No.CBSE/AFF/CIRCULAR/16a/2017

Dated: 18.12.2017

To

All the Heads of Schools affiliated to the CBSE

Sub: Clarification related to Board’s circular dated 25.08.2017 regarding placing of indent for NCERT books – reg.

3. Circular No. Acad-29/2017 dated 09.08.2017

This is in continuation to Board’s circular No. CBSE/AFF/CIRCULAR/16/2017/ 1293271 dated 25.08.2017, wherein the schools were allowed to place indent for purchase of NCERT books directly through NCERT website for distribution among their students and for this purpose, a 'Tuck Shop' may be opened inside the premises of the schools.

2. In this connection, the CBSE vide circular No.Acad/13/2016 dated 12.04.2016 has directed the schools not to force children and their parents to buy textbooks other than NCERT/CBSE textbooks. The Board has also issued circular No. CBSE/AFF/CIRCULAR/ 10/2017 dated 19.04.2017 directing the schools affiliated with Board to desist from the unhealthy practice of coercing parents to buy text books and stationery items from within the premises or from selected vendors only.

3. The NCERT, in order to augment the availability of NCERT books for the students of CBSE affiliated schools, has called for indent through their website for purchase of books as per the requirement assessed by the schools. The Academic Unit of CBSE vide circular No. Acad-29/2017 dated 09.08.2017 advised the schools to register and place their demand for NCERT books required for academic year 2018-19 through the online link www.ncertbooks.ncert.gov.in.

4. The Board is in receipt of various communications from stakeholders seeking clarification on the scope of the circular. Accordingly, it is clarified that vide circular dated 25.08.2017, the schools can open small outlets for supply of only NCERT books and shall not sell books of any other publishers. Besides, the schools are also permitted to provide stationery items to its students such as pen, pencil, copy, register, notebooks, eraser, sharpener, blank sheets, and art & craft materials etc. The price charged for all these items should not be more than maximum retail price (m.r.p). Parents are free to buy textbooks and stationery items from within the premises or from any other vendor of their choice Further, it may be noted that selling books other than NCERT books in these shops, will be considered a violation of this circular, and will attract action against the school.

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