All the Heads of Schools
Affiliated to the CBSE

Subject: Norms for Teacher Qualifications for appointment as a teacher in classes I to VIII under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009 and conduct of Central Teacher Eligibility Test 2011 by the CBSE.

Sir/Madam,

In accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 23 of the RTE Act-2009, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) had vide Notification dated 23rd August, 2010 laid down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in classes I to VIII. A copy of the said notification is available on the official website of the NCTE www.ncte-india.org and at www.education.nic.in.

The NCTE Notification dated 23.08.2010 inter-alia provided that one of the essential qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in any of the schools referred to in clause (n) of section 2 of the RTE Act is that he/she should pass the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) which will be conducted by the appropriate Government in accordance with the Guidelines framed by the NCTE.

Therefore, all the appointments of teachers in classes I to VIII in the schools affiliated or to be affiliated with the CBSE are to be made in accordance with the minimum qualifications notified by the NCTE.

Now, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has entrusted the responsibility of conducting the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). This CTET shall apply to the schools affiliated or to be affiliated with the CBSE in the following manner:-

(i) CTET conducted by the CBSE is applicable to the schools of the Central Government (KVS, NVS, and Central Tibetan Schools etc.) and schools under the administrative control of UT of Chandigarh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
(ii) Unaided private schools may exercise the option of considering the CTET conducted by the CBSE or TET conducted by the State Government.

(iii) The schools owned and managed by the State Government/local bodies and aided schools shall either consider the TET conducted by the State Government or the CTET conducted by the CBSE.

The first CTET viz CTET 2011 is scheduled to be conducted by the CBSE on 26th June, 2011 and the details of the CTET 2011 are available on the CBSE Website www.cbse.nic.in. All the schools/school managements are advised to take appropriate action accordingly.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

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