

Government of West Bengal  
School Education Department  
Elementary Education Branch  
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091

No. 17- DSE-18099/1/2022-DP SEC-DSE

Date: 15.01.2022

**ORDER**

**Sub: Clarification on the issue of grant of Quarantine Leave**

Whereas, The State Government in the School Education Department vide Order no. 02-DSE-18099/1/2022-DP SEC-DSE Date: 04.01.2022 has included certain infectious diseases including COVID-19 for grant of Quarantine Leave in the respective Leave Rules;

And whereas, some confusions have been created over the issue of grant of Quarantine Leave to the teacher/non-teaching staff who himself/herself is suffering from such infectious diseases including COVID-19 and

Whereas the State Government in School Education Department has taken a note of the same and felt to issue an order to mitigate such confusion thus generated,

Now there with prior approval of the competent authority, it is stated that:

- (a) The Quarantine Leave, as defined in the Leave Rules for teachers/non-teaching staff, says that the Quarantine Leave, is a leave of absence from duty necessitated by order not to attend school in consequence of presence of infectious diseases in family or household of a teacher/non-teaching staff.
- (b) The Leave Rules include the list of infectious diseases including recently added COVID-19.
- (c) The very purpose of the Quarantine Leave, in view of public health, is to restrict the infectious diseases from further spreading.
- (d) By definition, the family of the teacher/non-teaching staff includes the teacher/non-teaching staff himself/herself as part of his/her family.

In view of above, it is clarified that teacher/non-teaching staff on account of suffering by himself/herself or other members of family from the infectious diseases including COVID-19, may avail Quarantine Leave. Concerned District Inspector of Schools must ensure that there is no confusion created while implementing the order.

  
Joint Secretary to Government of West Bengal

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