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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE TAMIL NADU PRIVATE SCHOOLS (REGULATION) RULES, 2023

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No. SRO A-6(b)/2026.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 57 of the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 2018 (Tamil Nadu Act 35 of 2019), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023, namely:—

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,

(1) in rule 8,

(a) to sub-rule (5), the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that the fee to be paid for every application for grant of certificate of recognition for more than three years shall be Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) for Nursery and Primary Schools and Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) for Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools or as may be specified by the Government from time to time”.

(b) in sub-rule (8), for the expression “or the building license whichever is earlier”, the expression “or for the period of twenty years whichever is earlier” shall be substituted ;

(2) after rule 8, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“8-A. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Primary and Nursery Schools which were in existence on the date of publication of these rules in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* and intend to upgrade shall apply for permission to upgrade in Form I-B and for grant of certificate of recognition in Form II-A subject to the fulfillment of requirements specified in Annexure-III”.

(3) in rule 35, after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rules shall be added, namely:—

“(3) The land, buildings and facilities of every recognised private school shall be utilised primarily and exclusively for academic instruction, co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities, student welfare programmes and school functions conducted under the authority and supervision of the educational agency.

(4) (a) No school premises shall be used, whether during or outside school hours, for organising, conducting, or facilitating any programme, meeting, campaign, instruction, or any activity by any external person, association, or organisation which is in the nature of:-

- (i) political or ideological;
- (ii) communal or divisive; or
- (iii) otherwise, unrelated to the educational objectives of the school.

(b) Cultural events, social service programmes, blood donation camps, commemorative functions, or similar activities shall be permitted only if they are non-sectarian, non-political, and conducted under the direct supervision and responsibility of the educational agency, and subject to such prior permission of the competent authority or any other authority as may be specified by the Government.

Explanation -

For the purposes of this sub-rule, “communal or divisive activity” means any activity which is intended or likely to promote disharmony, enmity, hatred, or ill-will among students on the basis of religion, race, caste, community, language, or ideology, or which undermines the objectives and inclusive character of the private school”.

(4) in Form III-A, in para 2, after clause (vi), the following clauses shall be added, namely:-

“(vii) the educational agency shall upload a self-declaration for compliance of the provisions of the Act and Rules to the competent authority on or before the 30th April of every year in the portal as may be specified by the Government”.

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