

DIRECTOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS (SECONDARY EDUCATION)
At Punjab School Education Board Complex, Phase-8, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

To

1. The Chairman,
Council for Indian School Certificate Examination,
Pragati House, 3rd Floor, 47-48, Nehru Place,
New Delhi- 11009.
2. The Chairman,
Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
Head Office Shiksha Kendra, 2,
Community Centre, Preet Vihar,
Delhi – 110092

Memo No.Pension-Grant-2/2019/Steno/Spl-1/201925321-22 dated 21.01.2019

Subject: Implementation of Section 3 of the “Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages Act, 2008” – Teaching of Punjabi as a compulsory subject from 1st Class to 10th Class in all the schools.

1.0 In reference to the above cited subject, your kind attention is drawn to “Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages Act, 2008”, enacted by the State of Punjab. According to Section 3(1) of this Act, it is mandatory for all schools in the State of Punjab to teach Punjabi as a compulsory subject from 1st to 10th class. The said provision is reproduced below:-

“Section 3. Teaching of Punjabi as compulsory subject:

(1) Punjabi shall be taught as a compulsory subject in all schools from First class to Tenth class from the academic year 2009-2010.

2.0 Section 3(2) further prescribes that Matriculation certificate cannot be awarded to any student without him/her passing the subject of Punjabi in the 10th Class.

(2) No board or institution shall award matriculation certificate to any student, unless he has passed the Tenth Class examination in Punjabi subject.”

3.0 However, it has been brought to the notice of the Department that many schools in the State of Punjab which are affiliated with you are not adhering to the above said provisions in clear violation of the said Act.

4.0 It may also be appreciated that such misconduct and violation warrants penal action under Section 8 of the said Act. The Act empowers the State Government to not only impose penalties on the defaulting schools but it may also issue directions for disaffiliating the schools with you.

5.0 Therefore, it is requested that you may kindly ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the "Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages Act, 2008" as aforesaid. You may also consider amending your rules/guidelines, if needed and issue necessary instructions in this context so far as they relate to the State of Punjab.

Director Public Instructions (SE) Pb.

Enst. No.Even 2019/25323-326

Dated 21.01.2019

Copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Secretary, School Education, Punjab.
2. Secretary, Punjab School Education Board, Mohali.
3. Director Public Instructions (Elementary Education), Punjab.
4. District Education Officers (Secondary Education/Elementary Education) in the State of Punjab with the direction to ensure the implementation of the "Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages Act, 2008" in all the schools under their jurisdiction.

Director Public Instructions (SE) Pb.