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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Elementary Education Department

From

The Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

✓ The Director Elementary Education
Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001.

Dated Shimla-2, the,

17.12.2024

Subject:- Regarding implementation of age criteria for admission to Class Nursery to Class-1st as per NEP, 2020.

Sir,

In continuation to this department's letter of even number dated 24-11-2023, 16-02-2024 and 29-08-2024 on the subject cited above, I am directed to convey that the matter regarding relaxation in age criteria to already enrolled students was under consideration of the Government for past some time. After careful consideration, revised instructions/guidelines for adoption of age criteria as per NEP, 2020 shall be as under :-

- (i) The age criteria for admission to Class Nursery/Balvatika-1 will be 3+ years w.e.f. academic session 2024-25. Thus, a child must be 3+ years old **as on 31st March** of academic year in which admission is sought for Class Nursery/Balvatika-1 w.e.f. 2024-25 onwards. This proposal will gradually ensure (after 3 years) that a Child will be admitted in Class-1st at the age of 6+ years.
- (ii) Pre-school admission will be regulated as per NEP structure and following age criteria shall be implemented :-

Grade	Nursery/ Balvatika-1	LKG(Lower Kindergarten)/ Balvatika-2	UKG(Upper Kindergarten)/ Balvatika-3
Age	3+ years	4+ years	5+years

However, the above criteria will not be applicable for children already enrolled during the academic session 2023-24.

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- (iii) All those students who were already enrolled in Nursery/Balvatika-1, LKG/Balvatika-2, and UKG/Balvatika-3 for the academic year 2023-24 shall be granted admission to the next higher classes irrespective of their ages. This relaxation will be granted for the academic years 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 only. Thereafter, admissions will be strictly regulated as per NEP, 2020 as given in para (ii) above.

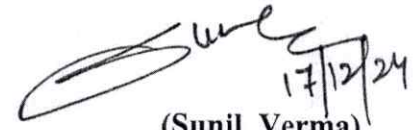
However, to clarify :-

There will be no relaxation if a child of less than 3 years of age has been enrolled in Nursery/Balvatika-1 for the session 2024-25, as the Government had issued direction about age criteria on 16-02-2024 and thus, such a case is violation of Government's directions.

- (iv) From the academic session 2027-28 onwards, the age criteria for admission to Class 1st/ Grade-1 will be 6+ years, as on cut-off date i.e 31st March of respective year.

You are, therefore, requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

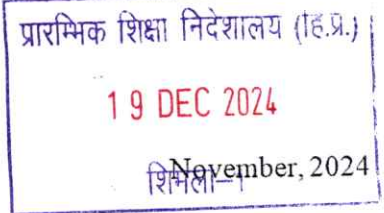
Yours faithfully,


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(Sunil Verma)

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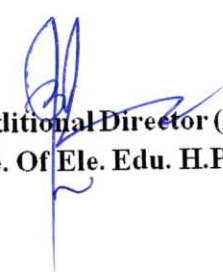
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Additional Director (Admn.)
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