

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ministry of Education (Department of School Education & Literacy) has formulated Draft (Amendment) Rules prescribing the method and manner for admissions in schools under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

The Draft (Amendment) Rules can be accessed online at <https://www.chdeducation.gov.in/>. All the stakeholders, including school Headmasters, School Management Committee Members, Teachers, Parents of children admitted under Section 12(1)(c), civil society organizations are advised to go through the Draft Central Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Rules and submit their objections/suggestions, if any, by 31st July, 2026 at email i.e. deo-chd@nic.in.

Draft Central RTE Rules

Recommendation of the committee (1/7) :

S. No	Existing RTE Rule	Modification proposed in the existing rule	Purpose
1	11. Admission of children belonging to weaker section and disadvantaged group. (3) The area or limits of neighbourhood specified in sub-rule (1) of rule 6 shall apply to admissions made in accordance with clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 12: Provided that the school may, for the purposes of filling up the requisite percentage of seats for children referred to in clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 12, extend these area or limits with the prior approval of the appropriate Government.	11. Admission of children belonging to weaker section and disadvantaged group. (3) The area or limits of neighbourhood specified in sub-rule (1) of rule 6 shall apply to admissions made in accordance with clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 12: Provided that the appropriate Government may, for the purposes of filling up the requisite percentage of seats for children referred to in clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 12, extend these area or limits.	To ensure uniformity in the extension of admission area/limit and to reduce the vacant seats under RTE Section 12(1)(c) based admissions.

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Recommendation of the committee (2/7) :

S.No	Proposed RTE Rule	Proposed Provision under the new rule	Purpose
2	11A - Pre Admission Process	1. The Appropriate Government, shall advertise the schedule, weblink for detailed information on admission process, toll free helpline number and details of helpdesks for admissions under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 12 through print media, electronic media and locally used medium of publicizing the important announcements in Hindi, English and local language. 2. The schedule for admission under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 12 shall be the same for the entire UT without Legislature and be made in such a manner that the admission process is completed at least two months before the commencement of the next academic session. 3. The Appropriate Government shall organize an orientation and training of school authorities on the admission procedure and prevention of discrimination of children belonging to disadvantaged groups and weaker sections. 4. The Appropriate Government shall set-up sufficient number of help-desks during the admission cycle to facilitate the entire admission process.	To introduce Provisions of Pre Admission procedure in the current RTE Rule 11.

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Recommendation of the committee (3.1/7) :

S. No	Proposed new Rule	Proposed Provision under the new rule	Purpose
3	11B - Online Portal	1. The Appropriate Government shall develop an online portal for receiving applications for admissions under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 12. 2. All District Education Officers, referred to in clause (e) of Rule 2, shall be connected to the portal. 3. The online portal shall have all the necessary information regarding the admissions including but not limited to :- a. the notified Rules and guidelines; b. notification specifying children belonging to disadvantaged groups and weaker section. c. conditions for admission of children with special needs (CwSN). d. the neighbourhood criteria. e. per child expenditure to be reimbursed by the UT (without legislature). f. entitlements of children admitted under the Disadvantaged Groups/Weaker Sections category; g. instruction manual for filling up the admission form; h. list of documents required; i. details of helpdesks for facilitating the application process; j. toll-free helpline number for redressing the issues during and after the admission process; k. Schedule of admission including timeline for call of applications, deadline for submission of application forms, publication of list of eligible children after verification of documents, draw of lots, display of list of children getting admission along with a waiting-list; date of reporting to school for admission and beginning of the academic session;	To comply with the court judgement for ensuring transparent admission procedure through online admission portal and provide a single platform for all necessary details related to admissions.

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Recommendation of the committee (3.2/7) :

S. No	Proposed new Rule	Proposed Provision under the new rule	Purpose
		4. The online portal shall also provide real-time information on :- a. location and details of schools with Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping; b. class-wise total number of seats; c. class-wise number of seats for admissions under Disadvantaged Groups/Weaker Sections category; d. class-wise number of seats for admissions of CWSN under Disadvantaged Groups/ Weaker Sections category; e. school-wise; class-wise and category-wise number of seats vacant under Disadvantaged Groups/ Weaker Sections category. f. School-wise detail of the entry-level class i.e. whether the entry level is pre-primary grade or Class I.	

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Recommendation of the committee (4/7) :

S. No	Proposed new Rule	Proposed Provision under the new rule	Purpose
4	11C - Admission process	1. Applications for admissions under clause (c) of sub section 1 of section 12 of the RTE Act shall be received through online portal. 2. In case of any deficiency in the application, a five-day opportunity to rectify the same shall be given to the applicant. 3. After receiving all applications, the applications shall be scrutinized for eligibility and shortlisting. 4. The shortlisted applications shall be grouped as per the priority defined in rule 11D. If the number of shortlisted applications in a group taken up in the order of priority exceeds the seats available under clause (c) of sub section 1 of section 12 of the RTE Act, draw of lots shall be done to select the applications for admission. 5. Draw of lots shall be held in public, providing parents and guardians an opportunity to witness the process and ensure transparency. 6. The Appropriate Government shall notify school-wise list of children selected and waitlisted on the online portal. 7. The school shall approach parents/guardian of each selected child for completing the admission process and update the status of admission on the portal. 8. If the seat remains vacant after seven days from the date specified for reporting to school for admission, the school shall report the matter to the Dispute Settlement Committee. 9. The Dispute Settlement Committee (DSC) shall decide the issue within 7 days of reporting of the matter by passing a speaking order. If found appropriate, the Dispute Settlement Committee may release the seat for admission of child in the waiting list.	To define the admission process, correction window, process and mode of draw of lots, selection and waiting list.

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Recommendation of the committee (5/7) :

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5	11D - Priority of Applications	1. The applications with the applicants' residence within 1 km radius of the school shall be considered first. 2. If within 1 km radius the number of applications exceeds the number of seats available, preference will be given to children having siblings studying in the same school after which applications of other DG/WS shall be considered. 3. If seats still remain unfilled, the neighbourhood criteria shall be extended to within 1-3 km distance. 4. If within 1-3 km radius, the number of applications exceed the number of seats available, preference will be given to children having siblings studying in the same school after which applications of other DG/WS shall be considered. If the seats still remain unfilled, the appropriate government may decide as per proviso to rule 11(3).	To provide the sequence of priority in admissions based on the social category and neighbourhood norms.

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Recommendation of the committee (6.1/7) :

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6	11E - Dispute Settlement Committee	1. The Appropriate Government shall constitute a Dispute Settlement Committee (DSC) for redressing any grievances or disputes relating to the admission process. 2. The Dispute Settlement Committee (DSC) shall be a three-member Committee headed by the Head of the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) and include the District Education Officer and a district level officer from a Department other than School Education Department as nominated by the District Collector/ Magistrate. 3. The Dispute Settlement Committee shall decide the matter brought before it within a period of 7 days. In case the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the decision of Dispute Settlement Committee (DSC), District Collector/Magistrate shall be the final appellate authority.	To define a body to settle disputes arising from RTE Section 12(1)(c) admissions.

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Recommendation of the committee (6.2/7) : ALTERNATIVE

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11E - 6	Dispute Settlement Committee	1. The Appropriate Government shall constitute a Dispute Settlement Committee (DSC) for redressing any grievances or disputes relating to the admission process. 2. The Dispute Settlement Committee (DSC) shall be a three-member Committee to be formed by the District Magistrate/Collector and will include a. ADM rank officer nominated by the collector as Chairperson b. DEO as member secretary c. Any senior officer of education department in the district 3. Committee shall decide the matter brought before it within a period of 7 days. In case the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the decision of Dispute Settlement Committee (DSC), District Collector/Magistrate shall be the final appellate authority.	To define a body to settle disputes arising from RTE Section 12(1)(c) admissions.

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Recommendation of the committee (7.1/7) :

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7	12A. Timely Reimbursement without Delay	1. The Appropriate Government or local authority shall ensure timely reimbursement of per-child expenditure, ensuring that no delay occurs in the disbursement of funds to the schools referred under clause (iii) and (iv) of sub-clause (n) of section 2. 2. The process of reimbursement shall be completed in two instalments with a. The first instalment being reimbursed within 3 months of submission of claim by the school or 9 months of the beginning of the academic year whichever is later and b. The second instalment being reimbursed within 3 months of submission of claim by the school or 6 months of the completion of academic year whichever is later.	To ensure timely reimbursement of per child expenditure to private/unaided schools under section 12(1)(c).

*As per the recommendation of the High-level Committee on Non-financial Regulatory Reforms Report-VIII, Per child expenditure should be revised at least once every three years.

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Recommendation of the committee (7.2/7) :

ALTERNATIVE

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7	12A. Timely Reimbursement without Delay	1. The Appropriate Government or local authority shall ensure timely reimbursement of per-child expenditure, ensuring that no delay occurs in the disbursement of funds to the schools referred under clause (iii) and (iv) of sub-clause (n) of section 2. 2. The reimbursement shall be completed within 3 months of submission of claim by the school or 9 months of the beginning of the academic year, whichever is later. 3. The reimbursement shall be done through a portal and proper digital record of all transactions shall be kept in a transparent manner.	To ensure timely reimbursement of per child expenditure to private/unaided schools under section 12(1)(c).

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