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शिक्षा मंत्रालय भारत सरकार के अधीन स्वायत्त संस्थान
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(Amended Letter in place of earlier letter dated 29.06.2023)

The Deputy Commissioner
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan
All Regional Offices

Subject: Opening of One Section of Balvatika-3 (for children of 5+ years of age) in
450 KVs - reg

Madam/Sir,

Inviting your attention to the subject cited above, I am to convey the decision to start one section of Balvatika-3 class (for children of 5+ years of age) in the identified 450 KVs (as per the list given in Annexure-I) from the current Academic Session 2023-24. In this regard, the following guidelines are required to be followed and therefore, necessary directions be issued to the Principal of concerned KVs to take necessary for immediate action at their end:

I. Admission in Balvatika-3 :-

- Admission to Balvatika-3 class alone shall be done as per the priority and reservations given in the KVS Admission Guidelines 2023-24. The prescribed age criteria is given below:

Class	Age (as on 31 st March 2023)
Balvatika -3	Should have attained 5+ years but not completed 6 years of age.

- Reservation under the provisions of RTE Act-2009 shall be applicable for Balvatika-3.
- Provision for admission for Single Girl Child Category shall not be applicable to Balvatika -3.
- Local advertisement shall be issued by the respective KVs and would ensure wide publicity in their locality.
- Notification, registration and admission will be done as per the Admission Schedule (Annexure-II) attached.

- Registration for admission in Balvatika -3 will be done through Online mode. Registration link, schedule for draw of lots and other details will be issued separately.

II. Engagement of Teachers & Caregivers (Helpers) : - Following modalities shall be followed for the engagement of teachers on contractual basis and Caregivers (Helpers) for Balvatika-3.

- A total of 02 ECCE trained Balvatika Teachers shall be engaged on contractual basis by each KV.
- The engagement of such teachers on contractual basis shall be made as per the instructions contained in this office letter dated 08.10.2013 and their remuneration shall be paid as per this office letter dated 21.03.2013 (similar to that of Primary Teachers)
- Qualification for Balvatika Teachers as prescribed by NCTE is given below:
 - i. Senior Secondary class (Class XII or its equivalent) from a recognised Board with at least 50% marks and
 - ii. Diploma in nursery Teacher education /Pre -school Education /Early Childhood Education Programme (D.E.C.Ed) of duration of not less than two years or B.Ed (Nursery) from NCTE recognised institutions.
- One Caregiver shall be engaged by each of the KV for Balvatika-3.
- Caregivers (helper) shall be engaged through the process of outsourcing.
- Qualification for caregiver or helper shall be as prescribed by NCERT/ NCPCE.
 - i. Secondary class (Class X or its equivalent) from a recognised board, minimum 18 years of age and should have induction training in pre-school Education. Or Any person possessing skill training /adequate training as prescribed by NIPCCD, NSDC or any other institution recognised by the central Government/appropriate Government/Recognised University/Board.
- Salary for helpers shall be as per the rates applicable for semi-skilled persons.

III. Class rooms, furniture and other resources:

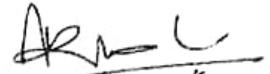
- The identified class room shall be made as attractive and colourful to motivate the children.
- Age appropriate furniture shall be procured by the respective KVs following GFR 2017. The KVs may either opt to have hexagonal tables and chairs or any other suitable design as deemed fit. However, it should be ensured that these are safe for the usage by children.
- Further, Smart class facilities including good audio systems, other Teaching Aids, Storage Facilities. etc shall be made available in each of these classes.
- Initially, a sum of Rs 2,50,000/= (Rupees Two lakh Fifty Thousand only) shall be made available as initial grant from KVS (HQs) to govt-funded KVs towards these expenditures.

IV. School Timing, Fees & others :-

- Duration of the school timings would be 03 hrs per day on a five-day week basis and the actual timings would be decided by the respective Vidyalayas.
- Vacation and breaks shall be as per the existing schedule.
- No uniform has been prescribed for the Balvatika classes.
- Fee structure shall be similar to existing Class I as per this office letter dated 31.03.2013. It will be collected through UBI portal only.
- Curriculum and resources prescribed by NCERT would be used for Balvatika-3. Academic resources for Balvatika classes have been shared by this office letter dated 24.11.2022.

The earlier letter dated 29.06.2023 is treated as withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



(N R MURALI)

Joint Commissioner (Acad)

- Encl: 1. List of selected 450 KVs for Balvatika -3
2. Admission Schedule for Balvatika -3

Copy to:

1. PS to the Commissioner, KVS (HQs), New Delhi for information.
2. The Joint Commissioner (Admn-I/ Admn/Trg/Pers/Fin), KVS(HQs), New Delhi for information
3. The Deputy Commissioner (Finance), KVS (HQs) with the request to take up the matter with Union Bank of India to open link for Balvatika-3 for collection of fees through online.
4. The Deputy Commissioner, (Acad& EDP) with the request to upload this letter & Admission Schedule for Balvatika -3 on KVS (HQs) website.
5. The Director, KVS ZIETs for information.