

Education Act, 1983

Section 57 - Inspection or Inquiry Etc.

- (1) The State Government or the competent authority may suo motu or otherwise cause an inspection of or inquiry in respect of any educational institution, its accounts, its buildings, laboratories, libraries, workshops and equipments and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the institution to be made by such person or persons as it may direct or to cause an inquiry to be held in respect of examination, working and financial condition of such institution or of any other matter connected with the institution in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed.
- (2) The Governing Council and the employees of the educational institution shall at all reasonable times be bound to afford to the aforesaid officer all such assistance and facilities as may be required for the purpose of such inspection or inquiry.
- (3) The officer empowered under sub-section (1) shall have the following powers, namely:-
- (a) he shall, at all reasonable times have access to the books, accounts, documents, securities, cash and other properties belonging to or in the custody of the Governing Council and may summon any person in possession or responsible for the custody of such books, accounts, documents, securities, cash or other properties to produce the same at any place as he may direct;
 - (b) he may summon any person who, he has reason to believe has any knowledge as to the affairs of the educational institution to appear before him and may examine such person on oath.
- (4) The State Government or the competent authority shall communicate to the educational agency the views of such authority with reference to the result of such inspection or inquiry and may after ascertaining the opinion of the educational agency thereon advise that agency upon the action to be taken.
- (5) The educational agency shall report to the State Government or the competent authority as the case may be the action, if any which is proposed to be taken or has been taken upon the results of such inspection or inquiry. Such report shall be furnished within such time as the State Government or the competent authority may direct.
- (6) Where the educational agency does not, within a reasonable time, take action to the satisfaction of the State Government or the competent authority, they may, after considering any explanation furnished or representation made by the educational agency, issue such directions as may deem fit, and the educational agency and the head of the institution shall comply with such directions and shall be responsible for the implementation of every such direction.
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