THE CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION BILL, 2012

A BILL

to provide for the constitution of a Central Board of Secondary Education for the development and management of quality school education and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Act may be called the Central Board of Secondary Education Act, 2012.

(2) It extends to the whole of India and applies to schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education in India and outside India.
(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint or different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act.

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

(a) “affiliation”, together with its grammatical variations, includes, in relation to a school, association of such school with, and admission of such school to the privileges of, the Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) “affiliated school” means any school which has been granted affiliation under clause (a) of sub-section (4) of section 20;

(c) “Board” means the Central Board of Secondary Education constituted under sub-section (1) of section 3;

(d) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Board appointed under clause (a) of section 4;

(e) “committee” means a committee constituted under section 18;

(f) “dissolved Board” means the Central Board of Secondary Education registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860;

(g) “examination” means the examination and the assessment conducted under the directions of the Board;

(h) “Indian Public Schools’ Conference” means a body formed by private independent schools and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860;

(i) “member” means a member of the Board appointed or nominated under section 4 and includes the Chairperson;

(j) “notification” means a notification published in the Official Gazette;

(k) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(l) “regulations” means regulations made by the Board under this Act;
(m) “school” means a secondary school or senior secondary school affiliated with the Board;

(n) “school education” means education up to secondary or senior secondary level in an affiliated school;

(o) “secondary school” means a school which has been recognized under section 18 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 imparting education up to tenth class;

(p) “senior secondary school” means a school recognized under section 18 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 imparting education up to twelfth class.

### CHAPTER II

**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

3. (1) With effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification, appoint in this behalf, there shall be constituted, for the purposes of this Act, a Board to be called the Central Board of Secondary Education.

   (2) The Board shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid, having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to contract and shall, by the said name, sue or be sued.

   (3) The head office of the Board shall be at Delhi and the Board may, with the prior approval of the Central Government, establish such other offices as may be required.

4. The Board shall consist of the following persons, namely: -

   (a) a Chairperson to be appointed by the Central Government from amongst persons of eminence in the field of school education, academics or public administration:

   Provided that an officer who is or has been in the service of the Government shall not be appointed as a Chairperson unless such officer has held the post of **Joint Secretary** to the Government of India or any equivalent post in the Central Government or the State Government or the autonomous body for a period of not less than three years:
(b) one member each to represent the Department dealing with education in the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim and the Union territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Chandigarh, to be nominated by the respective Government or Union territory Administration, \textit{ex officio};

(c) two members, one of whom shall be a woman, to represent the Department dealing with education in the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, to be nominated by that Government, \textit{ex officio};

(d) one member each to represent the Department dealing with education in each of the urban local bodies in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(e) one member to represent the Ministry or Department dealing with the subject of education in the Central Government, to be nominated by that Ministry or Department, \textit{ex officio};

(f) one member to represent the Ministry or Department dealing with the subject of health in the Central Government, to be nominated by that Ministry or Department, \textit{ex officio};

(g) one member to represent each of such other Ministries or Departments of the Government of India as the Central Government may deem necessary, \textit{ex officio};

(h) one member to represent the University of Delhi, to be nominated by its Vice-Chancellor, \textit{ex officio};

(i) one member to represent the Association of Indian Universities to be nominated by its President, \textit{ex officio};

(j) one member to represent the Council of Boards of School Education to be nominated by its President, \textit{ex officio};

(k) one Head Master or Principal of a school to be nominated by the Indian Public Schools’ Conference;

(l) one member each to represent the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the Navodaya Vidyalaya Sangathan and the Central Tibetan Schools Administration to be nominated by the respective heads of \textit{said} organisations;
(m) one member to represent the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination, *ex officio*;

(n) one member to represent the National Institute of Open Schooling, *ex officio*;

(o) two members, one of whom shall be a woman, to be nominated from amongst the Principals of secondary schools or senior secondary schools affiliated with the Board;

(p) one Head Master or Principal to represent a secondary school and senior secondary school affiliated with the Board from each of the Union territories other than Delhi, to be nominated by the respective Government or Administration;

(q) one member each to represent the National Council for Educational Research and Training and the National Council for Teacher Education, *ex officio*;

(r) two members to represent the field of science, technology, industry, commerce and arts to be nominated by the Central Government:

Provided that a member representing the Central Government or the State Government or the Union territory Administration or any autonomous organisation of the Central Government or the State Government shall not be below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India or equivalent:

Provided further that an *ex officio* member or any other member of the Board shall automatically cease to hold the office if such member ceases to be the holder of such appointment or the member of such body or organisation which he represents, as the case may be.

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<th>The Chairperson shall hold office on full-time basis for a period of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years:</th>
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<td>Provided that no Chairperson shall hold office as such after he has attained the age of sixty years.</td>
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<td>(2) The term of office of a member, other than an <em>ex officio</em> member, shall be three years.</td>
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<td><strong>7.</strong> The Chairperson shall, in addition to presiding over the meetings of the Board, exercise and discharge such powers of the Board, including financial and administrative powers, as may be delegated to him by the Board and such other powers and duties as may be prescribed.</td>
<td>Powers and duties of Chairperson.</td>
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<td><strong>8.</strong> If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of the Chairperson or any member, whether by reason of death, resignation or inability to discharge the functions owing to illness or other incapacity, such vacancy shall be filled up by making fresh appointment and the person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the office of the person in whose place such person is so appointed.</td>
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| **9.** A person shall be disqualified for being appointed as a member if he-  
(a) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence, which, in the opinion of the Central Government, involves moral turpitude; or  
(b) is an un-discharged insolvent; or  
(c) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or  
(d) has been removed or dismissed from the service of the Government or a body corporate owned or controlled by the Government; or  
(e) has, in the opinion of the Central Government, such financial or other interest in the Board as is likely to affect prejudicially the discharge by him of his functions as a member. | Disqualification of a member. |
| **10.** The Central Government may remove a person from the office of member, if he -  
(a) is subject to any disqualification mentioned in clauses (a) to (e) of section 9; | Vacation of office of member. |
(b) refuses to act or becomes incapable of acting; or

(c) is, without obtaining leave of absence from the Board, absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board; or

(d) in the opinion of the Central Government, has so abused his position as to render his continuance in office detrimental to the public interest:

Provided that no member shall be removed unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

11. The Board shall meet at such time and place, and shall observe such rules of procedure in regard to the transaction of business at its meetings (including the quorum at such meeting) as may be specified by regulations:

Provided that if in the opinion of the Chairperson, any business of an urgent nature is to be transacted, he may convene a meeting of the Board at such time as he thinks fit for the said purpose.

12. No Act or proceedings of the Board shall be invalid merely by reasons of –

(a) any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of the Board; or

(b) any defect in the appointment of a person acting as a member of the Board; or

(c) any irregularity in the procedure of the Board not affecting the merits of the case.

13. All orders and decisions of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairperson or any other member authorised by the Board in this behalf, and all other instruments issued by the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairperson or any other officer of the Board authorised in like manner in this behalf by the Chairperson.

14. (1) The Central Government shall, after consulting the Chairperson, appoint a Secretary to the Board who shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed or as may be delegated to him by the Board or the Chairman.
(Sec.10 of Act 73 of 1993)

(2) For the purpose of enabling the Board to discharge its functions efficiently under this Act, the Board shall, appoint such number of officers and other employees as may be specified by regulations.

(3) The salary and allowances payable to, and other terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees of the Board shall be such as may be specified by regulations.

CHAPTER III

OBJECTS, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

Objects of Board.

15. The objects of the Board shall be-

(a) to develop and manage quality and standards in school education;

(b) to conduct examinations for secondary schools and senior secondary schools and such other examinations as may be determined or assigned to it by the Central Government:

Provided that in conducting such examinations, the Board shall be guided by the policies formulated by the Central Government in this behalf;

(c) to give affiliation to such schools and other educational institutions in India or outside India which propose to prepare their students and candidates for the examinations conducted by the Board; and

(d) to do such acts, ancillary to the objects, as may be necessary.

Powers and functions of Board.

16. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and any other Central Act for the time being in force, the Board shall have power to take all such steps as it may think fit to ensure a planned and coordinated development of school education and for determination and maintenance of standards for school education.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions contained in sub-section (1), the powers and functions of the Board shall include the following, namely:—

(a) to formulate the policies and the terms and conditions
relating to affiliation of schools;

(b) to specify by regulations the standards of academic quality for the purpose of grant of affiliation;

(c) to grant or withdraw affiliation;

(d) to conduct examinations and grant diplomas or certificates to persons who have passed the examination of the Board in such manner as may be specified by regulations;

(e) to admit candidates to the examinations conducted by it and specify by regulations the conditions for such examinations;

(f) to cause inspection of affiliated schools to be made in accordance with the provisions of section 22;

(g) to specify courses of instruction and curricula for schools affiliated with the Board and the evaluation procedure for the examinations conducted by it including different courses of instruction for different classes:

Provided that while specifying such courses of instruction, curricula and evaluation procedure, the Board shall have regard to the following-

(i) conformity with the values enshrined in the Constitution;

(ii) all round development of students;

(iii) builds up students’ knowledge, potentiality and talent;

(iv) development of students’ physical and mental abilities to the fullest extent;

(v) learning through activities, discovery and exploration in a student-friendly and child-centred manner;

(vi) makes students free of fear, trauma and anxiety and help them to express views freely;

(vii) comprehensive and continuous evaluation of students’ understanding of knowledge and their ability to apply the same:
Provided further that the curriculum and evaluation procedure up to eighth class shall be based on the curriculum and evaluation procedure laid down by the academic authority specified by the Central Government by notification.

(h) to lay down conditions for admission of students;

(i) to demand and receive such fees for such purposes as may be specified by regulations;

(j) to adopt measures to promote discipline, health and physical and moral well-being of students in schools;

(k) to undertake continuous professional development of teachers and organise such activities in schools as are considered necessary for development and promotion of child-centric education;

(l) to institute and award scholarships, medals and prizes in such manner as may be specified by regulations and accept endowments for the same subject to such conditions as the Board may deem fit;

(m) to specify text-books and other books of study and arrange for publication of such books in such manner as may be specified by regulations;

(n) to take such measures as may be specified by regulations to prevent misconduct of students, teachers, examiners and examinees and to make regulations for imposing penalties for such misconduct;

(o) to lay down qualifications for the appointment of teachers in the affiliated schools which may not be lower than the minimum qualifications, if any, laid down for school teachers under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 or the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993;

(p) to make recommendations to the Central Government on any matter with which it is concerned or give advice to the Central Government or any State Government or educational organisation on any matter which may be referred to it for its advice;

(q) to acquire properties, both movable and immovable, and invest surplus funds of the Board in Government securities or banks in such manner as may be specified by
regulations;

(r) to publish results of its examinations or withhold or cancel the same, either wholly or in part;

(s) to coordinate with higher academic bodies and other Education Boards in India and outside India in furtherance of the objects of this Act;

(t) to collaborate with educational organisations within and outside India for improving quality of school education;

(u) to adopt such measures as it deems fit to improve quality and standards of schools affiliated with the Board;

(v) to make such regulations as may be necessary for carrying out its objects and functions under this Act; and

(w) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

17. The Board may, for the purpose of redressal of grievances and disputes of students, teachers and schools, establish such grievance redressal mechanism, as may be specified by regulations.

CHAPTER IV

COMMITTEES OF BOARD

Sec.19 of Act 73 of 1993

18. (1) The Board may constitute such committees for the purposes of discharging its functions under this Act, consisting of such number of persons, as may be specified by regulations.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (1), the Board shall constitute the following committees for effective implementation of the provisions of this Act, namely:—

(a) the Affiliation Committee;

(b) the Curriculum Committee;

(c) the Committee of Courses;

(d) the Examination Committee;

(e) the Finance Committee;

(f) the Results Committee.

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<td><strong>19.</strong> For the purposes of association of schools with, and admission of schools to the privileges of, the Central Board of Secondary Education, the Board may formulate such policies including the terms and conditions of affiliation of schools, as may be specified by regulations.</td>
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| Policies including terms and conditions of affiliation of schools. |

| **20. (1)** Every school intending to seek affiliation of the Board for imparting secondary education or senior secondary education may make an application to the Board in such form and manner, accompanied by such fees and documents, as may be specified by regulations: |

Provided that copies of application along with all documents shall also be submitted to the concerned State Government or Union territory Administration, as the case may be, and proof of such submission shall be given along with application:  

Provided further that an application for affiliation made before the commencement of this Act but pending with the Board as on the date of commencement of this Act shall be dealt in accordance with the provisions of this Act.  

**(2)** The Board shall, on receipt of the application under sub-section (1), -  

(a) place such application along with all documents on its website for the scrutiny of the public;  

(b) call upon the concerned school, within a period of ninety days from the date of receipt of such application, to furnish any other additional information or clarification which it may consider necessary, for the purpose of examining such application;  

(c) cause inspection of the concerned school, as far as practicable, within a period of one hundred and fifty days from the date of receipt of such application, to be carried out for the purpose of evaluating as to whether its standard of academic quality are in accordance with the standards specified by regulations;  

| Grant of affiliation. |
(d) call upon the concerned school, within a period of forty-five days from the date of inspection under clause (c), to furnish such other information or clarification, as may be required consequent to such inspection;

(3) The State Government or the Union territory Administration shall, within a period of ninety days from the date of receipt of application under sub-section (1), convey its objection or no objection to the Board for grant of affiliation to the concerned school:

Provided that in case no such communication is received from the State Government or the Union territory Administration within the specified period, it shall be deemed that it has no objection for grant of affiliation.

(4) The Board shall, as far as practicable, within a period of two hundred and forty days from the date of receipt of application under sub-section (1),—

(a) grant affiliation to the school, in such form and manner and subject to such terms and conditions, as may be specified by regulations, on being satisfied that the school fulfils all requirements for grant of affiliation;

(b) refuse to grant affiliation to the school, for reasons to be recorded in writing, if the school does not fulfil all requirements for grant of affiliation:

Provided that no application for grant of affiliation shall be refused unless the school has been given an opportunity of being heard.

(5) The affiliation once granted to the school shall, unless revoked earlier, remain valid for such period as may be specified by regulations.

(6) The Board shall place the decision taken by it under sub-section (4) on its website.

| Alteration of terms and conditions of affiliation. | 21. (1) The Board may, for safeguarding the interest of students, either on its own motion or on the application made by the school, make such alterations in the terms and conditions of affiliation, in accordance with such procedure as may be specified: Provided that where any alteration in the terms and |
conditions of affiliation is proposed to be made otherwise
than on the applications of the school, the Board shall
publish the proposed alterations containing such particulars
on its website and in such other manner as may be specified
by regulations:

Provided further that the Board shall not make any
alteration unless all suggestions or objections received
within thirty days from the date of publication under the first
proviso have been considered and where necessary, an
opportunity of hearing is given to the concerned school.

(2) Where the Board decides to make any alteration in the
terms and conditions of the affiliation, it shall place such
decision on its website.

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<td><strong>22.</strong> The Board may, for the purpose of ascertaining as to whether an affiliated school is functioning in accordance with the provisions of this Act and subject to the conditions of affiliation, cause an inspection of such affiliated school to be conducted in such manner, at such intervals and by such persons, as may be specified by regulations.</td>
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<td><strong>23.</strong> (1) The Board may, on a complaint or otherwise, make such inquiry or inspection of the concerned school, as it may deem necessary, and if satisfied that public interest so requires, revoke affiliation granted to such school, in any of the following cases, namely:-</td>
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(a) where, in its opinion, such school has contravened the provisions of this Act or the rules or regulations made thereunder or the terms and conditions of affiliation;

(b) where such school has committed financial irregularity or malfeasance of a grave nature;

(c) where such school has provided false information either through advertisement or on its website or otherwise relating to its infrastructure or academic facilities or of its teachers or standard of teaching or academic performance, knowing it to be false or misleading;

(d) where such school has failed to discharge its duties or obligations expected of it or within the period fixed by the Board or such further period as the Board may grant, has failed to show that it is in a
position to fully and efficiently discharge the duties and obligations imposed on it under this Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder;

(e) where such school has ceased to exist.

(2) No affiliation granted to a school shall be revoked under sub-section (1) unless the Board has given not less than sixty days notice in writing to the concerned school stating the ground on which it proposes to revoke the affiliation and has considered the reply given or cause shown by such school, within the time specified in that notice, against the proposed revocation.

(3) Where the Board revokes the affiliation granted to a school under this section, it shall fix a date on which such revocation takes effect and serve a copy of the order of revocation upon the concerned school; and such revocation shall be without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against such school under any other law for the time being in force:

Provided that the Board may, instead of revoking the affiliation, permit it to remain in force subject to such further terms and conditions, as it may think fit to impose, and when so imposed, such further terms and conditions shall be binding upon such school, and be of like force and effect as if they were contained in the order for grant of affiliation.

(4) The Board shall, while revoking the affiliation granted to a school, take, or cause to be taken, all such measures which may be necessary to protect the interest of students of such school.

(5) The Board shall publish on its website the details of all actions initiated by it under this section, the final decision taken by it on the revocation of affiliation of a school together with all documents and the reasons for such decision.

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<th>Withdrawal and grant of re-affiliation in certain cases</th>
<th>24. (1) The Board may withdraw, on the ground of deficiency in its infrastructure or human resources or such other ground as may be specified by regulations, the affiliation granted to a school under this Act.</th>
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such school for grant of re-affiliation, carry out inspection of such school and on being satisfied that the school has taken necessary corrective action, grant re-affiliation to such school on such terms and conditions as may be specified by regulations.

(3) The Board shall place the decision taken by it under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) on its website.

### CHAPTER VI

**DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF AFFILIATED SCHOOLS**

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<th>Mandatory publication of information.</th>
<th>25. Every affiliated school shall publish on its website the following information for the benefit of general public, namely:-</th>
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<td>(a) each component of fees, deposits and other charges payable by students admitted to such school and the term and conditions of such payment;</td>
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<td>(b) the number of seats and number of vacancies in respect of each class or division in such school for the academic year for which admission is proposed to be made;</td>
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<td>(c) details of admission process as may be specified by regulations;</td>
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<td>(d) information relating to physical and academic infrastructure and other facilities including hostel accommodation, library and other facilities accessible by students;</td>
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<td>(e) details of every member of teaching staff including their educational qualifications and teaching experience including whether such members are on regular basis or are visiting staff and such other details as may be specified by regulations;</td>
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<td>(f) relevant service rules applicable to teachers and other employees of the school;</td>
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<td>(g) declaration to the effect that all teachers in the service of the school possess minimum qualifications specified by appropriate authority or laid down by</td>
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the Board under clause (o) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(h) mechanism for redressal of grievances of applicants for admission, students, teachers and other employees of the school and the time limit specified for the redressal of such grievances;

(i) the school shall have Parent Teacher Association for redressal of grievances as may be specified by regulation;

(j) any other information as may be specified by regulations:

Provided that where an affiliated school is unable to obtain connectivity for maintaining its website for reasons beyond its control, it may apply to the Board for specific exemption and the Board shall, after making such inquiry as it deems fit, grant exemption to such school from maintaining its website:

Provided further that an affiliated school so exempted shall submit all information required under this section to the Board and the Board shall publish such information on its website:

Provided also that the concerned affiliated school shall be liable for any incorrect or false information notwithstanding its publication on the website of the Board.

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<td>26. (1) No affiliated school shall—</td>
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<td>(a) directly or indirectly demand, charge or accept any donation by way of consideration for admission or any fees in excess of that published by it under clause (a) of section 25;</td>
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<td>(b) knowingly contravene provisions of any law enacted for the purpose of securing rights of children;</td>
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<td>(c) engage in activities prejudicial to the interest of the State or promote feelings of disloyalty or disaffection against the Government established by law;</td>
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(d) encourage or tolerate disharmony or hatred between students of different sections of society;
(e) indulge in such other activities as may be specified by regulations.

(2) Where any affiliated school contravenes any of the provisions of clauses (a) to (e) of sub-section (1), the Board may—

(a) impose such monetary penalty on such school, which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees but which may extend upto twenty-five lakh rupees, as may be specified by the Board by regulations:

(b) withdraw or revoke the affiliation of such school with the Board.

## CHAPTER VII

### DISSOLUTION OF CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT, 1860

| Dissolution of the Central School for Secondary Education registered under Registration Act, 1860. | 27. On the commencement of this Act,-

(a) the Central Board of Secondary Education, registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 shall stand dissolved and thereafter, no person shall make any claims or assert any demands or take any proceedings against the dissolved Board or against any officer thereof in his capacity as such officer except in so far as may be necessary, for enforcing the provisions of this Act;

(b) the right of every member to, or in respect of, the dissolved Board shall be extinguished, and thereafter no member of that Board shall make any claims or assert any demands or take any proceedings in respect of that Board except as provided in this Act. |


| Transfer of assets, liabilities, etc., of dissolved Board to Board established under this Act. | 28. On and from the date of establishment of the Board,—

(a) any reference to the dissolved Board in any law other than this Act or in any contract or other instrument shall be deemed to be a reference to the Board;

(b) all properties and assets, movable and immovable, |

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of, or, belonging to, the dissolved Board, shall vest in the Board;

(c) all rights and liabilities of the dissolved Board shall be transferred to, and be the rights and liabilities of, the Board;

(d) without prejudice to the provisions of clause (c), all debts, obligations and liabilities incurred, all contracts entered into and all matters and things engaged to be done by, with or for the dissolved Board immediately before that date, for or in connection with the purpose of the dissolved Board shall be deemed to have incurred, entered into or engaged to be done by, with or for, the Board;

(e) all sums of money due to the dissolved Board immediately before that date shall be deemed to be due to the Board;

(f) all suits and other legal proceedings instituted or which could have been instituted by or against the dissolved Board immediately before that date may be continued or may be instituted by or against the Board.

Transfer of service of existing employees.

29. Subject to the provisions of this Act, every person who was employed in the dissolved Board immediately before the commencement of this Act shall, on and from such commencement, become an employee of the Board and shall hold his office or service therein by the same tenure, at the same remuneration and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to leave, pension, gratuity, provident fund and other matters as he would have held the same on the date of commencement of this Act if this Act had not been passed, and shall continue to do so unless and until his employment is terminated or until such tenure, remuneration and terms and conditions are duly altered by regulations:

Provided that the tenure, remuneration and terms and conditions of service of any such person shall not be altered to his disadvantage without the previous approval of the Central Government.

Continuance of facilities by Board.

30. (1) The Board shall continue to provide the facilities to the schools and the students in the same manner as were being provided to them before the commencement of this Act and shall be made available for such period and upon such terms and conditions (including those relating to any contributions to be made for the provision of such facilities) as may be agreed upon between the Board and the affiliated
(2) Any person registered with the dissolved Board for pursuing any course of studies and for award of any diploma or certificate before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been registered with the Board for pursuing such course of study at the same level and for the award of same diploma or certificate from the Board.

(3) Any action taken by the dissolved Board including the announcement of the date of examination before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been announced and taken by the Board.

(4) Any person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, had been awarded a diploma or certificate for having qualified any course conducted by the dissolved Board shall be deemed to have been awarded such diploma or certificate by the Board.

31. Notwithstanding the dissolution of the Board,-

(a) anything done or any action taken or purported to have been done or taken including any rule, notification, inspection, order or notice made or issued or any appointment or confirmation made or any diploma or certificate granted, any permission, authorization or exemption granted or any document or instrument executed or any direction given by the dissolved Board shall be deemed to have been done or taken by the Board under the provisions of this Act;

(b) the committees constituted by the dissolved Board shall be deemed to have been constituted by the Board and all actions taken or recommendations made by such committees before such dissolution shall be deemed to have been taken or made by respective committees constituted by the Board;

(c) a member holding the office as such in any of the Committee before the commencement of this Act shall continue to hold that office until the expiry of his term.

(d) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred by the dissolved Board shall be deemed to have been acquired, accrued or incurred by the Board.
(e) any legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any right, privilege, obligation or liability against the dissolved Board may be instituted, continued or enforced against the Board.

**CHAPTER VIII**

**FINANCE, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**

| Constitution of Fund and its application. | 
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| **32.** (1) There shall be established by the Board a Fund to be called the Central Board of Secondary Education Fund and there shall be credited thereto—  
(a) all sums of money received as fees or other charges by the Board;  
(b) all grants or loans that may be made to the Board under this Act;  
(c) all sums received on account of fees or rent for the use of properties belonging to the Board;  
(d) all sums received by the Board from such other sources as may be decided upon by the Central Government. | [Section 36 of Special Economic Zone Act, 2005] |
| (2) The Fund shall be applied for meeting—  
(a) the salaries, allowances and other remuneration of the members, officers and other employees of the Board;  
(b) the expenses of the Board in the discharge of its functions under section 16;  
(c) the repayment of any loan;  
(d) the expenses on objects and for purposes authorised by this Act;  
(e) any other administrative expenses of the Board. |  |
| **33.** The Board shall prepare, in such form and at such time each year as may be prescribed, a budget in respect of the financial year next ensuing, showing the estimated receipt and expenditure, and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Central Government. | Budget of Board. |
| **34.** The Board shall prepare once every year, in such form and at such time as may be prescribed, an annual report giving a true and full account of its activities during the previous year and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Central Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid before both Houses of Parliament. | Annual Report. |
### 35. (1) The Board shall cause to be maintained such books of account, in such form and in such manner, as the Central Government may, in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, prescribe.

(2) The Board shall, as soon as may be, after closing its annual accounts, prepare a statement of accounts in such form and forward the same to the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India by such date as the Central Government may, in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General, determine.

(3) The accounts of the Board shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India at such times and in such manner as he thinks fit.

(4) The accounts of the Board as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any other person appointed by him in this behalf, together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

### CHAPTER IX

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(Section 32 of Act 31 of 2010)
Provided that before issuing such notification, the Central Government shall give a reasonable opportunity to the Board to show cause why it should not be superseded and shall consider the explanations and objections, if any, of the Board.

(2) Upon the publication of the notification under sub-section (1) superseding the Board,-

(a) all the members shall, as from the date of supersession, vacate their offices as such;

(b) all the powers, functions and duties which may, by or under the provisions of this Act, be exercised or discharged by or on behalf of the Board, shall until the Board is reconstituted under sub-section (3), be exercised and discharged by such person or persons as the Central Government may direct; and

(c) all property owned or controlled by the Board shall, until the Board is reconstituted under sub-section (3), vest in the Central Government.

(3) On the expiration of the period of supersession specified in the notification issued under sub-section (1), the Central Government may,-

(a) extend the period of supersession for such further term not exceeding six months, as it may consider necessary, or

(b) reconstitute the Board by fresh appointment and in such case the members who vacated their offices under clause (a) of sub-section (2) shall not be deemed disqualified for appointment:

Provided that the Central Government may, at any time before the expiration of the period of supersession, whether as originally specified under sub-section (1) or as extended under this sub-section, take action under clause (b) of this sub-section.

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(e) the form and the time for preparation of budget under section 33;

(f) the form and the time for preparation of annual report under section 34;

(g) the books of account to be maintained, the form and manner of maintaining such books of account under sub-section (1) of section 35.

43. (1) The Board may, by notification, make regulations consistent with this Act and the rules made thereunder to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Board may make regulations for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

(a) the time and place of meeting and the rules of procedure for transaction of business of the Board including quorum for meeting under section 11;

(b) number of officers and other employees to be appointed by the Board under sub-section (2) of section 14;

(c) the salary and allowances payable to, and other terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees of the Board under sub-section (3) of section 14;

(d) the standards of academic quality under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(e) the manner of conducting examinations and granting diplomas or certificates to persons who have passed the examination of the Board under clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(f) the conditions for examinations under clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(g) the fees and the purpose for which such fees may be demanded or received by the Board under clause (i) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(h) the manner of instituting awards, scholarships,
medals and prizes under clause (l) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(i) the manner of publication of books under clause (m) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(j) the measures to be taken to prevent misconduct of students, teachers, examiners and examinees and the penalty to be imposed for such misconduct under clause (n) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(k) the manner of investment of surplus funds under clause (q) of sub-section (2) of section 16;

(l) the grievance redressal mechanism under section 17;

(m) the committees to be constituted by the Board and the number of persons such committees may consist of, under sub-section (1) of section 18;

(n) the policies and the terms and conditions of affiliation under section 19;

(o) the form and manner of making application for seeking affiliation, the fee and documents to be accompanied with it under sub-section (1) of section 20;

(p) the form and manner of granting affiliation and the terms and conditions of such affiliation under clause (a) of sub-section (4) of section 20;

(q) the period of validity of affiliation under sub-section (5) of section 20;

(r) the alterations that may be made in the terms and conditions, the procedure for making such alteration, the particulars of proposed alterations which may be published on the website and other manner of publication under sub-section (1) of section 21;

(s) the manner of conducting inspection, the intervals for such inspection and the persons by whom such inspection may be caused under section 22;

(t) the other grounds for withdrawal of affiliation under sub-section (1) of section 24;

(u) the terms and conditions of re-affiliation under sub-section (2) of section 24;
(v) details of admission process to be published on the website of affiliated school under clause (c) of section 25;

(w) other details to be published on the website of affiliated school under clause (e) of section 25;

(x) any other information to be published on the website of affiliated school under clause (i) of section 25;

(y) other activities under clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 26;

(z) the monetary penalty under clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 26.

44. Every rule and every regulation made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or the regulation or both Houses agree that the rule or the regulation should not be made, the rule or regulation shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule or regulation.

45.(1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no order shall be made under this section after the expiry of two years from the commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament.
CHAPTER V

CURRICULUM AND COMPLETION OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

29. (1) The curriculum and the evaluation procedure for elementary education shall be laid down by an academic authority to be specified by the appropriate Government, by notification.

(2) The academic authority, while laying down the curriculum and the evaluation procedure under sub-section (1), shall take into consideration the following, namely—

(a) conformity with the values enshrined in the Constitution;
(b) all round development of the child;
(c) building up child's knowledge, potentiality and talent;
(d) development of physical and mental abilities to the fullest extent;
(e) learning through activities, discovery and exploration in a child friendly and child-centered manner;
(f) medium of instructions shall, as far as practicable, be in child's mother tongue:

(g) making the child free of fear, trauma and anxiety and helping the child to express views freely;

(h) comprehensive and continuous evaluation of child's understanding of knowledge and his or her ability to apply the same.

30. (1) No child shall be required to pass any Board examination till completion of elementary education.

(2) Every child completing his elementary education shall be awarded a certificate, in such form and in such manner, as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER VI

PROTECTION OF RIGHT OF CHILDREN

31. (1) The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights constituted under section 3, or, as the case may be, the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights constituted under section 17, of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005, shall, in addition to the functions assigned to them under that Act, also perform the following functions, namely—

(a) examine and review the safeguards for rights provided by or under this Act and recommend measures for their effective implementation;

(b) inquire into complaints relating to child's right to free and compulsory education; and

(c) take necessary steps as provided under sections 15 and 24 of the said Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act.

(2) The said Commissions shall, while inquiring into any matters relating to child's right to free and compulsory education under clause (a) of sub-section (1), have the same powers as assigned to them respectively under sections 14 and 24 of the said Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act.

(3) Where the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has not been constituted in a State, the appropriate Government may, for the purpose of performing the functions specified in clauses (a) to (c) of sub-section (1), constitute such authority, in such manner and subject to such terms and conditions, as may be prescribed.

32. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 31, any person having any grievance relating to the right of a child under this Act may make a written complaint to the local authority having jurisdiction.

(2) After receiving the complaint under sub-section (1), the local authority shall decide the matter within a period of three months after affording a reasonable opportunity of being heard to the person concerned.
Any person aggrieved by the decision of the local authority may prefer an appeal to the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights or the authority prescribed under sub-section (3) of section 31, as the case may be.

The appeal preferred under sub-section (5) shall be decided by State Commission for Protection of Child Rights or the authority prescribed under sub-section (8) of section 31, as the case may be, as provided under clause (c) of sub-section (7) of section 31.

The Central Government shall constitute, by notification, a National Advisory Council consisting of such number of Members, not exceeding fifteen, as the Central Government may deem necessary, to be appointed from amongst persons having knowledge and practical experience in the field of elementary education and child development.

The functions of the National Advisory Council shall be to advise the Central Government on implementation of the provisions of the Act in an effective manner.

The allowances and other terms and conditions of the appointment of Members of the National Advisory Council shall be such as may be prescribed.

The State Government shall constitute, by notification, a State Advisory Council consisting of such number of Members, not exceeding fifteen, as the State Government may deem necessary, to be appointed from amongst persons having knowledge and practical experience in the field of elementary education and child development.

The functions of the State Advisory Council shall be to advise the State Government on implementation of the provisions of the Act in an effective manner.

The allowances and other terms and conditions of appointment of Members of the State Advisory Council shall be such as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER VII

MISCELLANEOUS

The Central Government may issue such guidelines to the appropriate Government or, as the case may be, the local authority, as it deems fit for the purposes of implementation of the provisions of this Act.

The appropriate Government may issue guidelines and give such directions as it deems fit to the local authority or the School Management Committee regarding implementation of the provisions of this Act.

The local authority may issue guidelines and give such directions as it deems fit to the School Management Committee regarding implementation of the provisions of this Act.

No prosecution for offences punishable under sub-section (2) of section 18, sub-section (5) of section 19 and sub-section (5) of section 20 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of an officer authorised in this behalf by the appropriate Government, by notification.

No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Central Government, the State Government, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the local authority, the School Management Committee or any person, in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done, in pursuance of this Act, or any rules or orders made thereunder.

The appropriate Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:

the manner of giving, testing and the time-limit thereof, under first proviso in section 4.
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(1) the area or limits for establishment of a neighbourhood school, under section 6;
(2) the manner or maintenance of records of children up to the age of fourteen years, under clause (d) of section 9;
(3) the manner and extent of reimbursement of expenditure, under sub-section (2) of section 12;
(4) any other document for determining the age of child under sub-section (1) of section 14;
(5) the extended period for admission and the manner of completing study if admitted after the extended period, under section 13;
(6) the authority, the form and manner of making application for certificate of recognition, under sub-section (1) of section 18;
(7) the form, the period, the manner and the conditions for issuing certificate of recognition, under sub-section (2) of section 18;
(8) the manner of giving opportunity of hearing under second proviso to subsection (3) of section 18;
(9) the other functions to be performed by School Management Committee under clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 21;
(10) the manner of preparing School Development Plan under sub-section (1) of section 22;
(11) the salary and allowances payable to, and the terms and conditions of service of, teacher, under sub-section (1) of section 23;
(12) the duties to be performed by the teacher under clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 24;
(13) the manner of redressing grievances of teachers under sub-section (3) of section 24;
(14) the form and manner of awarding certificate for completion of elementary education under sub-section (2) of section 30;
(15) the authority, the manner of its constitution and the terms and conditions thereof, under sub-section (3) of section 31;
(16) the allowances and other terms and conditions of appointment of Members of the National Advisory Council under sub-section (5) of section 35;
(17) the allowances and other terms and conditions of appointment of Members of the State Advisory Council under sub-section (5) of section 38.

(3) Every rule made under this Act and every notification issued under sections 20 and 23 by the Central Government shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or notification or both Houses agree that the rule or notification should not be made, the rule or notification shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule or notification.

(4) Every rule or notification made by the State Government under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before the State Legislature.
THE SCHEDULE

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