

ANNEXURE

NO.B.18011/3/2015-EDN
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dated Aizawl, the 16th March, 2016

NOTIFICATION

In the interest of public service, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to notify Norms for Amalgamation or Closure of Elementary School as annexed (Chapter I-VI) to take effect from the date of issue of notification.

Sd/- P. LALCHHUANGA

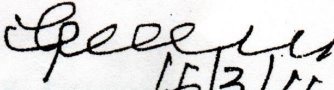
Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
School Education Department

Memo NO.B.18011/3/2015-EDN

Dated Aizawl, the 16th March, 2016

Copy to :-

1. Secretary to Governor, Mizoram
2. Secretary to Chief Minister, Mizoram.
3. P.S to Minister, School Education, Mizoram.
4. P.S to all Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries/Speaker/Dy. Speaker, Mizoram.
5. P.P.S to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram.
6. P.S to Secretary, School Education, Govt. of Mizoram.
- ✓ 7. Director of School Education, Mizoram.
8. All Administrative Departments.
9. All Heads of Departments.
10. All DEOs/SDEOs.
11. Director SCERT/Secretary, MBSE/SPD RMSA/SSA.
12. Controller, Printing & Stationery with 6 spare copies for publication in the Mizoram Gazette.
13. Guard File.


16/3/16
(ZOTHUAMI)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
School Education Department

NORMS FOR AMALGAMATION or CLOSURE OF GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND GOVT. MIDDLE SCHOOLS

CHAPTER – I

Introduction

1. Every State is duty bound to ensure access to schooling to every child of 6-14 years within a distance of 1 (one) km and 3 (three) km in respect of Primary and Middle schools respectively.
2. Amalgamation or closure of Govt. Primary School and Govt. Middle School may not be decided on the basis of enrolment size of that particular school alone. There is a need to examine each case separately for which criteria needs to be framed for amalgamation/closure of school.
3. Before the matter of amalgamation/closure of school is exercised, clear cut position of each Govt. School in terms of condition of school buildings, enrolment, teachers' strength, population of village, number of school in the village, expenditure incurred for each school in a year, etc. needs to be identified and examined thoroughly.
4. For examination of the case history of each school, Schools may be divide category-wise such as (i) City Area, (ii) Town Area, (iii) Sub-Divisional Headquarters (iv) Big Villages, (v) Medium Villages, (vi) Small Villages. When done with, minimum number of enrolment to have by the schools located in the above areas may be fixed by the Govt. to carry out the amalgamation or merger or closure of schools.
5. Concerned Local Council/Village Council under whose jurisdiction the identified schools are located may be informed to take step to enroll/admit/have the minimum number of students in the school for the next academic session with an information that the school will be amalgamated or closed down to the nearest school if they fail to achieve the target. An assurance or otherwise may be obtained in writing. Process for amalgamation, etc. for the next academic session may be completed within the current calendar year and order affecting the amalgamation may be issued by February of the next year.

CHAPTER – II

Schools located within City Area, Town Areas & Sub-Divisional Areas

Generally, there is no shortage/dearth of Primary and Middle Schools in the villages covered by the city area, Town areas and Sub-Divisional Headquarters. Therefore, schools having less than 25 students in Govt. Primary Schools and 35 students in Govt. Middle Schools may be identified for amalgamation, etc. to the nearest schools situated beyond the radius of 1 Km and 3 Km respectively subject to the following conditions: -

1. There should be a Primary school (Aided/Pvt.) within a radius of 1 (one) km for admission of students of the defunct Govt. Primary School.
2. Similarly, there should be a Middle school (Aided/Pvt.) within a radius of 3 (three) km for admission of students of the defunct Govt. Middle School.
3. If there is no Primary School within the radius of 1 km (as stated at 1 above) for admission of students of the school identified for amalgamation, the school may be allowed to function for the coming academic session only on condition that
 - a) the school must have at least 15 students;
 - b) the school must have at least 25 students from the academic session to be followed.An assurance must be obtained in writing to this affect. If the above 2 conditions are not fulfilled, the school may be closed down and amalgamated to the nearest school located beyond 1 km away.
4. If there is no Middle School within the radius of 3 km (as stated at 2 above) for admission of students of the school identified for amalgamation, the school may be allowed to function for the coming academic session only on condition that
 - a) the school must have at least 22 students;
 - b) the school must have at least 35 students from the academic session to be followed.An assurance may be obtained in writing to this effect. If the above 2 conditions are not fulfilled, the school may be closed down and amalgamated to the nearest school located beyond 3 km away.
5. Govt. Primary School and Govt. Middle School having less than 15 students and 22 students respectively may be amalgamated to the nearest Schools situated within the radius of 1 km (for Govt. Primary School) and 3 km (for Govt. Middle School).

CHAPTER – III

Schools located in Big Villages not covered by the City Area, Town Areas and Sub-Divisional Headquarters

1. 'Big village' denotes –
 - a) At least 200 households/families having children below 10 years for admission to Primary School.
 - b) At least 200 households/families having children below 14-11 years for admission to Middle School.
2. All Govt. Primary Schools having less than 20 students may be amalgamated to a centrally located Govt. Primary School located within the radius of 1 km in consultation with the members of the Village Councils.
3. Similarly, all Govt. Middle Schools having less than 30 students may be amalgamated to a centrally located Govt. Middle School located within the radius of 3 km in consultation with the members of the Village Councils.
4. However, if the villagers want that the Govt. Primary School/ Govt. Middle School should not be closed down and amalgamated with other School, they should assure the Department of School Education that they will admit at least 12 students in the Govt. Primary School and 20 students in the Govt. Middle School respectively for the coming academic session and throughout the year and also ensure the Department that they will admit at least 20 students in the Govt. Primary School and 30 students in the Govt. Middle School respectively from the academic session to be followed. An assurance may also be obtained in writing to the effect that they will fulfill the conditions as stated at 2 & 3 above from the academic session to be followed failing which the schools may be closed down and amalgamated to the nearest Govt. Primary School and Govt. Middle School located within the radius of 1 km and 3 km respectively.
5. If the Govt. Primary School and Govt. Middle School fail to enroll at least 12 and 20 students respectively as stated at (4) above, the schools may be closed down and amalgamated to the nearest schools located within the radius of 1 km and 3 km respectively.
6. While closing down/amalgamating schools, the Department of School Education should ensure that every child of the age of 6-14 has a right to free and compulsory education. Therefore, while implementing the provision 4 & 5 of the above, it should be ensured that the condition of roads, streams/rivers and other hazardous elements on the way to school for children are safe enough for school going children. If such cases are found, the Department may solve the problems in consultation with the concerned Village Councils.

CHAPTER – IV

Schools located in 'Medium Villages'

1. 'Medium Village' denotes –
 - a) Villages having 101-199 households/families having children below 10 years for admission to Primary School.
 - b) Villages having 101-199 households/families having children below 14-11 years for admission to Middle School.
2. Generally, 'Medium Village' has either 2 (two) Govt. Primary Schools or 1 (one) Govt. Middle School and 1(one) Middle School (GIA).
3. Govt. may have a policy to have only 1 (one) Govt. Primary and 1(one) Govt. Middle School in a medium village.
4. Govt. Primary Schools having less than 25 students may be merged to a centrally located school in consultation with the members of Village Council with a target in mind to carry out the policy stated at (c) above.
5. If the Village Council insists to have more than one Govt. Primary Schools in spite of non-fulfillment of the norms and also if there is no other Primary School (PS run by SSA and Pvt.), they may be allowed to run the school subject to enrollment of at least 15 students for the first academic session. The Village Council may be informed in writing to have at least 25 students in the school in the next session and in all other schools situated within the village as well. An assurance may also be obtained in writing. If the school fails to admit the required number of students, the school may be amalgamated to the nearest Govt. Primary school situated in the village from the subsequent academic session.
6. If the Govt. Middle School fails to admit at least 35 students, the same may be amalgamated to the nearest Govt. Middle School situated within the radius of 3 km.
7. However, if the Village Council wants to have more than one Govt. Middle School in spite of non-fulfillment of the norms and also if there is no other Govt. Middle School (Aided/Pvt.) within the radius of 3 km for amalgamation, the Govt. Middle School may be allowed to run with at least 22 students for the next academic session only. In such case, an assurance may be obtained in writing from the Village Council to the effect that they will do the needful to achieve the minimum target set for enrolment and achieve the same from the subsequent academic session, failing which the school may be closed down and amalgamated to the nearest Govt. Middle School within or beyond the radius of 3 km.

8. While closing down/amalgamating schools, the Department of School Education should ensure that every child of the age of 6-14 has a right to free and compulsory education. Therefore, while implementing the provision 7 above, it should be ensured that the condition of roads, streams/rivers and other hazardous elements on the way to school for children are safe enough for school going children. If such cases are found, the Department may solve the problems in consultation with the concerned Village Councils.

CHAPTER – V

Schools located in 'Small Villages'

1. 'Small Village' denotes –
 - a) Less than 100 households/families having children below 10 years for admission to Primary School.
 - b) Less than 100 households/families having children below 14-11 years for admission to Middle School.
2. Generally, 'Small Village' has either 1(one) Govt. Primary School or 2(two) Govt. Primary Schools and 1(one) Govt. Middle School and 1(one) Govt. Aided Middle School.
3. Govt. may have a policy to have only 1(one) Govt. Primary and 1(one) Govt. Middle School in a 'Small Village'.
4. Govt. Primary Schools having less than 25 students may be amalgamated to a centrally located school in consultation with the members of Village Council in the first phase having a target in mind to carry out the policy stated at 3 above.
5. If the Village Council wants to have more than one Govt. Primary Schools in the village in spite of non-fulfillment of the norms, they may be allowed to run the school subject to enrollment of at least 15 students for the first academic session. The Village Council may be informed in writing to have at least 25 students in the school in the next session and in all other schools as well situated within the village. An assurance may also be obtained in writing. If the school fails to admit the required number of students, the school may be amalgamated to the nearest school from the academic session to be followed.
6. If the Govt. Middle School fails to admit at least 30 students, the same may be amalgamated to the nearest Govt. Middle School situated within the radius of 3 km.
7. However, if there is no other Govt., Govt. Aided and Private Middle School within the radius of 3 km for amalgamation, the Govt. school may be allowed to run with at least 20 students for the next academic session only. In such case, an assurance may be obtained in writing from the Village Council to the effect that they will do the needful to achieve the minimum target set for enrolment and achieve the same from the academic session to be followed, failing which the school may be closed down and amalgamated to the nearest Govt. Middle School within the radius of 3 km.
8. While closing down/amalgamating schools, the Department of School Education should ensure that every child of the age of 6-14 has a right to free and compulsory education. Therefore, while implementing the provision 7 above, it should be ensured that the condition of roads, streams/rivers and other hazardous elements on the way to school for children are safe enough for school going children. If such cases are found, the Department may solve the problems in consultation with the concerned Village Councils.

CHAPTER – VI

Land, buildings and other assets of the school left behind due to amalgamation, etc.

Land, buildings and other assets of the school vacated due to amalgamation, etc may be used for the purpose and in the following order –

1. Land and buildings may be used by the Department of School Education for official purpose.
2. If there is no way to use the land and buildings for official purpose, the same may be given on rent to other Departments.
3. Failing which, the same may be given on rent to private party.
4. Income generated may be credited to Govt. accounts.
5. Assets may be collected by the Department and given out to schools where it is most needed.