

Consultation meeting for Upgrading the UP School to Secondary School

People in Riangmang village have indicated that one of their major concerns is the high rate of school dropouts. Many factors could be behind this, and one of them could be the lacking education facilities. They only have a school program up until the Upper Primary level, and parents does not feel safe to send them to other villages or to stay in rent place at such a young age to pursue their education.



One way that the village can do to address the issue is by introducing class IX and X, hence on 27th May 2022, the Department of Social Work-PG, organized a Consultation Meeting between the Upper Primary School teachers with Mr. John Thyrniang , Sub - Divisional Educational Officer, Mairang. During this meeting they discussed the process and procedure that they need in order to initiate and upgrade their school to Secondary School.



From this meeting, they learned that their school is eligible for upgrading their school by applying through the **Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)**. This scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, for the development of secondary education in public schools throughout India. It was launched in March 2009.

The Regional Committee for Granting of Opening Permission for secondary/Higher secondary School in the state, after careful scrutiny and examination of each school as recommended by the District School Education Officer concerned, will consider granting of

Provisional and Regular Opening Permission to the schools as indicated District wise, on the following term and conditions:

1. The schools shall fulfil the conditions as indicated in the Remark column
2. The schools shall appoint only Trained Teachers
3. Maximum Reserved Fund equivalent to 3 months' Salary of Teachers shall be maintained in the Account of the School concerned
4. One Teacher for Environmental Education should be appointed
5. All schools having Upper Primary Section should have at least one Hindi teacher
6. This permission does not entail any assurance or commitment for grant of any kind of Financial Assistance from the government
7. All schools are to abide by the rules and regulations as laid down by the Government from time to time
8. The schools should strive to improve in performances in all spheres
9. For evening and morning schools, the hours of teaching should not be less than 3 hours per day
10. For Affiliation/ Examination matters the schools should seek information and guidance from MBOSE Office Shillong/Tura

Also, the Resources Person highlighted the notification issued by Education Department for granting of Opening Permission/Recognition of Secondary/Higher Secondary School. The following points were discussed and taken up in the following:

1. The Committee was of the view that the notification issued recently by Education Department vide No.EDN 206/2019/34, dated 25.06.2020 and the proposal for Opening Permission were submitted before the notification and the Regional Committee meeting could not be held in the year 2018, 2019 and 2020. The new parameters and guidance may be followed henceforth for the new proposals of opening/recognition of new schools in future
2. The committee also decided that Provisional Opening Permission will be granted to schools for a period of 3 years after which such schools can apply for Regular Opening Permission. After Regular Opening Permission is being granted, schools are to apply for Affiliation form MBOSE and then apply for Permission form DSEL's office
3. The Committee further also decided that for granting of Opening Permission for class IX - X and class XI - XII Schools should have proper Classroom, Library Room,

Computer Room, Science Laboratory, Proper Toilet Facilities, Play Ground, Electricity etc.

4. It was also discussed that Schools which do not have their own land and buildings and do not have sufficient enrollment shall not be considered for Opening Permission.
5. The Jt. Director MBOSE raised the issue regarding registration of schools and the same was clarified that registration of schools in accordance with the Societies Act of 1860 is required only for new schools to be established henceforth.
6. The committee stressed on improvement of pass percentage of different schools in all the District

The session was very successful, as the teachers were able to seek clarification about their doubts by putting up various questions to Mr. John.

As a follow up, on 14th May 2022, the Headmaster of the Riangmang UP School carried all the documents and met Mr. John Thyriang at his office. They successfully reviewed all the documents and the teacher was asked to write an NOC letter of permission to start Class IX and at the same time, they can also apply the scheme.