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Notification

It is for information of all concerned that the Board has taken following steps regarding implementation of the Review-cum-Reforms Committee on SEBA headed by Professor Srinath Baruah .

In this regard, the Board requests people of Assam / intellectuals / educationists to convey their views/suggestions etc. on this issue. The views/suggestions may be addressed to the Secretary, Board of Secondary Education, Assam, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21.

Chapter-1: Introduction

This chapter related to the introduction of the Report only.

Chapter-2 : Reforms:

2.2 Composition of the Board : Regarding strengthening of the Board, amendment of the present Act is needed, which may also include:

- i. Status of the Officers.
- ii. Pay of the Officers.
- iii. Recruitment position of the Board.

The Srinath Baruah Committee (Committee henceforth) has recommended for the strengthening of the Board by raising the status and pay of Officers and bringing modification to the recruitment position of the Board. In order to implement this recommendation, it may be stated that the present fund position of the Board has to be examined.

2.3 Reforms in the form of amendment of Regulations :

- (a) Regarding the recommendation of the Committee, on the upgradation of senior cadre Officers to bring a parity with officers of Universities in the UGC scale of pay, it is stated here that at present all the Regulations of the Board have been prepared as per its clauses of the existing Act of the Board and followed by the Board accordingly. If the posts of senior cadre officers are to be upgraded in line with the recommendations of the Committee, it is suggested that the Assam Secondary Education Act, 1961 needs to be amended.
- (b) It may be stated here in this connection that the entire expenditures of the Board are met from the various fees collected from students. This part also needs to be considered for making the officers equivalent to the officers of Universities.
- (c) It may also be stated here that all the posts recommended by the Committee are included in the revised regulation based on the present Act of the Board which is passed by the Board on 29th March, 2016.
- (d) Besides, in the revised Regulation a Post of Deputy Secretary (IT) has been included to strengthen the IT cell of the Board.
- (e) Moreover, the recommendations of the Committee on the entry qualification of all Grade- III posts have been taken care of in the revised Regulation of the Board.

2.4 General Observation on Administrative Functioning:

- (a) Regarding implementation of the recommendation on dealing with malpractices, it is stated here that an Act is essential to give legal hand to the law enforcing authority. The Board would like to request the Government to kindly look into the matter and take necessary steps for the enactment of such an Act.
- (b) Regarding the recommendation of the Committee on the establishment of Regional Offices of the Board, it is stated here that steps have already been taken to implement this recommendation and two Regional offices of the Board at Jorhat and Silchar are functioning. Opening of more Regional Offices will come up for consideration when the fund position of the board improves. However, the Board feels that the Offices of the Inspectors of Schools in those districts where there are no Regional Offices

including the main office, may discharge important functions of the Board relating to students for which a Board's employee with sound computer knowledge may be attached to those offices of the Inspectors of Schools.

- (c) Regarding recommendations of the Committee on creation of new administrative sections, it is stated here that :
- i. An Information Technology (IT) section has already been stated to be headed by a Deputy Secretary (IT).
 - ii. Regarding recommendation on Legal Section : it is stated here that normally the Board has a legal retainer. However, the Board hires advocates as and when required to handle various Court cases.
 - iii. Regarding recommendation on starting a Research and Development Section, it is stated here that a post of Deputy Secretary (Academic) has already been created to be the Head of the Academic Section of the Board.
- (d) Regarding recommendations on financial irregularities and constitution of selection committee, it is stated here that the revised Regulation as per present Act covers these recommendations. However, with regard to recommendation on provision of annual grant by the State Government's made at 2.4 (f), the State Govt. may like to consider.

2.5 Suggested reforms pertaining to Examination of SEBA :

- (a) Regarding reforms pertaining to examination of SEBA it is stated here that the recommendations have been implemented in a modified form.
- (b) The scheme of Continuous and comprehensive Evaluation has already been implemented by the Board in all scholastic and co-scholastic areas.
- (c) The Board has all along associated with State Academic Council and other State and District teacher organisations in providing training to teachers.
- (d) Regarding recommendations on Grading/Percentage 'No fail' and Higher and lower level of curriculum there is the need for detailed discussion with the Government.
- (e) Regarding recommendation on guidance and counselling steps are under way.
- (f) It is felt that abolition of the ranking system in the HSLC examination depends upon the Government. However, the Board desires that students should be encouraged on their performances.

Chapter 3 : Application of ICT

The Board has already created a cell of IT headed by a Deputy Secretary (IT). The work and functions of the Cell will be improved as per requirement. Presently, IT has already been introduced in the examination system of the Board.

Chapter 4 : Stoppage of possible malpractices in HSLC Examination :

While the recommendation on the enactment of an Anti Malpractices Act will be taken up by the Government, it is stated here that steps are being taken for stopping of possibilities of malpractices in the Board's examinations.

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