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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy

New Delhi, dated the 16th February, 2009.

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To

All State/UT Secretaries dealing with Madrassa Modernization Scheme

Subject Clarifications on the revamped central sponsored Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrassas (SPQEM).

Sir/Madam.

Following quaries which have come to the notice of this Department from various quarters related to implementing the revised scheme of Providing Quality Education in Madrassas (SPQEM); the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development seeks to clarify the position as follows:-

1. All Madrasas teachers receiving honorarium under the erstwhile scheme of Madrasa Modernization will continue to be provided the same under the SPQEM Scheme in the XIth Plan, albeit teachers without requisite qualifications prescribed in the revised scheme of SPQEM, will receive honorarium at pre-revised rates. Period of two years will be given to such teachers to acquire the qualifications as prescribed under the SPQEM Scheme. Other financial and eligibility conditions under the revised scheme will continue to apply.

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- 2. A maximum of three-full time graduate or post-graduate with B Ed teachers would be paid honorarium subject to availability of students in each of the modern subjects taught, in a Maktab/Madarsa. If Maktabs or Madrassas are registered as separate entities, they can apply as different entities under the scheme of SPQEM.
- 3. Financial assistance under the SPQEM towards honorarium of teachers teaching modern subjects as laid down in para 8(a) of the scheme, be treated as maximum ceilings for teachers' honorarium levels. Madrasas/States desirous of paying lower empluments or creating more than two categories could do so with full justification indicated while filing up the application forms
- 4. It is clarified that accreditation of Madrassas/Maktabs with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is optional, madrassas not seeking academic or vocational accreditation need not fill Format III and 8(iv) of Part-I of the Application Form or Format IV & 8(v) of part I of the application form, as the case may be.

Yours faithfully,

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All State/UT Secretaries dealing with Madrassa Modernization Scheme

Subject: Clarifications on the Central Sponsored Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrassas.

Sir/Madam.

In continuation of letter of even number dated 16th February, 2009 the following clarifications are made on the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrassas (SPQEM)

- (i) Madrassa teachers receiving honorarium under the erstwhile Area Intensive Madrassa Modernization Programme would continue to be eligible under the revised scheme of SPQEM for the duration of the 11th Plan period. If the existing Madrassa teachers do not have the educational qualifications prescribed under the revised scheme. they would receive honorarium at the pre-revised rates. However, if they already do have the requisite qualifications, they would be entitled to honoraria at the revised rates.
- (ii) Clarifications had been issued vide our letter of even number dated 16th February. 2009 regarding teachers qualifications that teachers who do not have the requisite qualification would be required to acquire the qualifications within a period of two years. The time frame for teachers to acquire the requisite qualifications is now extended to a maximum of four years

(iii) As regards the number to teachers for whom financial assistance is available under the SPQEM, it was clarified that a maximum of three full time graduate or post graduate with B Ed, teachers of modern subjects would be provided depending on the

availability of students in the Madrasas/Maktabs. If Maktabs or Madarsas are registered as separate entities, they can apply as separate entities under the SPQEM.

(iii) All State Governments are also requested to ensure better transparency and accountability by depositing teachers' salaries in their respective bank accounts.

Yours faithfully.

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Copy forwarded to:

1. Shri Mohd. Shameem Hashami, President, Teachers Association Madaris-E-Arabia, 19/195 Patkapur. Kanpur. U.P. with reference to your letter dated 16.7.2009.

2. Shri. Samiullah Khan, Presendent, Madrassa Aadhuniquikaran Shikchhak Sangh, Cttar Pradesh. 240/10 Yahiya Ganj Lucknow, with reference to your letter dated 16.7.2009.