

WEST BENGAL COUNCIL OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION

EXAMINATION REGULATION – 2005

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (30, read the clauses (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) of sub-section (2), of section 21 of the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education Act, 1975 (West Bengal. Act VIII of 1975), and in supersession of Notification No. L / Secy / 73 / 99 dated 18th June, 1999, the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education hereby makes the following regulations, which the Governor has been pleased to approve under sub-section (4), and which are hereby published as required under sub-section (5), of section 21 of the said Act:-

REGULATIONS

1. Short Title and Commencement

- 1.1 These regulations may be called the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (Examination) Regulation 2006.
- 1.2 They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions

In these regulations, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

2.1 “the Act” means the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education Act, 1975 (West Bengal Act VIII of 1975)

2.2 “Admit Card” means a document issued by the Council allowing one to sit for examination.

2.3 “Amanuensis” means a person having qualifications not higher than class eleven standard, appointed by the Council to write answers in the examination on behalf of a candidate declared by the Council to be eligible for taking an amanuensis because of physical incapacity of the candidate.

2.4 “Candidate” means one to whom permission has been accorded by the Council to sit for the Higher Secondary Examination on his / her fulfillment of conditions as may be specified by the Council for the examination.

2.5 “Centre” means a centre approved by the Council for holding examination of such candidates enrolled for the examination as may be allotted by the Council.

2.6 “Centre Committee” means a committee constituted by the Council and entrusted with such duties and responsibilities for holding examinations in the concerned center as the Council may decide from time to time.

2.7 “Compulsory Elective Subject” means any of the three subjects that must be selected by a candidate from the prescribed nine elective subject packages.

- 2.8 “Compulsory Subject”** means any of the compulsory elective subjects and languages other than classical and modern foreign languages.
- 2.9 “Confidential Paper”** means any paper which the Council considers as confidential.
- 2.10 “Continuing Candidate”** means a candidate who has enrolled for any previous examination but did not appear or got plucked in more than two compulsory subjects, and who may appear within 4 (Four) consecutive years from the year of his / her first enrolment, and may interchange compulsory elective subjects with optional elective subject, if offered.
- 2.11 “Centre Fee”** means the fee which is collected by a centre from the examinees appearing at the examination at such rates as may be determined by the Council from time to time.
- 2.12 “Centre Grant”** means the per capita grant released by the Council for theoretical and practical examination at the rates approved by the Council.
- 2.13 “Council”** means the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education established under section 3 of the Act.
- 2.14 “Custodian of Confidential Papers”** means the person appointed by the Council to have in his / her custody the confidential papers for any examination in respect of a centre.
- 2.15 “District Advisory Committee”** means a committee for a district to be constituted by the Council for every two years with the members nominated by the Council from among the Government officials and the persons interested in education, for maintaining liaison between the Council and the Centre Committee to conduct the examination.
- 2.16 “Examination Personnel”** includes Centre-in-Charge, Centre Secretary, Venue Supervisor, Custodian, Examiner, Centre Supervisor, Invigilator, Head Examiner, Paper Setter, Moderator, Scrutineer, Tabulator, Special Examiner or Coordinator and Marks Coordinator.
- 2.17 “Examination”** means Annual Examination to be held at the end of Class – XI and Higher Secondary Examination to be held at the end of Class – XII on the basis of the syllabus covered in Class – XI and Class – XII respectively.
- 2.18 “Fee”** means such amount of money as is payable to the Council for the purpose specified by the Council from time to time.
- 2.19 “Examiner for Practical Examination”** means a bonafide Higher Secondary Subject teacher appointed by the Head of an institution under the Council’s direction to conduct Higher Secondary Practical Examination of the students of that institution and to examine their answer-scripts.
- 2.20 “Optional Elective Subject”** means the subject that a candidate may select from the prescribed nine elective subject-packages, in addition to the three compulsory elective subjects to be chosen by him / her from the same packages.
- 2.21 “Regular Candidate”** means any student who, after passing the Madhyamik Pariksha conducted by the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education or any equivalent examination recognized as such by the Council, got himself / herself admitted to Class XI in an

institution recognized by the Council within three years from the year of passing the Madhyamik level examination (counting the year of passing as the first year) and prosecuted regular course of study in that institution for two academic years upon getting himself / herself duly registered with the Council, and has been duly sent up by his / her institution for appearing at the examination, having satisfied the institution with his / her class attendance and performance in the Annual and Test conducted by the institution.

2.22 “Registration” means the process prescribed by the Council of enlistment of a regular student.

2.23 “Roll Number” means the number allotted to a candidate for an examination.

2.24 “Remuneration or Honorarium” means such amount of money as may be payable to examination personnel for services rendered by such personnel individually or jointly with others.

2.25 “Special Candidate” means a candidate who was enrolled for any previous examination but did not appear in at most two subjects or got plucked in one or two compulsory subject(s), and is again sent up through the same institution, within 4 consecutive years, from the year of his / her first appearance or enrolment, for appearing at any subsequent examination in the same one or two compulsory subject(s) only.

2.26 “Sightless” means a candidate who has been certified by the Head of the Department of Ophthalmology of a Government hospital as totally sightless.

2.27 “Test” means such qualifying examination as is required to be held by an institution at the end of instruction of Class XII which a student is to pass to qualify in order to sit for the Higher Secondary Examination.

2.28 “Venue” means a place selected by the Council for holding the examination at a centre, subject to any change with the approval of the Council.

2.29 “Written Answer-script” means the answer-script supplied by the Council bearing facsimile of the competent authority, namely Centre-in-Charge, on which the candidate has written his / her answers in the examination hall.

Words and expressions used in these regulations and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Enrolment of Regular, Continuing and Special Candidates

3.1 In order to be eligible to appear as a **Regular Candidate** in the examination a student is required to fulfill the following conditions namely :-

3.1.1 He / she must be eligible to be admitted in Class XI according to the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (Admission and Allied Matters) Regulation, 2005.

3.1.2 He / she has not passed equivalent or higher examination of any other Board or University.

- 3.1.3 He / she is required to prosecute regular study of the Higher Secondary Course of two years duration in a recognized Higher Secondary Institution with recorded class attendance not less than 70% in Class XI and Class XII separately.
 Provided that the Council may condone the deficiency in attendance not exceeding 20% on consideration of illness or other sufficient reasons to the satisfaction of the Council subject to payment of such condonation fee as may be prescribed.
 Provided further that a student, whose attendance falls below 50%, shall not be eligible under any circumstances to appear at the examination in that year and shall have to continue in Class XI and Class XII as the case may be and attend classes till he / she obtains minimum percentage of attendance required for the purpose in respective classes.
- 3.1.4 He / she must pass the annual examination at the end of Class XI and the test examination at the end of Class XII;
- 3.1.5 He / she must have the Registration Certificate issued by the Council.
- 3.1.6 He / she must have submitted the enrolment form and paid the necessary fees to the Council through his / her institution on or before the last date as may be announced from time to time by the Council.
- 3.2 In order to be eligible to appear as a **Continuing Candidate** in the examination a student is required to fulfill the following conditions namely :-
- 3.2.1 He /she must have enrolled for any Higher Secondary Examination of previous years, but did not appear or got plucked in more than two compulsory subjects.
- 3.2.2 He /she must enroll within 4 (four) consecutive years from the year of his / her first enrolment.
- 3.2.3 He / she may be a special candidate, but opted to appear in all subjects instead of one or two subject/s in which he / she has failed in the previous examination.
- 3.2.4 He / she must have submitted the enrolment form and paid the necessary fees to the Council through his / her institution on or before the last date as may be announced from time to time by the Council.
- 3.3 In order to be eligible to appear as a **Special Candidate** in the examination a student is required to fulfill the following conditions namely :-
- 3.3.1 He /she must have enrolled for any Higher Secondary Examination of previous years, but appeared in maximum of 2 (two) compulsory subjects or failed in maximum of 2 (two) compulsory subjects.
- 3.3.2 He /she must enroll within 4 (four) consecutive years from the year of his / her first enrolment.
- 3.3.3 He / she must have submitted the enrolment form and paid the necessary fees to the Council through his / her institution on or before the last date as may be announced from time to time by the Council.
- 3.4 The institution shall verify with its records the required particulars in respect of a registered regular / continuing / special candidate in the prescribed enrolment form supplied by the Council, and submit the same to the Council with the signature of the candidate under endorsement / certification as to his / her eligibility and seal of the Head of the institution or, in his absence, the Teacher-in-Charge along the requisite Challan for depositing Bank Draft on S.B.I for fees, and other related papers within the last date announced by the Council through circular, notification or otherwise.
- 3.5 Regular and / or continuing candidates, registered with four elective subjects may interchange the fourth elective subject with any one of the rest at the time of

enrolment without seeking Council's permission. This clause is confined to interchange of elective subjects only.

3.6 No candidate - regular, special or continuing will be admitted to the examination unless he / she submits application for enrolment and pays fees to the Council through his / her institution on or before the last date as may be announced by the Council.

4. Fees

4.1 Examination fees payable by a candidate shall be determined by the Council from time to time with the concurrence of the State Government in the Department of School Education and the Council shall announce the rates through circulars / notifications. Rates of other fees may be changed by the Council from time to time and such rates shall be notified by the Council for the information of the all concerned.

4.2 Exemption from payment of Fees

A candidate, who has been certified by the Head of the Department of Ophthalmology of a Government hospital as totally sightless shall be exempted from payment of the examination fees as aforesaid, as also the fees for payment to the amanuensis, if any, appointed by the Council to assist the candidate.

5. Refusal and Withdrawal of Permission

Where the Council, on the basis of documents placed before it, finds that any candidate intending to appear, or appearing, at the examination -

- (i) was not eligible to be admitted to the Higher Secondary course, or
- (ii) did not fulfill the conditions necessary for the purpose, or
- (iii) is guilty of suppression of material facts in this regard, or
- (iv) is considered unfit, for any other valid reason to be recorded in writing, for appearing at the examination, or
- (v) has not submitted duly filled-up Registration Form / Enrolment Form and necessary fees to the Council within the notified time on any ground whatsoever, or
- (vi) has failed to qualify in the Test Examination and / or failed to obtain the requisite percentage of attendance as stipulated in the Regulations.

The Council may refuse permission to such candidate to appear at the examination or withdraw, at any time before, during or after such examination, the permission already granted to such candidate.

6. THE EXAMINATION SYSTEM

6.1 The syllabi of the Higher Secondary course have been bifurcated for class XI and class XII from the academic session of 2005-06. The examination to be conducted after completing the syllabus of class XI is the Annual Examination and the examination to be conducted after class XII centrally is Higher Secondary Examination.

6.2 The schedule for both the Annual Examination and the Higher Secondary Examination shall be prepared and circulated by the Council in such form and through such media as the Council may determine from time to time.

- 6.3 Examination in each language subject and in each theoretical subject of compulsory or optional elective subject shall be of three hours duration, unless otherwise provided for in the syllabus or determined by the Council.
- 6.4 Period of Practical Examinations pertaining to a course shall be such as may be determined by the Council in general for an examination or for such subject of an examination.
- 6.5 Last date of submission of different application forms relating to the Examination shall be prescribed from time to time and intimated to all concerned through circulars or notifications.

6.6 The Annual Examination

A STUDENT WILL HAVE TO PURSUE THE BIFURCATED SYLLABI OF HIGHER SECONDARY COURSE COMPLETELY. HE / SHE WILL HAVE TO APPEAR AND PASS EACH AND EVERY SUBJECT IN THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION TO BE HELD AT THE END OF CLASS-XI SATISFYING THE NORMS AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

WHILE APPLYING 9.14 (a and b) OF THESE REGULATION THE INSTITUTION CONCERNED WILL HAVE TO FORWARD THOSE CASES TO THE COUNCIL WHOSE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE CORRECTED DUE TO INTERCHANGE OF COMPULSORY ELECTIVE SUBJECTS.

- 6.6.1. The Annual Examination at the end of class XI will be conducted by the respective institution.
- 6.6.2 The question papers of The Annual Examination will be prepared by the Council till further notification.
- 6.6.3 The evaluation of answer scripts of The Annual Examination and the result thereof will be published by the respective institution following the examination regulation of the Council.
- 6.6.4 A student will be allowed to take admission to Class XII , only after passing the Annual Examination of Class XI, satisfying the rules and regulations of the Council.

6.7 The Higher Secondary Examination

- 6.7.1 The Higher Secondary Examination at the end of class XII will be conducted by the Council.

6.7.2 A student to be eligible for being enrolled as a candidate of the Higher Secondary Examination must pass the Annual Examination (vide sec. 6.2) and the Test Examination at the end of class XII conducted by the institution.

6.7.3 The mark sheet of the Higher Secondary Examination will exhibit only the marks obtained by the examinee in the Higher Secondary Examination.

6.8 Names of Paper Setters, Moderators, Examiners, Head Examiners, Scrutineers, Tabulators, Coordinators and other authorities concerned with the Higher Secondary Examination as well as members of the Committee shall be kept secret and no candidate and no school authority or any other

authority shall be entitled to demand publication of their names or other particulars under any circumstances whatsoever.

7. Language to be used

7.1 A candidate shall be eligible to write answer at the examination in any of the following languages, except as otherwise indicated in the question paper, until any change is made by the Council in this behalf :-

- (i) Bengali, or
- (ii) English, or
- (iii) Hindi, or
- (iv) Nepali, or
- (v) Urdu.

7.2 The question papers on any subject, other than language subject, shall be set in Bengali and English versions only.

8. Examination Personnel

8.1 The Council may appoint such examination personnel as may be required for the purpose of smooth conduct of the examination and may pay remuneration to such personnel at such rates as may be determined and circulated by the Council from time to time. Names of such examination personnel shall be a matter of strict confidence and shall not be open to disclosure to any candidate, his / her parents or his / her institution, private or public. The Council reserves all the rights to cancel or rescind any such appointment at any time in the interest of smooth conduct of examination and publication of results without showing any reason whatsoever;

8.2 Remuneration / honorarium payable to examination personnel shall be subject to such condition, and the rates of honorarium shall be such, as may be determined by the Council from time to time;

9. The Structure of the Examination System for General Stream Courses

9.1 The method of assessment shall be numerical. That is to say, the assessment shall be made in terms of marks to be awarded by examiners;

9.2 Practical answer-scripts of general stream courses shall be assessed by the examiners appointed for practical examination, but such scripts shall be finally assessed by the concerned Head Examiners, who shall confirm the marks;

9.3 The mark-sheet to be issued by the Council to a candidate shall contain marks obtained by him / her in each subject offered by him / her, including optional elective subject, if any;

9.4 If a candidate offers an optional elective subject and passes in it, only the marks obtained by him / her in excess of 30 percent in the said subject shall be added for determining his / her aggregate, if he / she is successful in the examination. This is applicable to all regular, continuing and special candidates. Failure / absence in the optional elective subject shall not affect the result of the candidate;

- 9.5 The Council shall issue certificate in such form as it may decide to successful candidates of the Higher Secondary Examination;
- 9.6 In order to be declared successful in an examination, a candidate must obtain a minimum of 30 per cent marks in each of the compulsory subject as prescribed in the curriculum;
- Provided that in practical based subjects, he / she must obtain 30 per cent marks in the theoretical paper and also 30 per cent marks in the practical papers separately;
- 9.7 If a candidate obtains 80 per cent marks in a subject, he / she shall be awarded **‘Letter’** in the subject and the award shall be indicated in the mark-sheet.
- 9.8 If a candidate obtains 75% marks in the aggregate, he / she shall be declared to have passed with **‘Star’** which shall be indicated in the mark-sheet;
- 9.9 In order to be placed in the First Division, a successful candidate must obtain at least 60% marks in the aggregate;
- 9.10 In order to be placed in the Second Division, a successful candidate must obtain at least 45% marks in the aggregate;
- 9.11 In order to be declared pass, a successful candidate must obtain at least 30% marks in the aggregate;
- 9.12 Marks shall be awarded in cases where the aggregate falls short by 5 marks or less of a particular Division;
- 9.13 An unsuccessful regular candidate shall not be allowed re-admission into any institution.
- 9.14(a) If a candidate of Regular / Continuing and Special category does not appear, or fails to obtain the minimum pass marks, in any one compulsory elective subject and if he / she offers an optional elective subject at the said examination and secures pass marks in that subject, he / she shall be given the benefit of the marks obtained in the same elective subject by the interchange of the relevant compulsory elective subject for passing the examination;

Provided that if a candidate does not intend, for any reason whatsoever, to pass the examination under the condition prescribed above, he / she shall intimate the Council accordingly in writing through his / her institution within thirty days from the date of receipt of the mark-sheet and also surrender the mark-sheet for necessary correction;

- (b) If a candidate fails to pass in one compulsory subject by not more than 5 per cent marks, he/she shall be given credit by transfer of marks from the highest marks scored by him or her in a compulsory subject excluding Environmental Education to make up the deficiency in the subject in which he / she fails.
- (c) The results of the final examination shall be published in such form, and through such mode, as may be determined by the Council from time to time. If the percentage of failure in an examination appears to be abnormal owing to unforeseen reasons, the President, may take such steps as may be deemed necessary before finalizing the results for publication.
- 9.15.1 If a candidate does not appear, or fails, in more than two compulsory subjects, he / she may appear in the subsequent examination in all the subjects as a continuing candidate. A continuing candidate offering four elective subjects may interchange any one of the three compulsory elective subjects with the optional elective subject at the time of enrolment. Any regular candidate admitted to the examination for the first time and failing to appear or pass in

the said Examination, shall not be permitted to take fresh admission in any other institution, but shall be allowed four (4) more chances to pass the examination in the following four (4) consecutive years as continuing or special candidate, as the case may be, in the same courses and syllabuses which he / she offered in the first chance.

9.15.2 Such candidate offering practical-based subject(s) may attend practical classes on the same subject(s) in the same institution from where he / she was first sent up, for a period of not less than three (3) months before appearing at the examination.

9.16 If a candidate does not appear, or fails, in not more than two (2) compulsory subjects, he / she may appear in the subsequent examination as a special candidate and the marks secured by him / her in the subsequent examination shall be taken into account along with the marks obtained by him / her in the other subjects in the previous examination for finalizing the result. Such a candidate may appear in all the subjects originally offered by him / her over again as a continuing candidate, if he / she so desires.

10 Misconduct / Malpractices

A candidate shall be held guilty of misconduct or malpractice (constituting misconduct) if –

- (i) He or she is found to be in possession inside the examination hall of any book, mobile, pager, digital diary or page of any book, or scribbling, or written note, or typed sheet, that may have a bearing on the subject in which he or she is appearing, irrespective of whether such book, or page of any book, or scribbling, or written note, or typed sheet is used or not, or
- (ii) he or she writes answer on another candidate's answer-script or helps another candidate to write answer on his or her own answer-script or helps him or her in any other manner in writing answer or tries to obtain from, or to render to, any other candidate or any other person inside or outside the examination hall, any help in any manner, or
- (iii) any indecorous writing or indecorous drawing are found in his or her answer-script or in his or her possession related to examination or if he or she is found at any stage, whether during examination or thereafter, to have submitted answer-script or answer not written by him or her, or
- (iv) he or she leaves the examination hall without submitting the answer-script or willfully submits mutilated answer-script, or
- (v) he or she leaves the examination hall before one hour, taking with him or her answer-script or carries from the examination hall question paper during the hours of examination without submitting the answer-script or gets possession of question papers outside the examination hall during the hours of examination or is not found in possession of complete question paper after its distribution in the examination hall or passes or tries to pass the question paper out of the examination hall or leaves the examination hall taking with him or her blank answer paper or loose sheet, or
- (vi) he or she allows somebody else to impersonate him / her in the examination hall and to write answers on his / her behalf during examination, or

- (vii) he or she leaves the examination hall without recording his or her attendance on the attendance roll, or
- (viii) he or she encloses currency note(s) with an answer-script or offers illegal gratification or inducements to the invigilator(s) or other persons connected with the examination or, in anyway, tries or take illegal or unfair advantage, or
- (ix) he or she distorts his or her name, roll number or registration number in his or her answer-script, or
- (x) he or she is found to be in possession of any question paper or any other paper containing relevant answer or answers written on it, or
- (xi) he or she indulges in any kind of misbehavior, or intimidates, or assaults, or attempts to assault or intimidate an invigilator or any other person connected with the conduct of the examination either inside or outside the examination hall, or damages, or attempts to damage, articles or furniture, equipment, stationery or any other property of the venue, or creates disturbances in the venue or refuses to comply with the instruction given on the answer-script a direction of the Centre Supervisor or Invigilator regarding seating arrangements or in respect of any other matter in the examination hall, or
- (xii) any page(s) of the written answer-script(s) of a candidate is / are found to have been replaced / torn / mutilated or found to contain handwriting different from that of the candidate, or
- (xiii) he or she attempts to violate any other provisions of these regulations, or
- (xiv) if he /she discloses his / her identity in any manner other than that provided in the answer-script.

11. Inquiry by Committee

11.1 Where a candidate is reported to the Council to be guilty of committing any alleged misconduct or malpractice in connection with the examination, the President of the Council may, after considering the case, take such action as he thinks fit, or refer the case for enquiry to a committee consisting of not more than seven members as may be constituted by the Council, as per Section 19 of the Act.

11.2 The committee referred to in sub-Regulation (1) shall be called the Malpractice and Misconduct Enquiry Committee hereinafter referred to in these regulations as the Committee. The Committee shall enquire into the case so referred to it, after giving the candidate an opportunity of being heard and considering his / her reply to the charge against him / her and after taking such evidence as it may deem necessary. Guidelines that may be issued in these regards from time to time are to be followed by all concerned.

11.3 The Committee shall submit its report to the President of the Council containing its findings and recommendation as to the nature of punishment, which may include, *inter-alia*, cancellation of the examination at which the candidate appeared or debarring the candidate from appearing at any subsequent examination, that may be inflicted on the candidate and / or any other action that may be taken against the candidate.

11.4 On receipt of the report of the Committee, the President of the Council shall place the reports, findings and recommendations at the next meeting of the Council. The

Council may take such decision as it may deem fit and proper. The decision of the Council shall be binding on the candidate.

12. Post-Publication Scrutiny

- 12.1 A candidate may apply for scrutiny within 15 days from the date of publication of result through the Head of his / her institution for one or more answer paper(s) of the particular examination on payment of a fee prescribed by the Council expressly stating that the same is being paid for the purpose of scrutiny.
 - 12.2 An incomplete or erroneous application for post-publication scrutiny shall be summarily rejected, and no correspondence shall be entertained in that behalf;
 - 12.3 The work of scrutiny shall be confined to checking correctness of the total marks awarded, unmarked portion, if any, and correctness of transcription of marks in theoretical papers only. It shall not involve re-examination that is a fresh valuation of answers. Neither the candidate nor any one on his / her behalf shall be entitled to be present during scrutiny or shall have any right to inspect the answer-scripts;
 - 12.4 It shall be obligatory on the part of a candidate applying for post-publication scrutiny to accept the alterations in marks, if any, after scrutiny;
 - 12.5 Application for post-publication scrutiny shall not ensure result of such scrutiny before the date fixed for submitting application for next examination, and plucked candidates shall, in their own interest, submit application form for enrolment for the next examination within the dates specified;
 - 12.6 The result of the post-publication scrutiny shall be intimated to the candidate concerned through the institution;
13. All answer-scripts and marks foils in respect of the examination of a year shall be preserved by the Council for a period of six months from the date of publication of the examination results of that year. All answer scripts in respect whereof Post Publication Scrutiny application has been submitted shall be preserved for 6 months from date of publication of examination results, or 3 months from the date of publication of Post Publication Scrutiny results, whichever is later. On the expiry of the said period, all answer-scripts, marks foils and other papers (excepting tabulation records) connected with the examination shall be disposed of, and no demand for production of the same shall be entertained thereafter.
14. Any error or discrepancy in the marks-sheet shall be reported to the Council through the head of the institution for correction with 15 days from the date of publication of result.
15. All the powers exercisable under these regulations by the Council may be exercised by the President. Provided that any decision made, and or action taken by the President shall be placed before the Council at the first meeting of the Council held after such decision / action taken for ratification.

Provided further that in any matter not expressly covered by these regulations, the President may take such action which he / she deems fit, but the same shall be placed before the Council for ratification in its next meeting.

16. If any question arises relating to the interpretation of any provisions of these regulations, such question shall be referred to the State Government in the School Education Department and the decision of the School Education Department thereon shall be final.

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