

**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE
G-7, DWARKA SECTOR – 10
NEW DELHI – 110075**

The 398th Meeting of the Southern Regional Committee (SRC), National Council for Teacher Education held on 7th April 2021 through **Virtual Tele Conferencing** at the Conference Hall, SRC, NCTE, New Delhi.

The following Members were present during Video Conference:

1. Dr. K. K. Shine	Chairperson
2. Prof. Ramesh Ghanta	Member
3. Dr. Chandra Prakash Reddy	Member
4. Prof. Vishnukant Chatpalli	Member
5. Prof. S. Bhaskar	Member
6. Dr. P. Shankar	Member
7. Mr. J.D. Singh	Rep. of Govt. of UT of A&N Island
8. Prof. S. Mani	Rep. of Govt. of Tamil Nadu
9. Dr. J Prasad	Rep. of Govt. of Kerala
10. Mr. T.Pritam Singh	Regional Director and Convener, SRC, NCTE

At the outset Sh. T.Pritam Singh, Regional Director and Convener, SRC welcomed the Chairperson and all members and apprised about the work done by the SRC along with the directions received from NCTE Hqrs from time to time.

The Minutes of the 397th meeting of SRC was circulated to all members. The Committee confirmed the minutes of 397th meeting with the following rectifications.

1.	METCA Institute of Teacher Education, Metca Land, Chavarcodes, Palayamkunnu P.O., Varkala, Thiruvananthapuram-695146, Kerala. File No. – APS05746, Course – B.Ed. In response to the decision taken by the SRC in its 397th meeting held on 25th -26th March 2021. The decision may be read as under:- The original files of the Institution alongwith other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Regulations Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to
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	<p>time and documents furnished by the institution were carefully considered by the SRC and the following observations were made: -</p> <p>The Committee decided that the continuation order be issued to the Institution METCA Institute of Teacher Education, Survey No. 579/3, 579/8, 579/9, Ward No. VII, Chavancode, Ayiroor Village, Elakamon Grama Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram District-695146, Kerala for B.Ed. programme for 1 basic unit of 50 students.</p>
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The Committee has taken up the following agenda items.

1.	<p>TAGORE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Port Blair, M.G. Road, Middle Point, Andaman & Nicobar Island-744101.</p> <p>File No. – APSO2913/ APSO4732 / APSO2913, Course – B.Ed., B.A. B.Ed., and B.Sc. B.Ed.</p> <p>The original files of the Institution alongwith other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Regulations Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to time and documents furnished by the institution were carefully considered by the SRC and the following observations were made: -</p> <p>The matter pertaining to TAGORE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Port Blair, M.G. Road, Middle Point, Andaman & Nicobar Island-744101 which was deferred in the last meeting discussed in detail in the light of clarification given by the Member Secretary, NCTE Hq. vide his letter No. Regl011/19/2019-US(Regulation) – HQ dated 08.07.2019.</p> <p>As directed by the NCTE Hqrs. the Committee decided to ratify the action taken by the Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Island in creation of additional 10% seats as a special case under EWS reservation. The same is also approved by the Pondicherry University which is the affiliating University.</p> <p>In the circumstances stated the Committee ratified the increase of 10% seats in each of the NCTE approved existing teacher education programme run by the institution. The same may be informed to the institution and affiliating body accordingly.</p>
2.	<p>CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:-</p> <p>Before taking up the Agenda for 398th meeting, the SRC perused the letter received from the UGC, New Delhi vide letter No. F.No. 1-3/2021 (DEB-I) dated 19th February, 2021.</p>



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The Members of the SRC is of the view that NCTE Regulations 2014 prescribes certain norms & standards for the conduct of B.Ed. through ODL mode. According to the stipulated norms and standards for the said programme, self-learning materials, both print and non-print, must be based on the principles of instructional design and the pedagogy of self learning. The same should be duly approved by the DEC. But in the letter mentioned above, the UGC made it clear that they do not have any body like Distance Education Board (DEB) in UGC to certify the quality of self-learning materials developed by Higher Educational Institutions.

The Committee opined that quality of self-learning material is an important input to the B.Ed. (ODL) programme to ensure its quality.

In absence of any mechanism either at UGC or at NCTE to verify the quality of self-instructional material by some Agency/Expert Committee, the quality assurance will become difficult. In the light of existing norms & standards, the Committee is not able to take a decision whether the existing institutions will be allow to offer B.Ed. through ODL mode or not.

In the circumstances stated above, the Committee decided to obtain the clarification from the NCTE Hqrs. in the light of letter received from the UGC, New Delhi vide letter No. F.No. 1-3/2021 (DEB-I) dated 19th February, 2021.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

