

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR

Subject: Ref: Fixation of Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) in the tuition/coaching institutes. PIL No: 17/2014 alongwith clubbed matters tilted Muhammad Ahsan

Untoo V/S State and others.

Government Order No: 559 - Edu of 2015

Dated: 27 - 10 - 2015

Whereas, vide Government Order No:435-Edu of 2010 dated: 30.4.2010, rules have been framed to regulate the functioning/performance of Private Tuition centres in the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and

Whereas, in exercise of powers conferred under clause 2(a) of Govt. Order No.435-Edu of 2010 dated 30.4.2010, Government has designated Director, School Education, Jammu/ Kashmir as Competent Authorities for their respective divisions vide Govt. Order No.389-Edu of 2015 dated 5.8.2015; and

Whereas, in the writ petition (PIL No: 17/2014) titled Muhammad Ahsan Untoo V/S State and others, Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court vide its order 10.06.2015 has been pleased to pass the following directions:-

"The State Government with the assistance of the experts shall form norms for fixing the pupil –teacher ratio and issue appropriate Government order for its implementation"

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Whereas, a committee comprising the following officers was constituted, vide Govt. Order No.332-Edu of 2015 dated 14.7.2015, to examine the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR):-

(i) Director, School Education, Jammu /Kashmir,

(ii) Joint Director (EE) Directorate of School Education, Kashmir/Jammu

(iii) Expert Member, Directorate of School Education, Jammu/Kashmir

Whereas, the Committee has recommended that subject to availability of space measuring 3x3 sq.ft per student in the classroom, the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) may be ordinarily fixed upto 150, after taking into account the infrastructure facilities of the coaching institutes viz; heating / cooling facilities, CCTV and other safety devices, Audio/Video devices, parking areas, waiting hall, etc. The committee further observed that higher PTR than 150 may be allowed depending on the state of infrastructure facilities; and

Whereas, the recommendation of the committee have been accepted by the Government.

Now, therefore, in terms of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act, 2002 and Government Order No.435-Edu of 2010 dated 30.4.2010, it is hereby ordered that the pupil teacher ratio of tuition/coaching institute/centre shall be decided by the Director School Education, Jammu/Kashmir (designated as competent authority vide Govt. Order No.389-Edu of 2015 dated 5.8.2015) which shall ordinarily be upto 150. The Competent Authority can extend PTR ratio beyond 150 in exceptional circumstances after recording reasons for the same in the order. For determination of PTR, the competent authority shall conduct field inspection and follow principle of natural justice.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-(Shaleen Kabra)

Commissioner/Secretary to Government School Education Department Dated: **27** -10-2015

No: Edu/R/11/2010

Copy to the:-

- 1. Director School Education, Kashmir/Jammu for information and necessary action.
- 2. All Chief Education Officers____
- 3. Spl. Asstt. to the Hon'ble Minister for Education for information of the Hon'ble Minister.
- Spl. Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education for information of the Hon'ble Minister
- Pvt. Secy. to the Ld. Advocate General, J&K High Court, Jammu for information of the Ld. Advocate General.
- 6. Pvt. Secretary to the Commissioner/Secretary to Government, School Education Department for information of the Commissioner/Secretary.
- 7. Website Incharge
- 8. Govt. Order file (w.3.s.c)
- 9. Stock file

(Soheel Now Shah)
Deputy Secretary to Government