

**PERSONAL ATTENTION**

**No. EDN-H(Ele.)(4)-2024-Fee Re-Imb.**

Directorate of School Education  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Dated Shimla-1 the September, 2025

To

All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Elementary)  
Himachal Pradesh.

**Subject: Regarding 25% reservation under Section 12 of the RTE Act, 2009 and Rules thereunder.**

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a photocopy of Notification No. EDUC-A03/4/2023-EDU-C(152585), dated 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 received from the O/o Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh related to the subject cited above.

In this context, it is informed that the Department of School Education, GoHP issued a notification in continuation to Department's Notification No. EDN-C-A(3)-3/2013-Vol-I-L, dated 06.06.2015 as amended from time to time and in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 503 of 2018 titled ***Poulomi Pavini Shukla vs. Union of India & Others***, the following guidelines for admission of children belonging to weaker sections and disadvantages groups in private unaided schools under Section 12 of the ***Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE Act, 2009)*** are issued: -

1. For the purpose of admission against 25% reservation under Section 12 of the RTE Act, 2009 and Rules 5-A & 5-B of the RTE HP Rules, 2025, the expression "*child belonging to disadvantaged group*" shall also include an **Orphan Child**, in addition to the categories already specified in Rule 2(e) of RTE HP Rules, 2025.
2. The definition of "*child belonging to weaker section*" shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Rule 2(f) of the RTE HP Rules, 2025.
3. All concerned authorities, shall ensure compliance with these guidelines while admitting children against the 25% reservation quota under Section 12 of the RTE Act, 2009.
4. These guidelines shall come into force with immediate effect.

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You are, therefore, directed to ensure strict compliance of RTE Rule, 2009, HP RTE Rule, 2025 and Department's Notifications amended from time to time while sending cases/claims of children belonging to Weaker Sections and Disadvantaged Group in all the Educational Institutions including privately managed Schools and Public Schools children under Section 12 of RTE Act and HP RTE Rules, 2025 thereunder.

Encls: As above.

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**Director**  
**School Education, H.P.**  
**Directorate of School Education**  
**September, 2025**  
**15 SEP 2025**  
**Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001**

**Endst. No.:** even      **dated**      **the Shimla-1**

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to: -

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 w.r.t. above referred Notification dated 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 for information, please.
2. The Secretary (SJ&E) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
3. All the Deputy Director School Education (Secondary), Himachal Pradesh.
4. The State Project Director (Samagra Shiksha), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.
5. The Nodal Officer (IT Cell), Internal, Directorate of School Education, H.P. with remarks to upload the same on the Departmental Website of School Education and E-Mail to all concerned.
6. Guard File.

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**Director**  
**School Education, H.P.**

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Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of School Education

No. EDUC-A03/4/2023-EDU-C(152585) Dated Shimla-2, the 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Notification

In continuation of this Department's Notification No. EDN-C-A(3)-3/2013-Vol-I-L dated 06.06.2015, as amended from time to time, and in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 503 of 2018 titled *Poulomi Pavini Shukla vs. Union of India & Others*, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to issue the following guidelines for admission of children belonging to weaker sections and disadvantaged groups in private unaided schools under Section 12 of the *Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009* (RTE Act, 2009):—

1. For the purpose of admission against 25% reservation under Section 12 of the RTE Act, 2009 and Rules 5-A & 5-B of the RTE HP Rules, 2025, the expression "*child belonging to disadvantaged group*" shall also include an **orphan child**, in addition to the categories already specified in Rule 2(e) of RTE HP Rules, 2025.
2. The definition of "*child belonging to weaker section*" shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Rule 2(f) of the RTE HP Rules, 2025.
3. All concerned authorities, shall ensure compliance with these guidelines while admitting children against the 25% reservation quota under Section 12 of the RTE Act, 2009.
4. These guidelines shall come into force with immediate effect.

By Order

Rakesh Kanwar  
Secretary (Education) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Endst No. EDUC-A03/4/2023-EDU-C(152585) Dated: Shimla-2, the 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2025  
Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115.
2. The Secretary (SJ&E) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2, with the request to constitute a committee, including representatives of the School Education Department at the district level, to conduct survey/data collection and ensure admission of orphan children into neighborhood schools in compliance with paras 8 to 10 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment/order dated 06.08.2025 (copy enclosed) in W.P. (C) No. 503 of 2018, *Poulomi Pavini Shukla vs. Union of India & Others*.
3. The Sr. Private Secretary to the Education Minister, HP, Shimla-2.
4. The Sr. Pvt. Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Government of HP w.r.t. CS office Dy. No. 8599 dated 26-08-2025 for information.
5. The Director of School Education, HP, Shimla-1.
6. The State Project Director (Samagra Shiksha), HP, Shimla-1.
7. The Controller, Printing and Stationary, HP, Shimla-5.
8. The Section Officer (Education-D), HP Secretariat, Shimla-2.

(Hem Singh)

Under Secretary (Education) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

General  
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Sh. Rohit  
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