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

No. 51-DSE-18099/1/2022-DP SEC-DSE

Date: 15.01.2022

Sub: Clarification on the issue of grant of Quarantine Leave

ORDER

Whereas, The State Government in the School Education Department vide Order no. 15-DSE-18099/1/2022-DP SEC-DSE Dated 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 him/herself is suffering from such infectious diseases including Covid 19 and

Whereas the state government in school education department has taken a note of 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 him/herself as part of his/her family.

In view of above, it is clarified that teacher/non-teaching staff on account of suffering by him/herself or other members of family from infectious diseases including Covid 19, may avail Quarantine Leave. DI(S) concerned must ensure that there is no confusion created while implementing the order.

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