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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
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Director of Public Instruction
Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Educational Officers

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Sir,

Sub: Training courses developed by RCI for training general teachers in the area of Special education - Reg.

Ref: Govt. letter No.IED/53539/D3/09/G.Edn. dated 09/9/2009

Government vide ref cited has forwarded a letter from Government of India, MHRD mentioning the training courses developed by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) for training general teachers in the area of special education. Specialised Training will facilitate teachers in taking care of children with disability in class room as resource/itinerant teacher are not always available in the school. Each teacher should have a minimum knowledge and skill to deal with children with special educational need in their respective classes.

A copy of the letter from Government of India is enclosed herewith. You are requested to distribute copy of this letter to all High Schools/HSS/VHSS so as to aware general school teachers about the courses conducted by RCI and they can join the course if required.

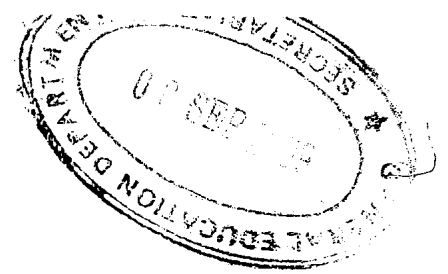
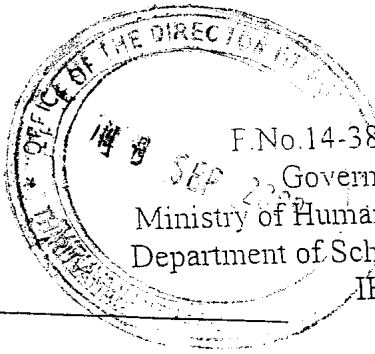
Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction

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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
IE Section

New Delhi, the 28th July, 2009

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The Secretary,
General Education Department,
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Secretariat,
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of State Govts / UTs

Subject:- Training Courses developed by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) for training general teachers in the area of special education.

Dear

As you would be aware, Government of India has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS), from 2009-10. The new scheme aims to cover children with disabilities, after their completion of eight years of elementary schooling, to complete four years of Secondary stage (Classes IX to XII). This new scheme replaces earlier scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC).

2. One of the problems faced in the implementation of the earlier scheme of IEDC was regarding training of general teachers in the area of special education. Specialised Training will facilitate teachers in taking care of children with disability in classroom as resource/itinerant teacher are not always available in the school. The special educator in each school, cannot be physically present in each classroom. Therefore, each teacher should have a minimum knowledge and skill to deal with children with special educational need in their respective classes. As and when required remedial measures can be handled by special/itinerant teacher.

3. This Department had taken up this issue with Rehabilitation Council of India, the statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The Rehabilitation Council of India has developed a number of courses to train teachers in the field of special education, some of which are reproduced below :

i. Foundation Course (Distance Education)

Foundation course of 90 days duration with contact programme of three weeks in two phases through distance mode has been developed and was launched through Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University. This Foundation course basically covers all disabilities including the concept of inclusive education to facilitate general teachers to handle children with disability in a common class room. From the session July, 2009 onwards, this Foundation Course will be run by Indira Gandhi National Open University.

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The unit cost per teacher under the Foundation Course varies from Rs. 2000 to Rs. 5000.

RCI also proposes to establish around 250 centers, to be increased to cover every block of the country, by making the Block Resource Centers as study centers. From January, 2010 the Foundation Course is likely to be launched through e-learning mode.

ii. **Postgraduate Professional Diploma In Special Education (Distance Education)**

The Postgraduate Professional, Diploma in Special Education is of nine months duration with a contact programme of two weeks each for general teachers to enable them become special educators for a specific disability. These teachers can also become resource teachers after acquiring the said qualification.

iii. **Diploma in Special Education/B.Ed in Special Education (Regular Mode)**

These training programmes are being conducted by Government/Non-Government organization. The list of approved training centers is available on RCI website www.rehabcouncil.nic.in


iv. **B.Ed Special Education (Distance Mode)**

In order to meet the needs of special teacher B.Ed Special Course has been launched by RCI through 9 Open Universities. The fees for the B.Ed Special Education (Distance mode) has been fixed at Rs.15,000.

The details of the training programmes enumerated above may kindly be gone through, so as to take a decision about using such programmes in your State as per your requirement.

The report on the number of educators being trained or who have undergone training in the field of special education may kindly be sent to us for record periodically.

Yours faithfully,


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