

F. No. 3-3/2012-EE-4
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy

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Room No. 429-A, C Wing, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi, dated 26th March, 2012.

To
The Secretary (Elementary Education)
Elementary Education Department
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla-171 002

Subject: Exemption for conducting Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) – regarding.

Sir,

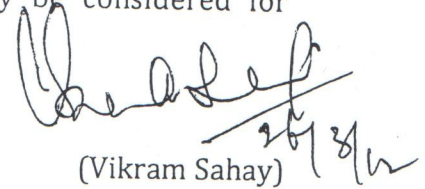
The undersigned is directed to refer to letter No. EDN-C-B(15)-12/2011 dated 13th March, 2012 of the Government of Himachal Pradesh on the above subject and to state as under.

2. Para 4 of the Guidelines under Section 35(1) issued by the Ministry on 9th November, 2010 regarding relaxation under section 23(2) of the RTE Act specifically states that “the condition of passing TET will not be relaxed by the Central Government” under that sub-section. The relaxation envisaged under section 23(2) is of teacher education qualifications only, having regard to the availability of teacher education institutions and qualified professionals in relation to the demand for teachers in a particular State. These parameters have no bearing on the essential condition of passing TET. Further, the fact that the State Government has admitted candidates in the JBT Programme (2 year D.El.Ed) through a common entrance test cannot be a justification for seeking relaxation of TET, since TET is for persons who have acquired the teacher education qualifications. Accordingly, an entrance test for admitting candidates to a teacher education programme cannot be a substitute for TET or a ground for not conducting TET.

3. It is also observed that while the NCTE Notification, laying down the minimum teacher qualifications in pursuance of section 23(1) of the RTE Act, was issued on 23rd August, 2010 and immediately thereafter circulated to the States, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has, even after more than one and half year of the said Notification, not modified/amended its Recruitment Rules.

4. In light of the above, I am directed to convey that :

- (a) The condition of passing TET cannot be relaxed under section 23(2) of the RTE Act;
- (b) The State Government should conduct the TET inviting applications from all eligible candidates as specified in the TET Guidelines dated 11th February, 2011 issued by NCTE, read with the NCTE Notification dated 23rd August, 2010, as modified by Notification dated 29th July, 2011; and
- (c) Only those candidates who qualify the TET may be considered for appointment as a school teacher.



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