected word counts. Answers to long questions can be given in points.</p> <p>i) There should be an alternative of writing provided for oral evaluations.</p>
<b>Physical Disability – Speech &amp; Language Disability</b>			
14	DS	Speech & Language Disability	<p>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '20' (Thirty-five to Twenty) in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations.</p> <p>b) Exemption from studying &amp; writing any one (1) language subject out of the three.</p> <p>c) For the purpose of valuation, only certain grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</p> <p>d) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.</p> <p>e) Trained Teachers should only attend the valuation of answer papers.</p>
<b>Intellectual Disability</b>			
15	CS	<p>Specific Learning Disabilities: Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia, Development Aphasia.</p>	<p>a) Candidates with Specific Learning Disabilities are exempted from only (1) language out of three languages.</p> <p>b) For the purpose of valuation, only certain grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</p> <p>c) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '20' (Thirty-five to Twenty) in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations.</p> <p>d) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.</p>
16	CA	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	<p>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '10' (Thirty-five to Ten) marks in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations.</p> <p>b) Exemption from studying &amp; writing any one (1) language subject out of the three.</p> <p>c) For the purpose of valuation, certain grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</p> <p>d) Separate answer scripts (Thick Paper) may be provided for the examinations.</p> <p>e) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.</p>



17	CI	Intellectual Disability /MR	<p>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '10' (Thirty-five to Ten) marks in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations.</p> <p>b) Students with Intellectual Disability are permitted to study &amp; write only one (1) language subject out of the three. (Any 2 languages are exempted)</p> <p>c) For the purpose of valuation, certain grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</p> <p>d) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidates, as per the requirement.</p> <p>e) Alternative objective questions in lieu of descriptive questions may be provided for candidates with I.D.</p>
<b>Mental Behaviour</b>			
18	SM	Mental Illness	<p>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '10' (Thirty-five to Ten) marks in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations.</p> <p>b) Exemption from studying &amp; writing any one (1) of language subjects out of the three.</p> <p>c) For the purpose of valuation, certain grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</p> <p>d) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.</p>
<b>Neurological Conditions &amp; Blood Disorders</b>			
19	SN	<b>Neurological Conditions</b> 1. Neurological Conditions 2. Multiple Sclerosis	<p>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '20' (Thirty-five to Twenty) in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations for the candidates who come under "SN" Disability Code only. This exemption does not apply to the candidates under "SB" disability code i.e., Blood disorders.</p> <p>b) Exemption from studying &amp; writing any one (1) of language subjects out of the three.</p> <p>c) For the purpose of valuation, only certain grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</p> <p>d) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidates, as per the requirement.</p> <p>e) Provide Medical Facility wherever necessary.</p>
20	SB	<b>Blood Disorders:</b> 1. Haemophilia 2. Thalassemia 3. Sickle Cell Disease	<p>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '20' (Thirty-five to Twenty) in all the subjects from classes VI to X and SSC Public Examinations for the candidates who come under "SB" Disability Code only. This exemption does not apply to the candidates under "SN" disability code i.e., Blood disorders.</p> <p>b) Exemption from studying &amp; writing any one (1) of language subjects out of the three.</p> <p>c) For the purpose of valuation, only certain grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</p> <p>d) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidates, as per the requirement.</p> <p>e) Provide Medical Facility wherever necessary.</p>

<b>Multiple Disabilities</b>			
21	SD	Multiple Disabilities	The exemptions & concessions would be provided based on the nature of disabilities as mentioned above.
<b>** The Definition of disabilities are defined in the Schedule of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act No. 49 of 2016).</b>			

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**ANNEXURE - III**

(to G.O.Ms.No.27, School Education(Programme.II) Department, Dt:07.11.2022.)

**General Exemptions/Concessions for all the CwSN**

**i) Issuing Authority of Medical Certificate:**

- a. Disability Certificate(s) issued by Government hospitals controlled by either the Central or State Governments from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon /Medical Superintendent.
- b. To follow GO.Ms.No.5 WCD & SC (Schemes) dept, dt:13.06.2018 & GO.Ms.No.31, WDCW & DW dept, dt:01.12.2009.

**ii) The facility of Scribe and Compensatory time:**

The Candidates with disabilities as defined in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 may be permitted to use a Scribe (or) allowed Compensatory time as given below (or) both:

Sl.No. (1)	Paper Duration (2)	Compensatory Time (20 Minutes for each hour) (3)
1.	3 Hours 15 Minutes	65 Minutes
2.	3 Hours	60 Minutes
3.	2 Hours 45 Minutes	55 Minutes
4.	2 Hours 30 Minutes	50 Minutes
5.	2 Hours	40 Minutes
6.	1 Hour 45 Minutes	35 Minutes
7.	1 Hour 30 Minutes	30 Minutes
8.	1 Hour	20 Minutes

**iii) Appointment of scribe and related instructions:**

- a. The candidates may have the discretion of opting for his/her own scribe/reader or request the examination centre for the same.
- b. In case scribe/reader is provided by the Examination Centre, the qualification of the Scribe should not be more than the candidate appearing examination.
- c. In case the candidate is allowed to bring his/her scribe the qualification of the scribe should not be more than the candidate appearing examination. The person with benchmark disabilities opting for their own Scribe/Reader should submit the details of the own scribe/Reader as per proforma issued by the DGE, T.S. The Candidate shall also have the option of meeting the scribe two days before the examination to check the suitability.
- d. Candidates may be allowed to change scribe/reader in the case of emergency. The candidate may also be allowed to take more than one scribe/reader for writing different papers, in the case of language papers. However, there shall be only one scribe per subject.
- e. Chief Superintendent of the examination centre concerned shall forward to the concerned Assistant Commissioner for Government Examinations(ACGE) of the District, a report giving full particulars of the candidate and that of the scribe 2 days before commencement of examination.
- f. A suitable room may be arranged for the candidate for whom a scribe is allowed and a separate Assistant Superintendent shall be appointed by the Chief Superintendent to supervise his/her examination.
- g. The Remuneration for Scribe shall not be paid by either Institution or by the Candidate.

- h. The Scribe shall be paid remuneration by the Chief Superintendent as per norms set by the Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State (hereinafter referred to as DGE, T.S.)

**iv. Other General Instructions/Facilities:**

- a. To facilitate easy access, the Jumbling process for examination purposes may be abolished to all Children with Special Needs (CwSN) and the same school or nearby schools shall be allotted, as per the feasibility.
- b. Teachers from schools for the Visually Impaired & Hearing impaired shall be appointed as Assistant Superintendent/Invigilator at the special examination centres for the visually handicapped as and when required. However, due precaution is to be taken to appoint different subject teachers on different days.
- c. Answer booklets of Candidates with Benchmark Disabilities may be sent separately by the Chief Superintendents.
- d. A separate column shall be provided on the title page of the answer booklet for indicating the category of disability.
- e. Use of calculators or assistive devices may be permitted in any of the examinations conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Telangana State, only if specified in the disability-specific list of exemptions and concessions.
- f. Visually Impaired candidates are permitted to carry Magnifying Glass/ Portable Video Magnifier.
- g. Only the candidates belonging to the following categories of disabilities shall be permitted to use a computer/laptop during the examination: HL, HC, HD, HM, HA, BB, BL, SM, SN, SB, SD disability codes only.
- h. The Computer/Laptop may be allowed by the candidates of the above-mentioned categories as per the actual need and skills of the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) duly supported by a certificate issued by registered medical practitioners/ qualified psychological consultants recommending the use of the Computer facility for writing the examination citing the ground on which recommendation for use of computer has been made. Such permission shall be granted by the Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State upon receiving an application from the concerned school head, subject to the following:
  - i. Use of computer shall be limited to typing answers, viewing the questions in the enlarged font size and listening to the questions only.
  - ii. The candidate shall bring his / her computer or laptop duly formatted and the Chief Superintendent shall allow such candidate after an inspection by the computer teacher and the same teacher may do the monitoring of the use of the computer during the examination duration. Chief Superintendent may compensate for the loss of time, if any, and record the same.
  - iii. The computer/laptop brought by the candidate shall not have any active Internet connection so as to maintain the sanctity of the examinations.
  - iv. The candidate shall use the computer/laptop only for the purpose for which permission has been granted by the Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State.
  - v. Such requests along with specific recommendations by the competent medical authority/ qualified psychology consultant shall be sent to the Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State, who shall verify all such requests and grant permission to the student for the use of a Computer/ laptop in the examination if found valid.
  - vi. Responsibility for use & safety of the computer/ laptop shall lie with the candidate and Board shall not be liable for any consequences

arising out of any mis-happening on account of the use of such devices.

- vii. Provision of 'Reader' shall be provided to read the question paper in case the student with a disability does not want to avail of the scribe facility. However, the role of the 'Reader' shall be limited to reading the Question Paper only. Request for availing the services of the 'Reader' shall be made by the concerned school HM to the Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State, with the specific recommendations by the registered medical practitioners / authorized psychologist. Such cases shall be referred to the Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State, through proper channel by the school HM/Principal and the permission shall be accorded on a case-by-case basis based on the merit of such request. Candidates availing the services of the 'Reader' shall not be allowed to use the services of the scribe.
- viii. Proper seating arrangements (preferably on the ground floor) shall be made prior to the commencement of the examination.

**v. Other Special Instructions / Facilities for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in certain special situations:**

Certain special facilities listed below may be availed by all the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in extraordinary circumstances only. Request to avail these facilities has to be placed before Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State, through proper channel by the school Head Master/Principal along with all relevant supporting medical evidence and permission shall be accorded on a case-by-case basis based on the merit of such request only after considering the feasibility.

- a) Provision to avail rest breaks during the examination.
- b) Provision to candidate to take the examinations in a Government/ Private Hospital/ Rehabilitation Centre/ other medical facility recognized by the Government of Telangana State under strict Supervision, if necessary, on a case-by-case basis only.
- c) Provision to avail of the services of a Care Assistant, Prompter or communicator during the examination.
- d) Provision to access the services of "Sign Language" Interpreters in the case of Hearing Impaired CwSN only, if necessary.

**vi. Fee:**

Application & Examination Fee for the SSC Public Examinations may not be charged from all the CwSN from Class VI to Class X within due dates.

**vii. Attendance Relaxation:**

Relaxation of attendance (up to 50%) may be considered if required for CwSN with Disability Codes SB, HM, LL, SN, CI, CA, SM.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**ANNEXURE - IV**

(to G.O.Ms.No.27, School Education(Programme.II) Department, Dt:07.11.2022.)

**Other General Instructions for providing exemptions / concessions to all the CwSN:**

1. Children with Special Needs (CwSN) who wish to appear for the SSC Public Examinations conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Telangana State and who wish to avail the exemptions/concessions should approach the Directorate of Government Examinations, T.S., through the Head of the Institution, preferably while studying in Class-IX or Class-X. The application should be forwarded by the Head of the Institute by duly enclosing the original medical certificate and the photocopy of the medical certificate duly attested by a Gazetted Officer. Only those students would be considered for grant of exemptions/ concessions, whose category of disability is duly entered in the application form of SSC Public Examinations.
2. The Chief Superintendent of the Examination Centre shall form a panel of eligible scribes/ readers/ prompters (as per the eligibility criteria) to be provided to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) candidates in the examination centres under their control and submit the list to the concerned District Educational Officer for approval. The District Educational Officer shall communicate the approved list to the Commissioner of School Education, Telangana State and Director of Government Examinations, Telangana State.
3. The 'Standard Operating Procedure' (SOP) for availing the exemptions, the proforma for the 'letter of undertaking' for using own scribe has to be framed and communicated to all the stakeholders by the Directorate of Government Examinations, Telangana State, with the prior approval of the Commissioner of School Education, Telangana State. (See the Enclosure-A).
4. A dedicated Grievance Redressal Helpline to support the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) and other stakeholders before/during/after the examinations shall be constituted by the Directorate of Government Examinations, Telangana State and the information shall be made available in the public domain and shall be widely circulated to all the stakeholders.
5. The exemptions and concessions provided by the Board of Secondary Education, Telangana State, shall be prominently displayed on the official website and shall be accessible in all the official languages of the state.

**KARUNA VAKATI**  
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

  
**SECTION OFFICER**

**ENCLOSURE-A**

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING EXEMPTIONS**

- STEP I.** Parents should go through the consolidated instructions.
- STEP II.** Parents get the child examined by the Competent Medical Authority and obtain requisite Medical Certificate of Disability.
- STEP III.** For availing any exemption, parents will have to make a request to school alongwith copy of certificate of disability by latest by 7<sup>th</sup> July. The draft application is annexed at Annexure-C. School will acknowledge the request made by the candidate.
- STEP IV.** School will forward the request to concerned Regional Office of the Board latest by 15<sup>th</sup> July, alongwith specific recommendation. In case of rejection by the school, the same should also be sent to Board alongwith reasons of such rejection.
- STEP V.** Regional Office will examine the request in accordance with the rules of the Board. In case of rejection, reasons for the same will be intimated.

**ANNEXURE-A**

**CERTIFICATE REGARDING PHYSICAL LIMITATION IN AN EXAMINEE TO WRITE  
(SUGGESTIVE)**

This is to certify that, I have examined Mr/Ms/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the candidate with disability), a person with \_\_\_\_\_ (nature and percentage of disability as mentioned in the certificate of disability) S/o/D/o \_\_\_\_\_ a student of \_\_\_\_\_ (School name & address) and to state that he/she has physical limitation which hampers his/her writing capabilities owing to his/her disability.

Signature  
Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a  
Government health care institution

Name & Designation.  
Name of Government Hospital/Health Care Centre with Seal

Place:

Date:

Note:

Certificate of disability should be given by a specialist of the relevant Stream/disability (eg: Visual impairment - Ophthalmologist, Locomotor disability- Prthopaedic Specialist/PMR).



**ANNEXURE-B**

**LETTER OF UNDERTAKING FOR USING OWN SCRIBE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a student of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the school), S/o \_\_\_\_\_ bearing Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ will be appearing at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the centre). My qualification is \_\_\_\_\_.

I do hereby state that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the scribe) will provide the service of scribe/reader for the undersigned for taking the aforesaid examination.

I do hereby undertake that his qualification is \_\_\_\_\_ in case, subsequently it is found that his qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is beyond my qualification, I shall forfeit my right and claims relating to this examination.

(Signature of the candidate with Disability)

Place:

Date:

