



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION)
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, J&K

Subject: Grant of one-time exemption in favour of teaching / other staff of School Education Department who have acquired higher qualification during service through distance / online mode without obtaining prior permission from the Administrative Department.

Reference: U.O. No. FD-Code/134/2021-03-1142, dated 18.12.2023 of Finance Department.

Government Order No. 188 - JK (Edu) of 2024.

Dated: 15.03.2024.

WHEREAS, the issue is related to accord of permission in favour of teaching / other staff of School Education Department who have acquired higher qualification during service through distance/online mode without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority i.e. Administrative Department, which has now become impediment in finalization of seniorities in various disciplines / cadres; and

WHEREAS, it has been observed that there are number of incumbents who have acquired their higher qualification without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority; and

WHEREAS, the cases were further examined in light of Government Order No. 252-HE of 2012 dated 30.05.2012 & Government Order No. 940-Edu of 2017 dated 17.11.2017; regarding the validity of degrees obtained through distance mode; and

WHEREAS, the matter was taken up with Finance Department for opinion. The Finance Department vide its U.O. No. FD-Code/134/2021-03- 1142 dated 18.12.2023 returned the case file with certain observations, relevant part of which is reproduced as under:

The Department may regularize the permission granted to the teachers for acquiring higher qualifications through distance mode / online mode in terms of circular instructions issued by the Finance Department vide No. FD-Code/166/2021-03 dated 18-07-2022 subject to the following;

- (a) The Universities/institutions are recognized by UT Government.
- (b) The courses are recognized.
- (c) Proper entries of the leave availed for the duration of the examinations are recorded in the service book of the teacher."

WHEREAS, the observations/opinion were further examined in the Department and it has been decided by the competent authority to grant one-time exemption to the teaching / other staff for acquiring higher qualification during service through distance mode / online mode in terms of circular instructions issued by the Finance Department vide No. FD-Code/166/2021-03 dated 18.07.2022 subject to the following:

- (a) **The Universities/institutions are recognized by UT Government.**
- (b) **The courses are recognized.**
- (c) **Proper entries of the leave availed for the duration of the examinations are recorded in the service book of the teacher.**

NOW, THEREFORE, sanction is hereby accorded to:

- i. Grant one-time exemption in favour of teaching / other staff of School Education Department who have acquired higher qualification during service through **distance / online mode, as on date** without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority i.e. Administrative Department subject to the fulfilment of conditions as conveyed by Finance Department vide U.O. No. FD-Code/134/2021- 03-1142, dated 18.12.2023.
- ii. Constitution of following Committee(s) for examining and entertaining such degrees/higher qualifications for the purpose of promotion or inclusion in seniority lists of those incumbents, in whose favour one-time exemption is granted, strictly as per the provisions contained in SRO-339 of 2005 read with Government Order No. 252-HE of 2012, dated 31.05.2012, Government Order No. 940-Edu of 2017, dated 17.11.2017 and Circular instructions issued by the Finance Department vide No. FD-Code/166/2021-03, dated 18.07.2022. Further, the Universities / Institutions from which courses have been acquired should be recognized by UT Government / University Grants Commission / Distance Education Bureau.

| Kashmir Division | Jammu Division |
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| Director School Education Kashmir. Chairman. | Director School Education Jammu. Chairman. |
| Joint Director, Directorate of School Education Kashmir. Member. | Joint Director, Directorate of School Education Jammu. Member. |
| Deputy Secretary (Z) School Education Department. Member. | Deputy Secretary (A) School Education Department. Member. |
| Personnel Officer, Directorate of School Education Kashmir. Member Secretary. | Personnel Officer, Directorate of School Education Jammu. Member Secretary. |



The above mentioned Committees shall complete the exercise in next (02) two months, so that seniority lists are updated accordingly.

Further, no case for post-facto permission for acquiring higher qualification shall be entertained by the Department henceforth, and only prior permission cases shall be decided as per set procedure / norms.

By order of Government of the Jammu and Kashmir.

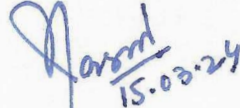
Sd/-
(Dr. Piyush Singla) IAS
Administrative Secretary,
School Education Department.

No: Edu-HRM/61/2023-01(7172717)

Dated: 15.03.2024.

Copy to the:

1. Joint Secretary, J K & L, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Director School Education, Jammu/Kashmir for strict compliance.
3. Special Secretary (K) to the Government, School Education Department for monitoring the progress at the administrative level.
4. OSD to Hon'ble Advisor (B) for information.
5. Joint Director(Education), Directorate of School Education, Jammu / Kashmir.
6. Deputy Secretaries to the Government, School Education Department.
7. Personnel Officer(s), Directorate of School Education, Jammu/Kashmir.
8. All Chief Education Officers.
9. P.A to Administrative Secretary, School Education Department.
10. I/c Website.
11. Government Order file (w.2.s.c).


15.03.24
(Masood Ahmad Wani)
Deputy Secretary to the Government.

