

## Education Act, 1983

### Section 12 - Schemes for Primary Education

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(1) Any local authority, if called upon by the State Government so to do, shall within such time as may be specified by the State Government submit to them a scheme for compulsory primary education in such area within its jurisdiction for children ordinarily resident therein of such ages and upto such standard as the State Government may specify.

(2) The scheme submitted under sub-section (1), shall be in such form as the State Government may specify and shall contain the following particulars namely:-

(a) the area in which primary education will be compulsory;

(b) the approximate number of children to whom the scheme will apply classified according to age and mother tongue;

(c) a list of existing approved schools and the schools if any, proposed to be opened for the purpose, classified by languages in which instruction is given or is proposed to be given;

(d) the number of teachers already employed and the additional staff proposed to be recruited;

(e) the recurring and non-recurring cost of the scheme; and

(f) such other particulars as may be prescribed.

(3) The State Government may, after such inquiry as it may consider necessary, sanction with or without modification the scheme submitted by the local authority under sub-section (1). The implementation of the scheme so sanctioned shall be subject to the general control of and the directions issued from time to time, by the State Government.

(4) No sanction shall be accorded under sub-section (3) in respect of any scheme unless the State Government are satisfied that such steps, as may be prescribed, have been taken to provide the necessary facilities for imparting compulsory primary education to all children to whom the scheme will apply.

(5) On receipt of sanction under sub-section (3) the local authority shall give effect to the scheme so sanctioned by means of a declaration that with effect from the first day of the next academic year, primary education for children of both sexes upto such class or standard and within such age group as may be specified therein shall be compulsory in any area which may be so specified.

(6) Every declaration under sub-section (5) shall be published before the first day of April of each year immediately preceding the academic year, in the official Gazette and in such other manner as the local authority or the Director for Compulsory Primary Education, as the case may be, may decide:

Provided that the State Government may, for any good and sufficient cause, condone any delay in the publication of such declaration in any year.

(7) Where any local authority fails to submit a scheme when called upon to do so under sub-section (1) or to give effect to any sanctioned scheme, under sub-section (5) to the satisfaction of the State Government, the State Government may cause the scheme to be submitted or the sanctioned scheme to be implemented as the case may be, by such person or authority as they think fit. The State Government may, at any time, entrust the administration of the sanctioned scheme to the local authority concerned.

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