GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

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EDUCATION (VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 1171

Dated: 27.11.1992

Read:

2. From Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras

ORDER:

As at present, the minimum age-limit for non-pupil private candidates for writing S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary Examinations is 14½ and 16½ years respectively from 1991-92. The non-pupil private candidates are permitted to appear privately for +2 Examination after a lapse of a period varying from 6 to 18 months after passing 10th Standard examination. However, the students who undergo the regular course of study in a school have to put in 10 years of study to complete X Standard and a further 2 years of study to complete the plus two course (Higher Secondary Course). As there is no minimum gap between the period of S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary Examinations for non-pupil private candidates they are at an advantageous position over the candidates who go through the school in +1 and +2 and appear for the examination. This has resulted in resentment among regular students as this affects their prospects.

2. The Madras University has imposed a stipulation whereby after private study, persons who have passed Higher Secondary Examination could be admitted to the degree course, only after a gap of two years after passing the 10th Standard examination irrespective of the date of passing the +2 examination. The Government have examined this with Director of School Education and Director of Government Examinations. They have concurred with the above stipulation of Madras University and have requested for orders.

3. The Government accept the recommendations of Director of School Education and Director of Government Examinations and direct that amongst the other conditions for admission of candidates to appear privately for the Higher Secondary Examinations, the following condition is added:

"Only those candidates who have completed the age of 16½ (with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 192 Education, dated 25.2.92) years (as on 1st April for March/April Session and 1st October for September/October Session) and who have the minimum of two years gap from the
year of passing of X Standard examination are eligible to appear privately for the Higher Secondary Examination with effect from March/April 1995 Examinations.

4. The Director of Government Examinations and Director of School Education are requested to take necessary action.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

V. SANKARASUBBAIYAN,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Director of Government Examinations,
Madras-600 006.
The Director of School Education, Madras-600 006.
The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Madras-600 006.
The Director of Elementary Education, Madras-600 006.
The Registrar of all Universities.
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