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Tamil Nadu Acts and Ordinances

The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 9th June 2006 and is thereby published for general information :-

Act No. 13 OF 2006

An Act to provide a learning of Tamil as one of the subjects in all schools in the State of Tamil Nadu.

WHEREAS, a policy decision has been taken by the Government of Tamil Nadu to ensure that all students studying in standards I to X in all schools in this State to learn Tamil as one of the subjects, in a phases manner,

from the academic year 2006-2007.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Fifty-Seventy Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Learning Act, 2006. Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Tamil Nadu.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, appoint.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "academic year" means the year commencing on the first day of June;

(b) "competent authority" means the competent authority appointed by the Government under section 4;

(c) "Government" means the State Government;

(d) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;

(e) "school" means,-

(i) any Primary School, Middle School, High School or Higher Secondary School maintained by the State or Local Bodies; or

(ii) any Primary School, Middle School, High School or Higher Secondary School established and administered or maintained by any private educational

agency including minority school established and administered under clause (1) of Article 30 of the Constitution, whether receiving aid out of the State fund or not; or

(iii) any Nursery and Primary School, Matriculating School, Anglo-Indian School or Oriental School including minority school established and administered under clause (1) of Article 30 of the Constitution, whether receiving aid out of the State fund or not; or

(iv) such other school as may be notified by the Government in this behalf,

Explanation.- For the purpose of this clause.-

(i) Nursery and Primary School shall consist of standards L.K.G. to V;

(ii) Primary School shall consist of standards I to V;

(iii) Middle shall consist of standards I to VIII or standards VI to VIII;

(iv) High shall consist of standards I to X or VI to X or IX and X;

(v) Higher Secondary School shall consist of standards I to XII, VI to XII or standards IX to XII;

Tamil as subject.

3. (1) Tamil shall be taught as a subject in standards I to X in all schools, in a phased manner, commencing from the academic year 2006-2007 for standard I, from the academic year 2007-2008 for standards I and II and

shall be extended upto X standard in a like manner.

(2) For the purpose of sub-section (1), the pattern of education shall be as follows:-

- Part-I Tamil (Compulsory)
- Part-II English(Compulsory)
- Part-III Other Subjects (Mathematics, Science, Social Science, etc.)
- Part-IV Students who do not have either Tamil or English as their mother tongue can study their mother tongue as an optional subject.

Competent authority

4. (1) The Government may, by notification, appoint any officer of the Education Department not below the rank of District Educational Officer to be competent authority for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder and different competent authorities may be appointed for different areas.

(2) The competent authority shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed.

Exemption

5. The Government may, subject to such conditions as they deem fit, by general or special order, exempt any class or category of student or student or students from all or any of the provisions of this Act either in part or in whole.

Competent authority to be

6. The competent authority appointed under section

Central Act XLV of 1860.

public servant.

4 shall be deemed to be public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

Power of Government to give direction

7 (1) The Government may, in the public interest, by order, direct the competent authority to made an enquiry or to take appropriate proceedings under this Act in any case specified in the order, and the competent authority shall report to the Government the result of the enquiry made or the proceedings taken by him within such period as may be prescribed.

(2) On receipt of the report from the competent authority under sub-section (1), the Government shall give such direction as they deem fit and such direction shall be final and binding.

8. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall be against the competent authority, Government or its Officers for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act or any rule or order made thereunder.

Protection of action taken in good faith.

9. (1) The Government may made rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Power to made rules.

(2) Every rule or notification or order made under this Act, shall, as soon as possible, after it is made or issued, be placed on the Table of the Legislative Assembly, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so placed or the next session, the Assembly

makes any modification in any such rule or notification or order or the Assembly decides that the rule or notification or order should not be made, the rule or notification or order shall thereafter have effect only in such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule or notification or order.

10. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may, by order published in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*, make such provisions, as appears to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.

Power to remove difficulties.

Provided that no order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

(By Order of the Governor)

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