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(Cultural Education Wing)

Chief Education Officer
(All)

No. DSEK/CEW/2026/ 7788283/724

Dated: 17/08/2026

Subject: Implementation of School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines, 2026, and clarification regarding non-applicability to private un-aided schools – reg.
Ref.: Administrative Department's letter vide No. Edu-GEN/132/2026-01 (7757312) dated 23.07.2026.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to the above-cited subject and reference. I am to convey that the Ministry of Education, Government of India, has launched the updated School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines – 2026 on 6th May 2026. These guidelines supersede all earlier instructions/guidelines issued under the erstwhile SSA and RMSA schemes.

The primary objective of the 2026 Guidelines is to establish a single unified SMC per school—eliminating separate SMDCs—to strengthen decentralized governance, community ownership, transparent financial management, and social audits in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Ministry of Education has explicitly clarified that private unaided schools falling under Section 2(n)(iv) of the RTE Act, 2009 (which do not receive any aid or grants from government/local authorities) are not covered by these guidelines. However, such institutions may be encouraged to form SMCs voluntarily for transparency and governance.

In this context, you are instructed to strictly ensure compliance with the following directives:

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- **Constitution of SMCs:** Take immediate steps to constitute/re-constitute SMCs across all government schools strictly as per the updated 2026 Framework/guidelines, effective from the current academic session.
- **Action Taken Report (ATR):** Submit a comprehensive district-level Action Taken Report (ATR) regarding the status of SMC constitution to this Directorate within 15 days.

Yours faithfully,

Syed Zahid Ahmad (P.A.S)
Joint Director (Central)
Directorate of School Education
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Dated: 18-08-26

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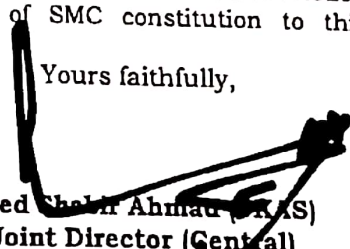
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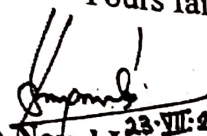
Subject: Implementation of School Management Committee Guidelines, 2026
- Clarification thereof.

Sir,

Apropos the subject captioned supra, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O. Communication No. 1-1/2025-SS.17 dated 20.05.2026 received from the Additional Secretary (SS-I & AE), Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India, with the request to ensure wide dissemination of the School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines- 2026 along with the subsequent clarification regarding their non-applicability to Private Un-aided Schools falling under Section 2(n) (iv) of the Right to Education Act, 2009, among all concerned stakeholders and to undertake appropriate measures for the constitution of new School Management Committees in accordance with the School Management Committee Guidelines-2026 from the current Academic Session, so as to facilitate their uniform and effective implementation across all the Schools of the Union Territory, followed by the submission of an Action Taken Report to this Department at the earliest.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,


23-VII-2026
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School Education Department

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