

The MALAYALAM LANGUAGE LEARNING ACT 2017

Section 3 - Malayalam to be taught in all schools in the State.—

1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act or any rules or orders made thereunder for the time being in force, Malayalam shall be taught as a language in classes from first standard to tenth standard in all schools in the State from the academic year 2017-18: Provided that in those schools including linguistic minority schools where Malayalam language is not being taught as per the existing curriculum at the date of commencement of this Act, the State Council for Education Research and Training (SCERT) shall prepare text book for teaching Malayalam and the same shall be taught. (2) No restriction shall be imposed for speaking Malayalam in schools in the State either directly or indirectly. (3) No board or notice shall be displayed or no other campaign shall be conducted in schools in the State imposing restrictions in speaking Malayalam language or that some other language alone shall be spoken. (4) If there are situations where learning Malayalam language in the respective classes as per curriculum is not possible for the students who come from other States or foreign countries to the State and continue studies in the schools, such students may be exempted from Malayalam language examination in the tenth standard as per the existing curriculum and shall be taught the Malayalam text books prepared by the State Council for Education Research and Training (SCERT). (5) Malayalam language learning shall be made as a condition for granting No Objection Certificate to schools under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian Schools Certificate Examination (CISCE) where trilingual curriculum is existing and the no objection certificate of the schools which are not provided with such Malayalam learning shall be cancelled: 4 Provided that in such schools, for the students who are not studying Malayalam as a language in the classes where bilingual curriculum is followed textbooks prepared by the State Council for Education Research and Training (SCERT) for learning Malayalam language shall be taught. (6) Teaching Malayalam language in all classes from first standard to tenth standard shall be made as a condition for granting recognition to unaided schools under the provisions of the Kerala Education Act, 1958 and rules made thereunder. (7) Government shall provide necessary facilities for learning Malayalam progressively in schools exclusively for linguistic minorities and in oriental schools, Section 4 - in the manner as may be prescribed