Government of Maharashtra Govt. Circular No. Mis.1021 (15/01) Pried-5 School Education Department Mantralaya Annexure Bhavan, Mumbai-400032. Date 23rd September 2003

According to the Govt. decision, School Education Department No. SSC1099/151/99/Ed-5, dated 13th Nov. 2001 different facilities are given to students having Learning Disability till Std. XII, as per the recommendation of the High Court, Mumbai to bring students having LD into the mainstream of the normal school education; as per these orders under the Secretary of School Education's Chairmanship Government Resolution No.SPT2000/3506/1310/Pr.Ed-2, dated 16 Jan. 2001. One committee was held on 16th August 2003 and this committee has again and again given those facilities to the LD children and have instructed in the circular which is forwarded as been decided. Accordingly everybody is being informed that following facilities are provided to students having Learning Disability including Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia.

Facilities Already Provided to Learning Disabled Students.

- 1. While the LD students from Std. I X & XI give written exam, oral exam by the relevant subject teacher should be taken at the unit test and also at the semester exams. The average of these marks should be taken at the Final year and on that basis promotion is determined.
- 2. Permission should be given to these students for a writer for the written exam from Std. I to XII with LD. 30 minutes more should be given than the fixed time for each exam.
- 3. LD students can take their exam centres near their house for Std. X & XII.
- 4. They have been given marks for questions/sub questions where figures, maps and report (graph) is not compulsory for them to be drawn (for Geography, Science & Geometry) subjects; instead the question should be rearranged or reformed in another way.
- 5. They have the permission to submit from their authorized relevant institution the practical certificate for the completion of their work experience subject with certificates for LD (social service and technical subjects).
- 6. Only LD students who have failed are given 20 grace marks maximum instead of 15 marks to pass them. These marks are given in one subject or many subjects.
- 7. Those students having Dyslexia or Dysgraphia can appear only with two languages instead of three and instead of the third language any one work experience subject can be taken.
- 8. Facility of concession has been given for LD students who write the numbers or alphabets opposite in spellings and in maths if written incorrect (b/d) (10/01).
- 9. In the Final Exam these students should be given 25% more (15 min) time for one hour paper. Exam paper having two hours or three hours should only be given maximum 30 minutes more.
- 10. The Divisional Education Deputy Director should certify according to the Medical Officer's certificate for relevant LD students. The education officers should give these facilities for Primary/Secondary schools in their areas. Principals should be given all the details and the instructions. Those students who have LD should not remain uninformed about the facilities provided for them.

Changes as per the Recommendations of the Committee

1. Presently LD students in Std. X are given Std. VII Arithmetic (75 marks) and work experience (75 marks) i.e. total 150 marks exam is taken. On the above basis permission has been given for Std. VIII – Std. V Arithmetic (75 marks) + work experience (75 marks) and for Std. IX Std. VI Arithmetic (75 marks) + work experience (75 marks) i.e. for Std. VIII AND Std. IX 150 marks exam permission is being given. In this facility some minor changes are done as per recommendations of the Committee as follows:-

Students with LD in Std. V and VI for them Std. V Maths. For Std. VII and Std. VIII for them Std. VI Maths. Std. IX and Std. X for them Std. VII Maths. from the syllabus will be there.

2. Presently students with LD of Maharashtra State Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board Syllabus recognized for any subject wherever necessary with Principal's sanction to work experience subject outside Govt. recognized Private institutions be completed. But relevant students that work experience subject is known or not should be verified by School Principal provision has been provided. In this a minor change has been done as follows:

Students with LD have to first select from the School the work experience subjects provided by their school (compulsory), but they will have the option of choosing other than those provided work experience subjects. For these subjects teaching should be taken from recognized private institutions by them and the school will accept that institution's certificate.