



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

**Abstract**

General Education Department- Stipulation of attainment of 6 years for admission to Class I - modified - orders issued.

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**GENERAL EDUCATION (J) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(MS) 117/12/G.Edn dated, Thiruvananthapuram 12.04.2012.

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Read:- (1) G.O.(P)No.100/11/G.Edn Dated 30/04/11.  
(2) G.O.(P)No.9/2012/GEdn Dated 09/01/12.

**ORDER**

As per the Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above it was ordered that all children shall have attained the age of 6 years at the time of admission to class I from the academic year 2012-13 onwards and this shall be applicable to all schools defined under sub clause (i) to (iv) of Section 2(n) of the RTE Act.

It has come to the notice of Government that certain schools functioning in the State under the control of Government of India have fixed the age as five for admission to class I even after the enactment of the RTE Act which will adversely affect the admissions and academic merits of the state schools. Government feels it important to have parity and uniformity in the age of admission to all schools of the state. Hence this Government took up the matter with Government of India requesting to issue necessary direction to the authorities concerned coming under section 2(n) of RTE Act to the effect that parity in age is to be maintained for admission in class I irrespective of Unaided, Aided, Government and Specified Category schools. It is ascertained from Government of India that the issue of age needs to be finalized through a consensus process.

In the above circumstances, Government are pleased to order that existing provisions in KER will continue to be in vogue (i.e. the age of admission to class I shall be five years for all the schools of the State) until the Kendriya Vidyalayas controlled by Government of India also switch over to age six as implied in the RTE Act.

The Government order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above stands modified to the above extent.

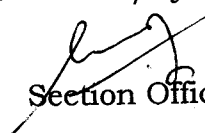
(By Order of the Governor)  
**M.SIVASANKAR**  
Secretary to Government

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Thiruvananthapuram  
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