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G.O. Ms. No.1781 Edn. Dept.
dated 27.11.1971, in which
non-detention policy was ordered

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Education - Abolition of detentions in Classes other than
VII and X - New Evaluation procedure - Orders - Issued

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.1781, Edn.

Dated the 27th November, 1971.

ORDER:

Government have decided to abolish the system of detaining students on the basis of Annual Examinations in all classes of primary and Secondary stages, except in classes VII and X. This decision has been taken with a view to minimise the high incidence of stagnation leading to wastage, especially in the primary stage. According to the present policy of Government all students will be promoted to the next higher classes in accordance with the evaluation procedure given hereunder, except in classes VII and X, where a common and public examination respectively will be conducted in addition.

2. Doing away with detentions does not mean promoting failed students indiscriminately, but it really means remedying the conditions which give rise to the need to detain students. It also means adoption of a system of effective and continuous testing and consequent application of remedial measures so as to render Annual detentions unnecessary. Abolition of detentions be adopted to make evaluation a continuous and integral part of educative process. The new evaluation procedure shall be as follows:

3.1. PRIMARY STAGE OF EDUCATION (CLASSES 1 TO IV)

There shall be informal tests - Oral, written and practical conducted by the teachers every month. The results of these tests shall be entered systematically in the progress cards and pupils cumulative records, specially devised for the purpose. Home assignments and class work shall also be considered as part of evaluation. There shall be no promotion examinations for these classes at the end of each Academic year.

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4.11. UPPER PRIMARY STAGE EDUCATION (CLASSES V TO VII)

Evaluation procedure at this stage will include:

- a) Adoption of the prescribed pupil cumulative record, which shall be maintained for all students.
- b) Adoption of the prescribed progress card, which shall be communicated to parents/guardians regularly;
- c) Administration of teacher made tests at the end of teaching each unit of syllabus the results of which shall be incorporated in the progress cards;
- d) In addition, at the end of each quarter, for each subject, one formal examination will be conducted covering the syllabus completed during the quarter. The test material and the guide-line developed by the S.C.E.R.T. for these formal examinations shall be followed in all schools. The evaluation of these quarterly test shall be entered in the pupil's cumulative record.
- e) There shall be a non-detaining common external examination at the end of class V at the Samithi level. The result of this examination shall also be entered in the pupil's cumulative record.
- f) At the end of class VII there shall be a common external promotion examination at the district level;
- g) Common Examination Boards shall be constituted in each district with the District Educational Officer as Chairman who shall be vested with the authority of issuing certificates to the passed students of VII Class;
- h) In case of failed candidates in VII Class, weightages for class record shall be given to different types of internal assessment in the following way:

Teacher made Unit	Quarterly and Half Yearly examination.	Annual Examination	Total
25%	25%	50%	100%

5. III SECONDARY STAGE OF EDUCATION (CLASSES VIII TO X):

Evaluation procedures at this stage will include:

- a) Adoption of the prescribed pupil cumulative record, which shall be maintained for all students;

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- b) Adoption of the prescribed progress card, which shall be communicated to parents/guardians regularly;
- c) Administration of teacher made tests at the end of teaching each unit of syllabus, the results of which shall be incorporated in the progress cards;
- d) In addition, at the end of each quarter, for each subject, one formal examination will be conducted covering the syllabus completed during the quarter. The test material and the guide-lines developed by the SCERT for these formal examinations shall be followed in all schools. The evaluation of these quarterly tests shall be entered in the pupil's cumulative record.
- e) There shall be a public examination, conducted by the Board of Secondary Education at the Class X, at the State level.

6. IV MINIMUM ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES AND FOR TESTS:

There shall be minimum attendance requirement for each student for the primary and secondary stages of education. For primary stage the minimum attendance shall be 80% and for secondary stage it shall be 90%. A condonation of 10% for exceptional and unavoidable reasons like prolonged illness bereavement etc. may be given and the authority for such condonation shall vest with the Headmasters only. However, in cases where a student's performance in all the prescribed tests and examinations is satisfactory, the attendance requirement can be further reduced upto 60% for the purpose of assessing satisfactory performance of a student, the average of all the tests administered to him for each subject shall be taken into consideration.

7. Similarly attendance at all the unit test and term examinations is compulsory. In case any student fails to take any test or examination for unavoidable reasons, the Headmaster of the school shall administer the test or examination again on him. The performance at these tests need not be taken into consideration for promoting the student to the next higher class, but attendance at these tests or those readministered by the Headmasters shall be compulsory requirement for promotion to the next higher class.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.R. Ramamurthy,
Secretary to Government

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