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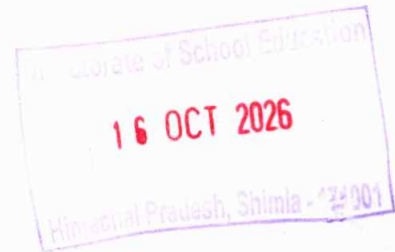
No. EDN-C-F(1)-2/2023
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of School Education

From:

Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

The Director of School Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1



Dated: Shimla-171002, the

8th October, 2026

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

Sir,

In continuation of this Department's letter dated 12-03-2026 on the subject cited above, the matter regarding the age criteria for admission to Balvatika-I (Nursery), Balvatika-II (LKG), Balvatika-III (UKG) and Class 1st has been examined at the Government level. It is hereby clarified that a child shall be eligible for admission to Balvatika-I, Balvatika-II, Balvatika-III and Class 1st on completing the age of 3 years, 4 years, 5 years and 6 years, respectively, on or before 30th September of the academic year in which admission is sought. The aforesaid age criteria and cut-off date shall be uniformly applicable to all schools in the State of Himachal Pradesh, including private schools.

It is further clarified that the aforesaid age criteria prescribe the minimum age for admission to the respective classes and shall not be construed as prescribing any upper age limit for admission to Balvatika-I, Balvatika-II or Balvatika-III. Accordingly, a child who has completed 4 years of age may be admitted to Balvatika-I (Nursery), a child who has completed 5 years of age may be admitted to Balvatika-II (LKG), and a child who has completed 6 years of age may be admitted to Balvatika-III (UKG), if the parent/guardian seeks admission to the respective class, and such admission shall not be denied merely on the ground that the child has crossed the prescribed minimum age.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure strict compliance with these instructions by all concerned schools. Any violation shall be dealt with under the applicable provisions of the RTE Act, RTE HP Rules, 2025 and other relevant instructions.

Yours faithfully,

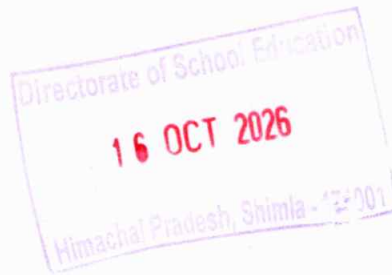
(Anil Chauhan)
Additional Secretary (Education) to the
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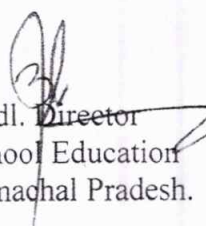
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1. All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Secondary/Elementary) Himachal Pradesh with request to circulate the same to all the Principals/Headmasters of Govt. and Private schools under their jurisdiction for further necessary action.
2. The State Project Director (SS) Himachal Pradesh. Shimla-171001.
3. All Block Elementary Education Offices in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ 4. Nodal Officer, IT Cell, DSE HP Shimla-1 to upload the same on the Departmental website.
5. Guard file.




Addl. Director
School Education
Himachal Pradesh.