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To

All Heads of Schools
Affiliated to the Board

Dear Sir / Madam,

As you are aware that as per scheme of studies, a candidate is required to offer the following subjects at secondary School Examination (Class X) :

(1) and (2) Two languages out of –

“Hindi, English, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Marathi, Malayalam, Manipuri, Oriya, Punjabi, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Lepcha, Limbu, Bhutia, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Nepali, Tibetan and Mizo.

(3) Mathematics

(4) Science

(5) Social Science

(6) Work Education or Pre-Vocational Education

(7) Art Education

(8) Physical and Health Education

NOTE : Hindi and English must be one of the two languages to be studied in Class IX and X. Hindi and English can also be offered simultaneously. In Hindi and English, two courses have been provided for Class IX and X keeping in view the varying background of the student. A student may either opt Communicative-English (subject code 101) or English Language and Literature (Subject Code 184). Similarly, in Hindi, a student may either opt for Hindi A (Subject Code 002) or Hindi B (Subject Code 085).

02. Students may also offer any one of the following as an additional subject :

Language other than the two compulsory languages (offered as subjects of study)

OR

Commerce, Painting, Music, Home Science or Foundation of Information Technology

03. It has been observed that a number of schools allow their candidates to offer an additional subject and the same is entered against their names in the List of Candidates. However, it is understood, in a number of cases, the students are not taught the above subjects in the schools. This practice is against the norms of the Board. A school can offer only those subjects for which the school is having necessary infrastructure i.e. a qualified teacher and other facilities like laboratory etc and the candidate must be taught complete course of each subject including the additional subject.

04. I am writing to impress upon all Heads of Schools to ensure that candidates may be allowed to offer an additional (sixth) subject only if the school has necessary facilities such as a qualified teacher and laboratories etc. and the additional (sixth) subject must be given proper attention by the schools in case the students have been permitted to offer the subject in classes IX and X.

Yours faithfully,

(M.C. Sharma)

Controller of Examinations