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CIRCULAR

The Directorate of Education is implementing the Cyberage Student Scheme 2013-14, as announced by the Government of Goa, wherein Laptops will be provided to the students of std. XI. The Cyberage Student Scheme 2013-14 is also extended to the students of recognized Unaided Higher Secondary Schools (not funded by the State Government). The scheme shall cover the students Standard XI (of all streams), admitted during the present Academic Year 2013-14.

A. *The scheme will be applicable to all the students of Std. XI admitted in recognized higher secondary schools affiliated to any recognized Board of Education.*

B. *The students shall apply through the School authorities, to the Directorate of Education in the prescribed format to avail the benefit of the scheme. (Application Form enclosed herewith)*

1. Each student shall apply in prescribed format and pay a nominal non-refundable registration fee of **Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only)** to the Directorate of Education (Planning Section) in advance for registration under the scheme, through the respective higher secondary schools he / she is enrolled in.
2. The student shall also submit “Concurrence” and a valid “Affidavit” in prescribed proforma for registration under the scheme from his / her parent or guardian as the case may be.
3. The scheme shall ensure supply of one Laptop equipped with 14 or 15 inch screens, optical drives and having mid-level processing capabilities, consisting of Webcam, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and Standard Ports. The Laptops will be allotted with requisite Operating System, with configuration as per the selection & choice of the Directorate of Education, Government of Goa. The equipment supplied, shall carry a valid warranty of one (01) year. Maintenance beyond the warranty period would be the responsibility of the student’s parents / guardian.
4. The equipment supplied shall be the property of the Government for a period of one (01) year from the date of supply and cannot be used for any commercial purpose or sold during the period.

5. The department shall not assume any obligation for any illegal use or violation of any provision of law in force by the student or the user of the equipment. Such use shall lead to cancellation of the registration and forfeiture of the equipment by the department.
6. All required expenses for operation of the system shall have to be borne by the student / parent / guardian except the inclusive warranty for a one-year period.
7. System up-gradation may be carried out during the one (01) year period with prior approval from the respective Principal of the Higher Secondary School. However, during the warranty period of one year the up-gradation should be done through the concerned supplier only, to avail the benefit of the warranty. No separate permission would be required for this purpose from the Education Department.
8. The scheme does not confer a right on any applicant for obtaining a Laptop against an application. The Government shall also reserve the right to reject any registration without assigning any reason(s). In case the admission of the student is cancelled or withdrawn or if a student leaves studies before appearing for his / her final examination of XI, the order may be withdrawn.
9. It is directed that no forms will be accepted by the Directorate of Education, Planning Section, Computer Cell beyond **30th-Mar-2014**. All application forms, should reach this office latest by **12:30 noon on or before 30-03-2014**.
10. The students shall submit the application in prescribed format along with 'Concurrence' and 'Affidavit' of the parent / guardian on a Twenty Rupees Stamp Paper complete in all respect.
11. The officials of the concerned higher secondary school shall scrutinize the applications and the certificates and recommend the case for supply of Laptop to the student beneficiary, under the "Cyberage Student Scheme 2013-2014" as the case may be after obtaining the prescribed fee of **Rs. 2,000/-**
12. As the scheme envisages the supply of Laptops to the student beneficiaries and to avoid misuse; it is hereby directed that the Head of the Institutions may kindly forward a photo-copy of the Attendance Sheet of all the students permanently enrolled in std. XI in your institution. The same should be attested by the Head of the Institution

13. The fees received / collected from the students shall be then credited to the Government Treasury by way of Challan under the following Head of Account:

Demand No 34

0202 – Education, Sports, Art and Culture

01 – General Education

102 – Secondary Education

03 – Non Government Secondary School.

The un-aided institutions are also directed to furnish the following information in the below mentioned format(s) to the Education Department while submitting the application forms. The said information along-with the duly filled-in Application forms with the Challan Copy etc. may be submitted directly to the Planning Section.

XI	Boys				Girls			
	General	SC	ST	OBC	General	SC	ST	OBC
Arts								
Commerce								
Science								
Vocational								
Total								
Gr. Total								

*** IMPORTANT - The Heads of the Institutions shall invariably verify the records before forwarding or recommending the applications under the scheme.**

14. A copy of the application, along with all the enclosures as prescribed shall then be submitted by the Head(s) of the Institutions with their recommendation at page 2 of the application (after retaining one copy - for the school records) to the Directorate of Education along with a copy of the Challan and a stream-wise / std-wise statement indicating the Name of the Student, Address, Std, Stream, Category and the Amount deposited with the Challan No. and Date **(Excel Sheet Format enclosed)** along with the forwarding letter and photo-copy of the attendance sheets of the all the students in Std. XI.

15. The Application Forms complete in all respects along-with a database of the applications submitted in the format provided may kindly be submitted strictly in an **MS-Excel Worksheet 2007 version** only; in the form of a soft copy on a Compact Disc (CD) or on a Pen Drive on or before **30-03-2014.**

The contents of the circular may kindly be brought to the notice of the concerned students by displaying on the Notice Board of the school / Circulation.

Sd/-

(Anil V. Powar)
Director of Education

Copy to: All the Government recognized Un-Aided institutions.