The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has appealed to the untrained Elementary Teachers including Head of School, teaching in Government Aided, Unaided and Special Schools to complete Diploma in Elementary Education (D. El. Ed) Course through Open Distance Learning mode at National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in order to be qualified to teach at the elementary level.

The Ministry has launched SWAYAM portal for online course through the NIOS. The teacher can access free instructions through online portal on www.nio.gov.in or http://dled.nios.ac.in. Minimum qualification for undergoing this programme is 50% marks in XII, with relaxation upto 45% in case of ST/SC/OBC/Physically Challenged candidates.

Teachers who do not fulfilled the minimum eligibility requirements, will have to joined NIOS and appear/re-appear for class XII examination simultaneously to achieve the minimum percentage. They will concurrently register on NIOS portal for the D.El. Ed course. They will, however, be eligible for provisional admission in D.El. Ed programme of NIOS subject to them acquiring 50% marks in class XII before completing D.El. Ed programme of NIOS.

Any teacher who does not have this minimum qualification will not be allowed to continue in the service beyond April 01, 2019 and procedure for dismissal shall be initiated against such teachers. The unqualified in-service teacher in Government/Government Aided/Unaided/Special Schools who fail to enroll on or before September 15, 2017 are liable to face removal/dismissal procedure against them.

Primary Teachers who have done Certificate course in Primary Education (CPE) or one year diploma course or any other course of less than two years duration are deemed to be untrained for this purpose and are required to undergo this course.

Assistant teachers/graduate teachers who have done B.Ed. course need not undergo this training programme for the purpose of teaching at elementary level i.e up to Class VIII.

Completion of above Diploma Elementary Education (D. El. Ed) will not confer upon teachers a right to claim for regularization.