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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
(HIGHER EDUCATION)

(G.O. Ms. No. 16, Puducherry, dated 01st August 2025)

ORDER

Whereas, the Government of Puducherry, recognizes that students studying in Government Schools across the Union Territory, predominantly hailing from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds, often face systemic barriers and lack access to academic and infrastructural resources available to students in private schools;

And whereas, empirical data has revealed that such students are significantly underrepresented in higher education and professional undergraduate programmes in Non-NEET streams such as Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Nursing, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Law, Arts, Science and Commerce, thereby perpetuating socio-economic inequality;

And whereas, representations have been received from various quarters of society highlighting the need for a dedicated and equitable admission opportunity for such Government School students who, despite inherent potential, are constrained by socio-economic limitations;

And whereas, access to higher and professional education is recognized as a vital tool for socio-economic transformation, empowerment and nation-building, particularly for the underprivileged youth;

And whereas, the Council of Ministers, after careful deliberation and in alignment with the principles of social justice and inclusive governance, has resolved to provide horizontal reservation to promote access and equity in higher education;

Now, therefore, the Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to accord approval for implementing 10% Horizontal Reservation on preferential basis of total intake of seats earmarked for Government Quota in Government / Private Self-Financing Higher Education Institutions in admission to Undergraduate Non-NEET Courses - namely Veterinary, Agriculture and Horticulture, Nursing, Biology-based Paramedical Degree and Diploma courses, Pharmacy, Engineering, Law, Arts, Science and Commerce - from the academic year 2025-26, for students who are residents of Union territory of Puducherry and have studied exclusively in Government Schools of the Union territory of Puducherry continuously from Class VI to Class XII and have passed the Higher Secondary Examination (+2) as the qualifying examination.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

V. SOUMYA,
Under Secretary to Government
(Higher and Technical Education).