

Government of West Bengal
School Education Department
Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091.

No. : 232-SE (Pry)/PTTI-7/2011 **Dated: 16.03.2012**
From : V. Sen,
Principal Secretary to the School Education.
To : The Satish Chandra Tewari,
Principal Secretary,
Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
Ref : This Deptt. No. 795-SE (Pry)/ PTTI-7/2011 dated 08.12.2011

Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention as to the issue of training of untrained teachers which, you might be aware, is a burning problem of our State. This Deptt's letter as above may kindly be recalled in this connection also (copy enclosed). We have already come in touch with West Bengal Board of Primary Education (WBBPE), National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for imparting teacher training (2yrs Diploma in Elementary Education Course) to about 75000 untrained Pry. School Teachers through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode. But this Deptt. is not in the know as to the arrangement done in respect of training of untrained teachers attached to Upper Pry /Secondary schools. The number of such teachers is not very small. More or less they are 17000 in number.

As per stipulations of RTE, Act training of all such teachers is to be completed by 31.03.2015 from NCTE recognised Institutes. Now 3 (three) years are left in our hand only within which all backlog trainings are to be completed. A very good number of B.Ed. colleges are functioning in our State under your control and all of them are certainly NCTE recognised. It would be very much convenient if all the in-service untrained Upper Pry./Secondary teachers are covered through these institutions through ODL mode without disturbing their normal activities. You must appreciate that by such process of training through ODL mode we shall be able to make more rooms for freshers in regular B.Ed. Course which will be very helpful as to the availability of more number of trained teachers during future recruitments. It is mentionable in this connection that as per NCTE's Regulations we are not permitted to recruit any untrained teacher after 31.03.2014.

Under this circumstance may I request you to kindly let this Deptt. know as to the actions initiated by you regarding training of untrained Upper Pry./ Secondary School teachers.

Enclosure: As stated.

Yours faithfully,


Principal Secretary

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Copy forwarded to the P.S. to Hon'ble MIC, School Education Department- for kind perusal of Hon'ble MIC.


Principal Secretary