

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Council of Ministers in its meeting held on 05.04.2017 examined the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated 29-03-2017 dismissing the State's Special Leave Petition (SLP (Civil) No. 18993- 19049 of 2014) in which the following directions were issued :-

- (a) New Employment Policy should be framed by the State by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 if not already framed. Advertisements for filling up the vacancies may be issued latest by 31<sup>st</sup>, May, 2017.
  - (b) The fresh selection process be completed on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 and till the fresh process is completed, the teachers already appointed shall continue.
  - (c) The candidates who participated in the selection process pursuant to the advertisements in question, whether selected or not, be allowed to participate in the fresh selection process by relaxing their age but subject to their having necessary qualifications.
  - (d) The qualifications in the case of teachers governed by the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 shall be in conformity with the relevant statutory provisions of the said Act.
  - (e) The qualifications of teachers employed for Classes IX and above shall be strictly in compliance with the relevant provisions concerning such appointments.
2. The members of the Council of Ministers observed that the judgment was unexpected.
  3. However, the Council of Ministers decided to comply with the directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
  4. It is decided that the State is committed to ensure that ongoing educational endeavours and smooth functioning of the educational institutions are not disrupted and affect the future of the children.
  5. The State Government is concerned with the future of all the teachers affected by the Court's order and re-affirms that all possible steps shall be taken to protect the interest of the affected teachers who have already served the state with their sincerity and dedication.