From

Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana School Education Department

To

The Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula

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## Subject: Clarification regarding validity of School Teachers Eligibility Test (STET).

Reference on the subject cited above.

The State Government introduced School Teachers Eligibility Test (STET) vide notification dated 17.04.2008 for recruitment of all categories of teachers and it was made one of the eligibility conditions for recruitment. This notification was further amended on 24.07.2008 and in this notification there was no mention of validity of the STET certificate. Thereafter, for implementing the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (Act 35 of 2009), the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) vide their notifications dated 23.08.2010 and 11.02.2011 has issued guidelines for conducting the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET). Accordingly, the State of Haryana vide notifications dated 15.07.2011 and 21.07.2011 issued the necessary notification containing guidelines to conduct the Haryana Teacher Eligibility Test (HTET) for various categories of teachers. In both these notifications at Sr. No. (iv), it has been prescribed that the validity period of HTET qualifying certificate for appointment shall be for five years, similarly at Sr. No. (vi), it has been prescribed that validity of already STET qualified candidates will continue for a period of five years (from the date of passing on the pattern of present HTET), instead of unspecified period as per earlier notification dated 24th July, 2008.

The department has sent various requisitions for the posts of TGTs/PGTs which have been advertised by Haryana Staff Selection Commission in the year 2015. Various candidates who had passed STET examination have filed representation/writ petitions praying therein that the clauses (vi) mentioned in the notifications dated 15.07.2011 and 21.07.2011 cannot have retrospective effect.

This matter has been reconsidered by the State Government and now it has been decided that the clauses (vi) mentioned in the notifications dated 15.07.2011 and 21.07.2011 shall be construed to be having prospective effect meaning thereby that the validity of such STET certificate shall be upto 20.07.2016.

This is for your information and necessary action.

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