

extent of at least 25% of the strength of that class, children belonging to weaker section and disadvantaged group in the neighbourhood and provide free and compulsory elementary education till its completion.

3. For the children referred to in paragraph 2, the school shall be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 12 of the Act and for the purpose of receipt of such reimbursements the school shall maintain a separate bank account.

4. The Society/School Management shall not collect any capitation fee and subject the child or his or her parent or guardian to any screening procedure.

5. The school shall not deny admission to any child for lack of proof of age and shall adhere to the provisions of section 15 of the Act. The School shall ensure that,

i. No child admitted shall be held back in any class or expelled from school till the completion of elementary education in a school;

ii. No child shall be subjected to physical punishment or mental harassment;

iii. No child is required to pass any Board Examination till the completion of elementary education.

iv. Every child completing elementary education shall be awarded a certificate as laid down in rule 21.

v. Inclusion of students with disabilities/special needs as per provisions of the Act.

vi. The teachers are recruited with the minimum qualifications as laid down under sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Act.

vii. The existing teachers who, at the commencement of this Act do not possess minimum qualifications shall acquire such minimum qualifications within a period of 5 years from the date of commencement of the Act.

viii. The teachers perform their duties specified under sub-section (1) of section 24 of the Act and those under the rules issued thereunder.

(ix) The Teachers shall not engage himself or herself in non-educational and private teaching activities otherwise than permitted under the Act.

6. The School shall follow the syllabus on the basis of curriculum laid down by State