

The Director,  
Directorate of Government Examinations,  
DPI, College road,  
Chennai,

Dear Sir

**Appeal for implementation of guidelines in respect of students with disabilities appearing for the Tamilnadu State Board Examinations.**

Nethrodaya has taken an initiative to gather the feedback from the visually impaired students from across various districts of Tamilnadu who appeared for the recently held Tamilnadu State Board examinations .We would like to present the following suggestions made by these students in the district wise meeting for your kind consideration and appropriate action:

1) Inclusion of disability details in the online application for Board Examination.

kindly refer to Go number 220 dated 9/07/2013 issued by Department of School Education in response to your letter number 003400 /h1/2013 , issuing instructions to include details regarding the disability and scribe etc in respect of visually impaired students . It is observed that though a data field ‘ Whether the student is visually impaired ‘ has been included , the data fields for ‘ nature of disability ‘ and ‘ whether scribe assistance required ‘ are not included .in the online application .

We therefore request you to effect the above changes in online application with out further delay as it has already been ordered to by the Government.

2 Implementation of Government Of India Guidelines on Appointment of suitable scribes for the visually impaired students appearing for State Board Examinations.

Government of India has already issued detailed guidelines regarding appointment of Scribes for the visually impaired persons who are appearing for public examinations and instructed all the State Governments to implement these guidelines. The Government of Tamilnadu is yet to implement the guidelines .Many visually impaired students had faced various hardships due to appointment of unqualified Scribes who are not well versed in the subjects concerned especially in respect of Accountancy ,mathematics and science a e where symbols are involved .

We therefore request you to implement the guidelines by issuing a GO for the purpose

3 Categorization of Board Examination results in respect of persons with Disabilities

During the press meet , the Board Examinations results are being announced gender wise, district wise government school wise . .However there is no categorization in respect of students with disabilities .We request you to arrange to announce the results of the Board Examinations , disability wise with category wise and gender wise break up on the occasion of Press meet . This will enable the welfare agencies to monitor the progress of students with disabilities. Further this will motivate students with disabilities to perform well in the examinations .

We appeal to your good selves to take immediate steps to implement the above recommendations which will enable the visually impaired students to perform well in the Board Examinations.

Thanking you

Your's faithfully

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Founder and Managing Trustee

Nethrodaya