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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

General Education-Opening of English Medium Parallel Division in Government, Aided and Unaided schools - Revised guidelines - Orders issued.

**GENERAL EDUCATION (F) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O(Ms) 156/12/GE dn      Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 22nd May 2012**

- Read: (1) G.O(Ms) No. 148/2003/GE dn. dated 05-06-2003  
(2) Govt. letter No. 60099/F1/2009/GE dn. dated 06-01-2010 addressed to the District Educational Officer, Ottappalam.  
(3) G.O(Rt) No. 750/2011/GE dn. dated 24-02-2011.  
(4) Letter No. NS(3)/28833/2012 dated 26-04-2012 of the Director of Public Instruction, Thiruvananthapuram

**ORDER**

Government vide Order read as first paper above has issued revised guidelines for opening English medium parallel division in Government, Aided and Unaided schools in the State.

2) The Government vide letter read as 2nd paper above have further clarified that English Medium parallel division in Standard I, V and VIII can be sanctioned only after ensuring the functioning of at least two Malayalam medium class divisions and that only the third division, subject to other condition stipulated in Government Order read as first paper can be converted into English medium.

3) The Director of Public Instruction vide letter read as third paper above has reported that in many schools there are no sufficient students for two Malayalam medium division and as a result the students who aspire to study in English medium could not continue their study.

4) As the number of students in many schools are coming down, many schools are facing difficulty in maintaining the conditions stipulated in the Government Order regarding



starting of English Medium Parellel division. At present only the third division can be converted into English medium. If the schools has only two divisions or there is a division fall, English medium division could not be maintained. This situation will adversely affect the aspiration of the students to study in English medium. This leads to a situation where there are violations of the guidelines issued for starting English Medium Parellel Divisions.

5) In view of the fall in the number of students in most schools and the consequent difficulty in maintaining two Malayalam medium divisions for starting English medium division, the Govenment are pleased to issue orders revising the guidelines for starting English medium parallel divisions in standard I, V and VIII as follows:-

1. English medium Parallel Division will be sanctioned for Standard I, V and VIII; and books, published by NCERT will be used in standard I for the purpose.
2. English Medium Parallel Divisions will be allowed if there are minimum of two Malayalam medium divisions in the above mentioned standards. If there is a fall in the number of students or if there is not enough students to maintain two Malayalam medium divisions, the second division is allowed to be converted as English Medium Parallel Division. It is clarified that English Medium division can be started only by maintaining at least one Malayalam Medium division.
3. Number of pupils in the proposed English Medium is prescribed as 30 for one division. If the number of pupils willing, to study English is 60 or more, 2 divisions can be sanctioned.
4. The concerned Educational Officers (District Educational Officer in the case of High Schools and Assistant Educational Officer in the case of Primary Schools) are authorised to sanction English Medium Parallel Divisions.
5. There shall not be any financial commitment to Government in this regard.

(By order of the Governor)

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Secretary to Government