

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

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Discount/Payment of Tuition Fee for Children affected by COVID

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any direction to give discount in tuition fees to school going children during the corona pandemic where a large number of people became unemployed, children were orphaned and many people's businesses were shut down;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed/prescribed any time limit to deposit tuition fees for thousands of middle class and lower middle class children studying in private schools in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering to issue directions in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (e): Education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and schools, other than those owned / funded by Central Government, are under the jurisdiction of the State Governments. Thus, the matter relating to fees and its components in schools are regulated in terms of Rules and Instructions of the State Government concerned. So far as schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are concerned, the Board has issued circular on 17th April, 2020 to all the State Education Departments with the request to consider issuing suitable instructions on periodicity of payment of school fees and payment of salaries to the teaching and non-teaching staff to be applicable during the period of pandemic. The circular can be accessed on the website https://www.lms.org.in/assets/front/pdf/Fee_payment_Circular_dated17April2020.pdf

Further, CBSE had exempted examination fees and registration fees charged by the Board from the student(s) who have lost both parents or surviving parent or legal guardian/adoptive parents due to COVID-19 pandemic. It can be accessed on the website https://www.cbse.gov.in/cbsenew/documents//84_circular_2021.pdf
