

BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, WEST BENGAL

Circular No. 7/60

Dated the 14th March, 1960.

Sub.: Introduction of Co-education in Boys' High Schools.

The attention of the Heads of Recognised Boys' High Schools is invited to the Board's Circular No. 18/55 dated 17.9.55 in which schools seeking permission for Co-education were asked to apply to the Board for the purpose on or before the 30th September of the year preceding the year from which the aforesaid permission was sought. A subsequent Circular No. 37/56 dated 16.7.56 on the subject was also issued. But, unfortunately it is often noticed that schools submit applications for Co-education throughout the year for which the Board has often to consider such cases with retrospective effect, in the interest of the girls already admitted into the Boys' schools.

The present practice of submitting applications throughout the year leads to many administrative difficulties and should discontinue. Specially, such schools as do not apply in time for permission for Co-education cannot submit timely bills for tuition fees of the girl pupils who are entitled to free tuition. As a result it becomes difficult on the part of the Education Directorate to make payment on account of remission of tuition fees to such schools.

The Head of Boys' High Schools seeking permission for Co-education are requested, therefore, to submit applications for the purpose direct to the Board by the 30th November of the year preceding the year from which the aforesaid permission is sought instead of by the 30th September as the present.

An application for the introduction of Co-education will not be entertained if it is received in this office after the date specified above and the girls already admitted may not get the concession of free tuition.

The applications should supply the following particulars in details

- a) Whether separate sitting arrangements have been made for the girls in class rooms;
- b) Whether separate common room facilities for girls have been provided for;
- c) Whether there are separate sanitary convenience for the girls;
- d) Whether arrangements have been made for safe escort for girls to and from the school. (For this purpose a matron should be appointed);
- e) Whether any lady teacher has been appointed in the school. (Appointment of such a lady teacher may not be made unless the number of girl pupils reading in Boys' school exceeds 30 in two top classes. Such a lady teacher when appointed, should be co-operated as a member of the Managing Committee);
- f) Distances of the nearest Girls' schools, from the Boys' School concerned.

Copies of the aforesaid applications, however, are to be endorsed to the District Inspector and Inspectress of schools concerned for information, under intimation to the Board

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