

No.F.2-35/2011-School-3
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
School-3 Section

'B' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated, the 7th September, 2012

Office Memorandum

Subject:- Recognition of certificates/qualifications awarded by State Open Schools (SOS) for the purpose of employment in Central Govt. Offices.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Railway Board's letter No.E(NG)-II/2004/RR-1/14 dated 16.1.2012, forwarded by Department of Personnel & Training, seeking clarification whether qualifications/certificates awarded by various State Open Schools (SOS) including Rajasthan State Open School, Jaipur and Andhra Pradesh Open Schooling Society (APOSS) are recognized for the purpose of employment in Central Government offices or otherwise.

2. Ministry of Human Resource Development had granted recognition to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). The State Boards are set up by an Act of State Legislature or by an executive order of the State Government and are responsible to the respective State Governments.

3. The matter has been consulted with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) which is an autonomous body of MHRD and Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE), an Association of National and State School Education Boards. NIOS has informed that the Rajasthan SOS, Jaipur and APOSS are recognized Boards of secondary and senior secondary education. As regards validity of their certificates for employment purposes, it may be got certified from the respective State Open Schools.

COBSE is responsible for verifying genuineness/recognition of School Education Boards in India. It grants membership to Boards/Institutes that are set up by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature or an executive order of the Central/State Governments and follow the National Curriculum Framework, 2005 (NFC-2005). The certificates issued by its member Boards are equivalent to any other board across the country. It has informed that APOSS and Rajasthan SOS, Jaipur, are its members and their courses are recognized by COBSE and all its member Boards, and are valid for

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Please refer to MHRD O.M. of even no. dated 7th September, 2012 (Copy enclosed) on the subject mentioned above. Para 3 of the said O.M. is withdrawn/cancelled and is substituted as under:

"The matter has been considered in consultation with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) which is an autonomous body of MHRD. NIOS has informed that the Rajasthan SOS, Jaipur and APOSS are recognised Boards of secondary and senior secondary education. As regards validity of their certificates for employment purposes, NIOS has informed that concerned APOSS and Rajasthan SOS, Jaipur and its members and their courses/certificates are valid for further studies and appointment in the Central and State Government Departments."

2. It has come to notice that Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE) has been functioning without any authorisation from MHRD using the name of Ministry and trying to build such an image as if COBSE is an autonomous body under MHRD. COBSE claims that it grants membership to the Boards which are set up by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature or by Executive order of Central/State Government. These bodies don't require any kind of membership of COBSE.

3. COBSE also claims that it is responsible for verifying genuineness/recognition of Schools Education Board in India. However, it is pertinent to note that COBSE is a private organisation and its membership is voluntary and COBSE has not been established by this Ministry. Moreover, membership of COBSE does not automatically grant the status of recognised Board upon any member Board.



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