

**Government of Tripura
Directorate of Elementary Education
(General Section)**

Approved Date

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Amendment to the No.F.4(276)-DEE/GEN/2019/Vol-II/1/526868/2025 issued on 19 February, 2025 regarding implementation of Section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, for recognised private unaided schools.

In continuation of the Notification No.F.4(276)-DEE/GEN/2019/Vol-II/1/526868/2025 issued on 19 February, 2025 relating to admission of children belonging to Weaker Sections and Disadvantaged Groups in recognised private unaided schools under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, the Directorate of Elementary Education, Government of Tripura hereby makes the following amendments in the said notification for the purpose of strengthening implementation of the provisions of the Act for the Academic Year 2026–27 and onwards.

1. Amendment in Clause 2 – Disadvantaged Group Category

In Clause 2(A) of the said notification, after item (ix), the following item shall be inserted, namely:

“(x) Children of sex workers.”

Children falling under this category shall be considered under the Disadvantaged Group (DG) for the purpose of admission under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. Eligibility under this category may be established through a declaration submitted by the parent or guardian in the form of an affidavit, or through a certification issued by a competent authority or a Child Welfare Committee, while ensuring the confidentiality of identity.

2. Substitution of Clause relating to Age Classification for Entry Class

Clause 6 relating to Age Classification for admission into the entry class shall stand substituted with the following provision:

- A. For admission to Class I, the age of the child shall be not less than 6 years and not more than 7 years as on the 31st day of March of the relevant calendar year: *Provided that*, notwithstanding the above, a relaxation not exceeding one hundred and eighty (180) days in the maximum age requirement shall be allowed.
- B. Children with Special Needs (CWSN) within the age group of 6 to 9 years may be admitted to Class I, subject to the availability of seats in neighbourhood schools.
- C. Transgender children shall be eligible for admission to co-educational schools.
- D. Additional Provision relating to Children with Benchmark Disabilities: In order to ensure compliance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, it is hereby clarified that children with benchmark disabilities shall be entitled to **free education up to the age of eighteen (18) years**, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

Accordingly:

- i. Children with benchmark disabilities admitted under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, shall be provided free education up to the age of eighteen (18) years.
- ii. The admission and implementation guidelines under Section 12(1)(c) shall be read and applied in harmony with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, ensuring that children with benchmark disabilities are not denied continuation of education on the grounds of age beyond fourteen years.
- iii. All recognised private unaided schools admitting children under Section 12(1)(c) shall ensure compliance with the above provisions.

3. Substitution of Clause 12 – Transfer of Students: Clause 12 of the said notification shall stand substituted with the following provision:

12. Transfer of Students Admitted under Section 12(1)(c):

- A. Transfer of a child admitted under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, from one school to another shall be permitted only in the best interest of the child and subject to the availability of a vacant seat under Section 12(1)(c) in the proposed private unaided school, and may be considered on one or more of the following grounds:
 - i. closure of the existing private unaided school;
 - ii. non-availability of classes for completion of elementary education up to Class VIII in the existing school;
 - iii. life-threatening medical condition of the child or of the parent or legal guardian, supported by a valid medical certificate;
 - iv. migration or transfer of the parent or legal guardian to another location, supported by documentary proof;
 - v. The school allotted to the child, being at a longer distance from the child's residence, where a neighbourhood private unaided school has a vacant seat under Section 12(1)(c).
- B. The parent or guardian shall submit a written request for transfer to the concerned Inspectorate of Schools, indicating the reasons for the transfer and the names of the current and proposed schools, along with the necessary supporting documents.
- C. The transfer request shall be examined and disposed of in the following manner and within the specified time limits:
 - i. verification and recommendation by the Inspectorate of Schools/Block Education Officer within seven (7) days of receipt of the application;
 - ii. scrutiny and forwarding by the District Education Officer within ten (10) days thereafter; and
 - iii. approval or rejection by the Director of Elementary Education within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the proposal.
- D. Upon approval of the transfer, the proposed school shall admit the child against the available seat under Section 12(1)(c) in the appropriate class. It shall provide free elementary education up to Class VIII. Submission of a School Transfer Certificate from the existing school shall be mandatory.
- E. After admission, the destination school shall update the child's details on the designated RTE portal and inform the concerned Inspectorate of Schools/ District Education Officer, and the source school. An online transfer-tracking facility shall be maintained on the portal for monitoring purposes.

4. Continuation of Remaining Provisions: All other provisions contained in the Notification issued on 19 February shall remain unchanged and shall continue to remain in force.

Additional Secretary
Government of Tripura

To

1. The District Education Officers (North Tripura / Dhalai District / Unokoti District / Khowai District / West Tripura / Sepahijala District / Gomati District / South Tripura) for information and necessary action. They are requested to circulate the Notification to all recognised Private Unaided Schools and all Inspectors of Schools under their jurisdiction.
2. The Principal Officer (Education), TTAADC, for information with a request to circulate the Notification to all recognised Private Unaided Schools and all Inspectors of Schools under his jurisdiction.

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1. The PS to the Hon'ble Minister, Education (School) Department, Government of Tripura, for the kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
2. The PS to the Special Secretary, Education (School) Department, Government of Tripura, for the kind information of the Special Secretary.
3. The Director, Secondary Education, Government of Tripura, for your kind information.
4. The Director, Elementary Education, Government of Tripura, for your kind information.
5. The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Government of Tripura, for your kind information.
6. The Director, SCERT, Government of Tripura, for information.
7. Sr. Manager, Northeast Zone Operation, Indus Action, for information and coordination.