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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
(SECRETARIAT WING)

(G.O. Ms. No. 06, Puducherry, dated 20th January 2025)

ORDER

In supersession of the G.O. Ms. No. 3, dated 04-01-2013 of the Chief Secretariat (Education), Puducherry, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to notify the Scheme with Guidelines for "Participation of School Students in the March-past and Cultural Programme during Independence Day, Puducherry Liberation Day and Republic Day in the Union territory of Puducherry," as mentioned in the Annexure to this Order.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. No. 11395/FC/FD/F4/A4/2024-25, dated 17-12-2024.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

F.P. VERBINA JAYARAJ,
Under Secretary to Government
(Sports and Youth Affairs).

ANNEXURE

Revised Scheme and Guidelines for “Participation of School Students in the March-past and Cultural Programme during Independence Day, Republic Day and Puducherry Liberation Day Celebrations in the Union territory of Puducherry.”

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (i) The Scheme may be called the Scheme for “Participation of school students in the March-past and Cultural Programme during Independence Day, Republic Day and Puducherry Liberation Day Celebrations in the Union territory of Puducherry.”

(ii) It shall be extended to the students of all the Government, Government-Aided and recognized Private Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Government of Puducherry, superseding the G.O. Ms. No. 3, dated 04-01-2013 of the Chief Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.

2. *Object.*— To identify the abilities of School Students and encourage them in the field of Art and Culture.

3. *Scope.*— The best performing school contingents in the March-past during the Independence Day and Republic Day Celebration will be awarded Shield separately for the Government School Boys’, Government School Girls’, Private School Boys’ and Private School Girls’ and also Special Contingents.

In the Cultural programme, during the Independence Day and Republic Day Celebration, Shield will be awarded separately for best Government School and best Private School. Special memento will be awarded to Jawahar Bal Bhawan, Puducherry for their special programme in the Republic Day Celebration, because they are not included in the competition.

4. *Definitions.*— (a) “Government” means, the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President under Article 239 of the Constitution;

(b) “School” means, the Government/Government Aided and recognized Private Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(c) “March-past” means, a ceremony in which contingents of school students walk with stiff regular steps rhythmically.

(d) “Cultural programme” means, the programme in which school children exhibit their talents connected with the culture of a particular society or group, its customs, beliefs, *etc.*

(e) “Student” means, student studying from 6th to 12th Standard in the Government Schools, Government Aided Schools and Private Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(f) “Contingent” means, the school team which consists of 35 students.

(g) “Selection Committee” means, the Committee constituted for the purpose of selecting the School contingents for March-past and Schools for Cultural Programme.

(h) “Nodal Officer” means, an Officer of the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry assigned with the duty to coordinate with the Participating Institutions during the celebrations of Independence Day/Puducherry Liberation Day/Republic Day.

(i) “Associate NCC Officer” means, a Teacher/Lecturer under whose command NCC troops (Army, Naval, Air Force)/platoons/companies are functioning in Government Schools/Colleges.

(j) “National Service Scheme” means, the Scheme sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India to develop the personality to the Higher Secondary Students and College Students through social service.

(k) “Community Service Scheme” means, the Scheme sponsored by the Government of Puducherry to develop the personality of the Secondary School Students through social service to the Community.

(l) “Children Traffic Corps” means, school students who assist the Traffic Police in controlling traffic on the roads.

(m) "Scouts and Guides" means, an organization for boys' and girls', which trains young people in practical skills and development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens.

5. *Eligibility.*— The boys' and girls' studying 6th to 12th Standard of the Government/Government Aided/recognized Private Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry are eligible to participate in the March-past and Cultural Programme.

6. *Method of Selection.*—

MARCH-PAST

The best performing School Contingents will be selected by the Selection Committee consisting of three members duly constituted by the Director of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry.

The Selection Committee for March-past shall consist of an Associate NCC Officer from Army, Naval, Air Force Wing of various Government Educational Institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry under the control of the Directorate of School Education, Puducherry/ Associate NCC Officer from Tri Force Wing of Government Colleges in Union territory of Puducherry under the control of the Directorate of Collegiate Education, Puducherry. A representative from the NCC Group Headquarters/NCC Units shall be one of the Members of the Selection Committee. One representative from the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry shall assist the Committee during the selection trials.

The Selection Committee will select the following number of School Contingents to participate in the Independence Day, Republic Day and Puducherry Liberation Day Parade in the Puducherry region.

- (a) (i) Government Schools – Boys' - 5 Contingents.
- (ii) Government Schools – Girls' - 5 Contingents.
- (iii) Private Schools – Boys' - 5 Contingents.
- (iv) Private Schools – Girls' - 5 Contingents.
- (b) For the Puducherry Liberation Day parade, 8 contingents will take part. *i.e.*, the first 2 school contingents chosen by the Selection Committee constituted by the Government from each category in the Independence Day. (4 categories – Government School Boys' 2, Private School Boys' 2, Government School Girls' 2 and Private School Girls' 2) (Total 8 contingents will be chosen for Puducherry Liberation Day March-past events).

Each school contingent/Special contingents consisting of 35 students are eligible to participate in the Independence Day, Republic Day and Puducherry Liberation Day March-past. Seven Winner Trophies are instituted by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, (Puducherry region only) during the Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations in the following categories.

- (i) Best Government School Boys' contingent (01)
- (ii) Best Government School Girls' contingent (01)
- (iii) Best Private School Boys' contingent (01)
- (iv) Best Private School Girls' contingent (01)
- (v) Best Special Contingent (01)
- (vi) Best NCC Contingent (02)

In addition to the above School Contingents, the following special contingents in each category will also participate in the Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations without selection trials.

1. National Service Scheme – Boys'-1 contingent
2. National Service Scheme – Girls'-1 contingent
3. Community Service Scheme – Boys'-1 contingent
4. Community Service Scheme – Girls'-1 contingent
5. Children Traffic Corps – Boys'-1 contingent
6. Children Traffic Corps – Girls'-1 contingent
7. Scouts-1 contingent
8. Guides-1 contingent

7. *The following contingents will participate in the events as below.*— (a) March-past on Independence Day/Republic Day.

In respect of Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions, there will be no selection trials. The respective Chief Educational Officers/Delegate to Director of School Education shall form the School contingents to participate in the March-past as follows.

Sl. No	Region	No. of contingents	Total No. of Students	Total No. of Escort and Org. Teachers
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Puducherry	28	28 x 35 = 980	34
2.	Karaikal Government-6, Private-6	12	12 x 35 = 420	16
3.	Mahe Government-8, Private-2	10	10 x 35 = 350	13
4.	Yanam Government-7, Private-1	8	8 x 35 = 280	10
Total			2030	73

(b) March-past on Puducherry Liberation Day

Sl. No	Region	No. of contingents	Total No. of Students	Total No. of Escort and Org. Teachers
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Puducherry	8	8 x 35 = 280	14
2.	Karaikal	12	12 x 35 = 420	16
3.	Mahe	10	10 x 35 = 350	13
4.	Yanam	8	8 x 35 = 280	10
Total			1330	53

The selected school contingents, Scouts, Guides, National Service Scheme, Community Service Scheme and Children Traffic Corps along with their Escort Teachers are to attend the 8 days' combined practice/rehearsals regularly.

The Schools who have won the Shields during the previous Republic Day Parade will have the option to lead the contingents in the respective sections in the Independence Day Parade. The Schools who have won the Shields during the previous Independence Day Parade will have the option to lead the contingents in the respective sections in the Republic Day Parade.

A total of 2,030 students each and 73 Escort Teachers each will participate in the March-past in the Independence Day and Republic Day in the Union territory of Puducherry.

And also a total of 1,330 students and 53 Escort Teachers will participate in the Puducherry Liberation Day March-past in the Union territory of Puducherry.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

A separate selection trial will be conducted for Government Schools and Private Schools for Cultural programme to be performed in the Republic Day/Independence Day Celebration. The Selection Committee shall consist of three Judges having professional expertise in the relevant art and working in various Educational Government Institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry. The Selection Committee will select the following number of Schools to perform Cultural programme in the Republic Day/Independence Day Celebration. One representative from the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry shall assist the Committee during the selection trials.

(i) Government Schools-3 Schools

(ii) Private Schools-3 Schools

8. *The following contingents will participate in the cultural programme as below.—*

Sl. No.	Region	Total No. of Students	Total No. of Escort Teachers
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Puducherry	7 x 90 = 630	35
2.	Karaikal	2 x 125 = 250	10

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3.	Mahe	1 x 100 = 100	05
4.	Yanam	1 x 100 = 100	05
Total		1080	55

In addition to the above School teams, the students of Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Puducherry will also participate in the cultural programme as a special category.

Each participating school shall consist of 90 students including the Jawahar Bal Bhavan totaling to 630 students and 35 Escort Teachers in Puducherry region. In respect of Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions, the respective Chief Educational Officer/Delegate to Director of School Education shall select the schools to perform cultural programme. 250 students in Karaikal region, 100 students each in Mahe region and Yanam region are to be selected by the respective Officers to present cultural activities at their respective regions.

A total of 1080 students each and 55 Escort Teachers each will participate in the Culturals of the Independence Day and Republic Day in the Union territory of Puducherry.

9. *The presentation of cultural programme is subject to the following conditions.—*

(A) Puducherry region:

(a) Pre recorded audio tapes must not be used for the songs in the Independence day/Republic Day Celebrations.

(b) The number of students must not exceed 90 (inclusive of singers).

(c) The maximum duration permissible for each programme is only 4 minutes.

(d) The programme may be on message of National importance/National integration.

(e) The formation and movements should be aesthetic.

(B) Other regions:

(a) Prerecorded audio tapes must not be used for the songs in the Independence day/Republic Day Celebrations.

- (b) The maximum duration permissible for each programme is only 4 minutes.
- (c) The programme may be on message of National importance/National integration.
- (d) The formation and movements should be aesthetic.
- (e) Any other condition as decided necessary by the respective Administrative Head of the region concerned *viz.*, District Collector, Karaikal for Karaikal region, the Regional Administrators concerned of Mahe and Yanam region.

RATE CHART

MARCH-PAST

- (a) Items involved in the March-past of Independence Day (ID), Republic Day (RD) and Puducherry Liberation Day (PLD).
- (i) Washing allowance @ ₹ 60 per student for each celebration.
- (ii) Refreshment charges @ ₹ 40 per student for 8 days each celebration (₹ 320 per head).
- (iii) Uniform allowance @ ₹ 1,200 per Student - once in a year during the Independence Day Celebration (Purchase of cloth materials ₹ 500 and Stitching Charges ₹ 700).
- (iv) Shoe allowance @ ₹ 500 per Student to the Government School contingents only (once in a year during the Independence Day Celebration).
- (v) Travelling allowance @ ₹ 40 Students for 8 days (₹ 320 per head) (For Government School Students only).
- (vi) Printing of certificates @ ₹ 4,500 for Puducherry @ ₹ 2,000 for Karaikal and @ ₹ 2,000 each for Mahe and Yanam. (certificate will be awarded in ID, RD March-past Competition only).
- (vii) Winner Trophies @ ₹ 2,000 to each winning contingents "Government Boys' and Girls' (2 Nos.) Private Schools - Boys' and Girls' (2 Nos.) Special Contingent (1 No.) and NCC (2 Nos.)".

(7 x 2,000)=14,000 (Winner Trophy will be awarded during every ID and RD March-past competition. (Puducherry region only).

(viii) Miscellaneous: (Public Address system, honorarium to the Judges for the selection trials, Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during practice, refreshment to the Officials and other Expenses of Independence Day and Republic Day March-past celebrations only.

(a) Puducherry @ ₹ 14,000 (Selection Trials and 8 days rehearsal).

(b) Karaikal @ ₹ 3,500 (only 8 days rehearsal).

(c) Mahe @ ₹ 3,000 (only 8 days rehearsal).

(d) Yanam @ ₹ 3,000 (only 8 days rehearsal).

(b) The break up of expenditure on the above miscellaneous items are given below:

Sl. No.	Region	Expenditure	₹
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Puducherry	Public Address system for selection trials.	4,000
		March-past 3 Judges and one representative from the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry on duty for March-past Selection Trials (1,000 x 4) = 4,000.	4,000
		Provision of drinking water to the students on March-past selection trials and during the 8 days Parade Practice.	5,000
		Refreshment to the Officials.	1,000
2.	Karaikal	Provision of drinking water to the students during the 8 days Practice.	2,000
		Refreshment to the Officials.	1,500

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3.	Mahe	Provision of drinking water to the students during the 8 days Practice.	1,500
		Refreshment to the Officials.	1,500
4.	Yanam	Provision of drinking water to the students during the 8 days Practice.	1,500
		Refreshment to the Officials.	1,500

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

(a) Items involved in the Independence Day/Republic Day Cultural Programme.

- (i) Refreshment charges to students in both the sessions @ ₹ 40 per Student for 10 days (₹ 400 per head)
- (ii) Travelling charge to student in both sessions @ ₹ 40 per student for 10 days (₹ 400 per head) (for Government School Students only).
- (iii) Costumes and make-up materials @ ₹ 700 per Student.
- (iv) Musician/Choreography Charges @ ₹ 10,000 per School for Puducherry-7 (6+1) Schools, Karaikal-2 Schools, Mahe and Yanam each-1 School.
- (v) Printing of certificates @ ₹ 4,500 for Puducherry @ ₹ 2,000 for Karaikal and @ ₹ 2,000 each for Mahe and Yanam. (certificate will be awarded in ID & RD Cultural Competition).
- (vi) Winner Trophies @ ₹ 2,000 to each winning contingents "Government Schools (1 No.) Private Schools (1 No.) Special Category (1No.)". (3 x 2,000) = ₹ 6,000 (Winner Trophy will be awarded during the Independence Day/ Republic Day Cultural competition in Puducherry region only).

(vii) Miscellaneous: (Public Address System, Honorarium to the Judges for the selection trials, provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during practice, refreshments to the officials and other expenses in Independence Day and Republic Day cultural only.

(a) Puducherry @ ₹ 14,000 (Selection Trials and 10 days rehearsal).

(b) Karaikal @ ₹ 3,500 (only 10 days rehearsal).

(c) Mahe @ ₹ 3,000 (only 10 days rehearsal).

(d) Yanam @ ₹ 3,000 (only 10 days rehearsal).

(b) The break up of expenditure on the above miscellaneous items are given:

Sl. No.	Region	Expenditure	₹
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Puducherry	Public Address system for Cultural Selection trials.	4,000
		3 Judges and one representative of DYSA for Cultural Selection Trials (1,000 x 4) = 4,000.	4,000
		Provision of drinking water to the students for March-past and Cultural selection trials and rehearsal and during the 10 days Parade Practice.	5,000
		Refreshment to the Officials.	1,000
2.	Karaikal	Provision of drinking water to the students during the 10 day Practice.	2,000
		Refreshment to the Officials.	1,500
3.	Mahe	Provision of drinking water to the students during the 10 day Practice.	1,500
		Refreshment to the Officials.	1,500

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4.	Yanam	Provision of drinking water to the students during the 10 day Practice.	1,500
		Refreshment to the Officials.	1,500

QUANTUM OF EXPENDITURE

(a) March-past for Independence Day (ID), Republic Day (RD) and Puducherry Liberation Day (PLD) Celebrations.

Sl. No.	Item and Rate	No.of Units
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Washing Allowance @ ₹ 60 per student	3360 Students
2.	Refreshment Charge @ ₹ 40 Student/In-charge/ per day for 8 days @ ₹ 320	3360 Students 126 Teachers In-charge
3.	Uniform Allowance @ ₹ 1,200 per student (Once in a year in ID only).	2030 Students
4.	Shoe Allowance @ ₹ 500 per student to the Government School Contingents only. Once in a year in ID only Puducherry : 10 schools (350 students)/Karaikal : 06 schools (210 students)/ Mahe : 8 schools (280 students)/Yanam : 7 schools (245 students) (Once in a year during Independence Day Celebration only).	1085 Students
5.	Winner Trophies 7 Contingents (Puducherry Region only) Government-2, Private-2, N.C.C.-2 and Special Contingent-1 (During ID/RD only).	7 Nos.
6.	Printing of certificates @ ₹ 4,500 for Puducherry @ ₹ 2,000 for Karaikal and @ ₹ 2,000 each for Mahe and Yanam. (certificate will be awarded in ID, RD Cultural Competition).	As per actuals

(1)	(2)	(3)
7.	Miscellaneous @ ₹ 14,000 for Puducherry ₹ 3,500 for Karaikal and each ₹ 3,000 for Mahe and Yanam.	04 Regions
8.	Travelling Allowance @ ₹ 40 for 8 days (320 per student) (Only for Government School Students).	As per actuals

(b) Cultural Programme on Independence Day/Republic Day Celebrations.

Sl. No.	Details of Expenditure	No of Units
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Refreshment Charge @ ₹ 40 Student/per day for 10 days @ ₹ 400 (per head).	1080 students and 55 Teacher in-charge
2.	Costumes and makeup materials @ ₹ 700 per student.	1080 students
3.	Musician charge @ ₹ 10,000 (7 schools in Puducherry, 2 schools in Karaikal and each 1 in Mahe and Yanam.	11 schools
4.	Printing of Certificate @ ₹ 4,500 for Puducherry and @ ₹ 2,000 each for Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam.	As per actual
5.	Winner Trophies @ ₹ 2,000 Government-1, Private-1 and Special category-1 (Puducherry region during ID & RD only).	3 Nos.
6.	Miscellaneous @ ₹ 14,000 for Puducherry, ₹ 3,500 for Karaikal and each ₹ 3,000 for Mahe and Yanam.	1080 students + 55 Teachers + Band Team and special cultural
7.	Travelling charges @ ₹ 40 student per day for 10 days @ ₹ 400 (Per head) (only for Government School Students).	As per actual

Note : The rates shall be revised once in four years.

9. *Mode of Payment.*— The award winners in the March-past will be given Trophies/Shield separately for Government School Boys'/Girls', Private School Boys'/Girls' and others for Independence Day Celebration and Republic Day Celebration. Certificates will be issued to winners and participants for Republic Day and Independence Day Celebrations.

The Award winners in the Cultural Programme during Independence Day/Republic Day will be given Trophy/Shield, separately for Government School and Private School in the Independence Day/Republic Day Celebration.

The special memento and certificates will be issued to the participants of Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Puducherry for their special cultural programme in the Independence Day/Republic Day Celebration.

10. *Cancellation of award.*— The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry reserves the right to cancel or revise the prize or certificate at any stage if, there has been any default in the finalization of the Award.

11. *Interpretation and clarification.*— In the implementation of the Scheme under these Guidelines, if any doubt arises with regard to interpretation of any of the provision of the Scheme or any point requires clarification, the matter shall be referred to the Government and the decision of the Government shall be the final.