

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS
ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI
[PRESENT: Sri. D. Devananda Reddy, M.Sc., B.Ed.,]**

Rc.No. GE-COORONINT/1/2021-DGE

Dated: 02-02-2022

SUB: SSC Public Examinations, April/May-2022 – Providing Certain Exemptions & Concessions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in the SSC Public Examinations – Inclusion of Certain PH Categories in the list of Disabilities – Certain Instructions & Clarifications – Reg.

REF: 1. G.O.Ms.No. 14, SE (Prog.II) Dept, Dated: 31-01-2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 86, SE (Prog.II) Dept, Dated: 29-12-2021.
3. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
4. Notification of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), Part-II, Section 3(ii), No. 61, Dated: 05-01-2018.
5. Notice of the Central Board of Secondary Education vide Notice No. COORD/SO(Ptg)/Pvt.2022, Dated: 27/11/2021.
6. Instructions to HMs vide Rc.No. 150/B-1/2022, Dt: 21-01-2022.
7. Representation from DEO, West Godavari District, vide Lr.No. 216/C1/2022, Dated: 29-01-2022.

ORDER:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O. Ref. 2nd cited, has ordered to provide exemptions and concessions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in the state of Andhra Pradesh from the SSC Public Examinations, 2022 onwards duly superseding the earlier orders issued in the G.O. Ref. 1st cited.

2. In pursuance of the Orders issued in the G.O. Ref. 2nd cited and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the Notification of the Government of India vide Ref. 4th cited and after due consideration of the representation and the circumstances reported in the representation Ref. 7th cited, in partial modification of the instructions issued in the Lr. Ref. 6th cited, all the HMs/ Principals/ Correspondents of all the High Schools in the state of Andhra Pradesh presenting CwSN candidates for the SSC Public Examinations, April/May-2022 are hereby informed that the exemptions and concessions stated below shall be extended to the following categories of CwSN who are appearing for the SSC Public Examinations, April/May-2022 in addition to the various categories of CwSN mentioned in the para 1(a) of Annexure-I and Annexure-II of the G.O. Ref. 2nd cited:

In addition to the List of Disabilities listed in para 1(a) of Annexure-I of the G.O.Ms.No. 86, SE (Prog.II) Dept, Dated: 29-12-2021.			
Sl.No.	Disability Category	Disability Code	Name of the Disability
1	Physical Disability – Locomotor Disability	LE	Permanent Physical Impairment of Extremities (Hand, Foot, etc.)
		LS	Permanent Physical Impairment of Spine
		LA	Permanent Physical Impairment - Amputation

		LF	Permanent Physical Impairment – Club Foot and other Conditions
		LN	Permanent Physical Impairment due to Chronic Neurological Conditions
		LL	Spinal Cord Injuries
2	Intellectual Disability	CI	Intellectual Disability

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- The Definition of Disabilities are as defined in the Schedule of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 read with the Notification of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), Part-II, Section 3(ii), No. 61, Dated: 05-01-2018.
- The Heads of the Schools are instructed to refer to the Notification of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), Part-II, Section 3(ii), No. 61, Dated: 05-01-2018 in case of any ambiguity.
- The Disability Codes mentioned above are in addition to the existing Disability Codes listed in the G.O.Ms.No. 86, SE (Prog.II) Dept, Dated: 29-12-2021. All other disability codes remain unchanged.

3. All the General exemptions and concessions for the CwSN listed in Para (2) of Annexure-I of the G.O.Ms.No. 86, SE (Prog.II) Dept, Dated: 29-12-2021 shall extend to the list of disabilities mentioned above.

4. The Disability Specific Exemptions and Concessions for the list of these included Disability categories are as detailed below:

Sl.No.	Disability Code	Name of the Disability	Exemptions & Concessions
Physical Disability – Locomotor Disability			
1	LE	Permanent Physical Impairment of Extremities (Hand, Foot, etc.)	a) Exemption from Studying & appearing in any one (1) language out of the three languages. b) Suitable assistive devices like calculators, computers and facilities like appropriate chairs & tables may be availed by the candidate, only if advised by an authorized Medical Practitioner. c) Only the candidates whose upper limbs (Hands) are dysfunctional or affected are permitted to avail the services of scribe and compensatory time. d) Examination Hall may be allotted on the Ground Floor on request if the Examination Centre is not disability-friendly. e) Permitted to avail the services of Care Assistant during the
2	LS	Permanent Physical Impairment of Spine	
3	LA	Permanent Physical Impairment - Amputation	
4	LF	Permanent Physical Impairment – Club Foot and Other Conditions	
5	LN	Permanent Physical Impairment due to Chronic Neurological Conditions	
6	LL	Spinal Cord Injuries	

			examination, if necessary, with the prior permission of DGE, A.P.
Intellectual Disability			
7	CI	Intellectual Disability	<p>a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks shall be reduced from '35' to '10' (Thirty-five to Ten) marks in all the subjects in the SSC Public Examinations.</p> <p>b) For the purpose of valuation, certain Grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps shall be ignored, wherever necessary.</p> <p>c) Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.</p>
IMPORTANT NOTE: <p>a. The Disability Codes and the disability-specific exemptions mentioned above are in addition to the existing Disability Codes and exemptions listed in the Annexure-II of the G.O.Ms.No. 86, SE (Prog.II) Dept, Dated: 29-12-2021. All other disability codes and disability-specific exemptions remain unchanged.</p> <p>b. The Definition of Disabilities are as defined in the Schedule of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 read with the Notification of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), Part-II, Section 3(ii), No. 61, Dated: 05-01-2018.</p>			

5. All the details regarding the Issuing Authority Medical Certificate are listed in Para (2) of Annexure-1 of the G.O. Ref. 2nd cited. Only the Disability Certificate issued by the listed competent authorities (Chief Medical Officer/ Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent etc.) are accepted. The Medical certificates issued by the "Assistant Civil Surgeon" shall not be accepted by the HMs to avail the exemptions and concessions. Further, the Disability Certificate issued by the competent authority at any place i.e., at any district/ state within the jurisdiction of the Republic of India shall be accepted.

6. The candidates suffering from Multiple Disabilities (Disability Code: SD) can avail of the exemptions and concessions provided in the G.O.Ref. 2nd cited based on the nature of Disabilities listed. The concerned HM of the school is advised to forward the Medical Certificates of such candidates to the O/o DGE, A.P. for further course of action, and the exemptions and concessions shall be provided on a case by case basis considering the nature of disabilities.

7. All the HMs/ Principals/ Correspondents of all the High Schools in the state of Andhra Pradesh presenting CwSN candidates for the SSC Public Examinations, April/May-2022 are hereby instructed to scrupulously follow the orders of the Government in the G.O. Ref. 2nd cited, the HM Instructions and the orders in these proceedings while submitting the applications of the candidates.

8. All the District Educational Officers are also requested to consider this as a priority and issue Press notes in district editions of all the widely circulated newspapers and also utilize the social media applications such as Whatsapp

etc. to communicate the new provisions to the HMs and students. It is requested to utilize the services of the IE Coordinators in the state for faster dissemination of information and also utilize the already communicated District Wise CwSN data to the fullest extent to reach out to all the stakeholders to create awareness among them about the new provisions and to persuade them to make use of these accommodations to achieve the ultimate objective of increasing the turnout of CwSN in the SSC Public Examinations, April/May-2022 as well as to reduce the dropout rates among the Children with Special Needs in the state.


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To:

All the HMs/ Principals/ Correspondents of all the High Schools in the state of Andhra Pradesh for immediate and necessary action.

All the District Educational Officers in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Copy to:

All the Superintendents in the O/o DGE, A.P.

All the ACGEs in the O/o DGE, A.P.

All the ACGE in the O/o DEOs in the Districts for necessary action.

All the Deputy Educational Officers in the state through DEOs.

All the Regional Joint Directors of School Education in the State for the favour of information.

Copy submitted to the State Project Director, Samagra Siksha, Andhra Pradesh for the favour of information.

Copy submitted to the Commissioner, School Education, Andhra Pradesh for the favour of information.

Copy submitted to the Special Chief Secretary to Government, School Education Department, A.P., for the favour of information.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, Ministry of Education, Government of India for the favour of Information.