

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Rc.No.SS-23021/82/2022-IED KGBV-SSA

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CIRCULAR

Sub:Exemptions/ Concessions extended to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in the SSC Public Examinations (Class-X) – Provisions regarding availing the Services of Scribe/ Reader – Scribe Rules – Certain guidelines – Reg.

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No. 86, SE (Prog.II) Dept, Dated: 29-12-2021.

2. Procs. of DGE, Rc.No. GE-COOR0NINT/1/2021-DGE, Dt: 02-02-2022.

3. CBSE Circular vide No. CBSE/COORD/112233/2019, Dated: 12-04-2019. & Notice Dated: 27-11-2021.

All the District Educational Officers and all the HMs/ Heads of High Schools of all the managements in the State are hereby informed that, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had provided certain exemptions & concessions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in the SSC Public Examinations vide Ref. 1st and 2nd cited as per the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016, NEP 2020 and the provisions extended by the CBSE to ensure uniformity in the CwSN provisions in all the High Schools of the State.

2. Further, several representations have been received regarding clarifications on the 'Provisions to avail the services of Scribe' in the SSC Public Examinations. It was brought to the notice of the undersigned that certain categories of CwSN could not avail the services of the scribe.

3. In this regard, it is hereby informed that, the CwSN who could not write the examinations by themselves have a right to avail of the Services of the Scribe. The Scribe plays an important role in the examination of CwSN by writing the dictated answers of the CwSN. However, the primary principle that "The Use of Scribe should neither advantage nor disadvantage the student" has to be upheld. The provision to avail Scribe by CwSN is to provide a level playing field and ensure equity by assisting the student to overcome their natural disadvantages. This implicitly needs clear guidelines to eliminate the misuse and to ensure justice for the needy.

4. Further, the exemptions and concessions provided in the SSC Public Examinations are broadly based on the CBSE's provisions mentioned in the Circular Ref. 3rd cited. This is to ensure uniformity in CwSN provisions

across all the High Schools of the state irrespective of their affiliation.

5. In this regard, in accordance with the earlier orders of the Government cited above, the following clarification & guidelines are hereby issued regarding the provisions on the Scribe for the CwSN in the SSC Public Examinations:

Sl.No.	Disability Code	Name of the Disability	Provision for Scribe/ Reader
1	HL	Leprosy Cured Persons	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
2	HC	Cerebral Palsy	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
3	HD	Dwarfism	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
4	HM	Muscular Dystrophy	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
5	HA	Acid Attack Victims	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
6	LE	Permanent Physical Impairment of Extremities (Hand, Foot, etc.)	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
7	LS	Permanent Physical Impairment of Spine	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
8	LA	Permanent Physical Impairment - Amputation	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
9	LF	Permanent Physical Impairment - Club Foot and other Conditions	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
10	LN	Permanent Physical Impairment due to Chronic Neurological Conditions	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
11	LL	Spinal Cord Injuries	In the case of Hand Dysfunction
12	BB	Blindness	YES
13	BL	Low Vision	YES
14	DD	Deaf	NO (Assistive Devices Permitted)
15	DH	Hard of Hearing	NO (Assistive Devices Permitted)
16	DS	Speech and Language Disability	YES
17	CS	Specific Learning Disabilities: i. Dyslexia ii. Dysgraphia iii. Dyscalculia iv. Dyspraxia, v. Developmental Aphasia	YES
18	CA	Autism Spectrum Disorder	YES

19	CI	Intellectual Disability	YES
20	SM	Mental Illness	YES
21	SN	Chronic Neurological Conditions: i. Multiple Sclerosis ii. Parkinson's Disease	YES
22	SB	Blood Disorders: i. Haemophilia ii. Thalassemia iii. Sickle Cell Disease	YES
23	SD	Multiple Disabilities	YES

6. The Educational Qualification of the Scribe/ Reader shall be one grade lower than the minimum stipulated eligibility criteria for the candidate i.e., for the Class-X SSC Public Examinations, the Scribe should possess an educational qualification of Class-IX or less.

7. The Chief Superintendent of the Examination Centre concerned shall forward to the Concerned Assistant Commissioner for Government Examinations (ACGE) in the O/o DEO of the District, a report providing full particulars of the candidate and that of the Scribe atleast 2 days before the commencement of examinations.

8. In case of any doubt regarding the eligibility of the candidate to avail of the services of the Scribe, the Concerned Assistant Commissioner for Government Examinations (ACGE) in the O/o DEO shall verify the Original Disability Certificate of the Candidate & the candidate in person, if required, and shall decide on the eligibility according to the Government Orders and this circular, and the decision of the ACGE, O/o DEO, in this regard, shall be final.

9. Therefore, the Director of Government Examinations, A.P. and all the District Educational Officers shall take necessary action to disseminate the instructions to all the stakeholders in this regard, for strict compliance.

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STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR, SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

To,

All the HMs of the High Schools in the State, through the DEO concerned.

All the ACGEs in the O/o DEOs in the State, for necessary action.

All the District Educational Officers in the State for necessary action.

The Director, Government Examinations, A.P., for necessary action.