

General Education - Right to Education Act- Stipulation of attainment of 6 years for admission to class I- sanctioned- Orders issued.

**GENERAL EDUCATION (J) DEPARTMENT** 

G.O. (MS) No. 9/2012/G.Edn.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 09/01/2012

Read:-1) G.O (P) No. 100/2011/G.Edn. dated: 30/04/2011.

2) Letter No. A4/RTE-73/2011 dated: 12/10/2011 from the Commissioner, Right to Education Act.

## ORDER

As per Section 2 (c) of the Right of children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (35 of 2009), 'child' means a male or female child of the age of six to fourteen years and as per 2(f) of the Act, 'elementary education' means the education from first class to eighth class. All the provisions in the Act are to be complied with within the cut off date ie. 31/3/2013, The Commission for RTE Act in the letter read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above has recommended for the stipulation of entry age to class 1 as completion of 6 years of age.

In the above circumstances, Government are pleased to order that all children shall have attained the age of 6 years at the time of admission of class I from the academic year 2012 -13 onwards. An age relaxation up to 6 months shall be permitted by the Head Master for admission in the academic year 2012- 13. This shall be applicable to all schools as defined under sub clause (1) to (iv) of section 2 (n) of the RTE Act.

(By Order of the Governor)

M.Sivasankar

Secretary to Government

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Thiruvananthapuram.

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