

NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 19th November,2016

No. PMA(S) 128/2016/41: With an aim to increase enrollment in provincialised schools of the State and to reduce dropout rate, Govt have decided to provide free Text Books to the Students of Class IX and X in Assam from the next academic year. The scheme has been incorporated in the Budget of 2016-17 as per announcement made by Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam in the Budget Speech 2016-17.

The Academic year proposed for implementation of the scheme is 2017-18 i.e. the academic year that begins on 1st January 2017. The essence and core of the scheme is that the Text Books should reach the students by 25th of December,2016 as the classes of new sessions in Assam starts from 1st January of every year.

The target group of the scheme is all the students studying in class IX and X irrespective of income of parents. The Scheme will cover all the Govt/ Provincialised High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools, all Tea Garden/ Local body schools, all Model Schools under RMSA, Assam and all Non-Provincialized schools who are getting Financial Incentive at any one point of time.

1. **Assessment of Books :** The assessment of books as per medium of instruction will be done by the Director of Secondary Education, Assam in consultation with the Board of Secondary Education, Assam.

2. **Printing & Distribution :** The "Assam State Textbook Production and Publication Corporation Ltd" will be the agency entrusted for printing and distribution of free Text Books. The finalized list of books as per assessment made by SEBA will be handed over to the MD, Assam State Textbook Production and Publication Corporation Ltd for submission of requirement of fund for printing and distribution of Text Books.

3. **Nodal Officers:**

State Nodal Officer : The Director, Secondary Education is designated as Nodal Officer for implementation of the Scheme at the Directorate level.

District Nodal Officers : The Inspectors of schools will be the District Nodal Officers for implementation of the scheme of the respective Districts.

4. **Proforma for submission of requirement of books :**

The District Nodal Officers will calculate school-wise requirement of Text Books based on present enrollment of the schools as per the following proforma separately for each medium of instruction:

Name of schools	Name & No. of Text books								
	Textbook 1 (name)	Textbook 2 (name)	Textbook 3 (name)	Textbook 4 (name)	Textbook 5 (name)	Textbook 6 (name)	Textbook 7 (name)	Textbook 8 (name)	Textbook 9 (name)

5. **Despatch of Text Books :** On receipt of the District wise requirement, the Director of Secondary Education will submit the requirement to the Assam Text Book Corporation for Printing, packaging and Despatch. The Assam State Text Book Production and Publication Corporation Ltd will dispatch the required number of books to the District Head Quarters where it will be received by the District Nodal Officers (Inspector of Schools). The Consignment will be received by the Inspectors of Schools at the Godown.

