

**APPENDIX-I**  
GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

School Education (PE) Department - APOSS – Hyderabad – Implementation of Open Basic Education programme as an Equivalency Programme under Continuing Education (CE) Scheme of the National Literacy Mission – Restructuring of Open Basic Education (OBE) in Andhra Pradesh on lines of NIOS - Orders – Issued.

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SCHOOL EDUCATION (PE-PROG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 64

Dated:01-08-2012.  
Read the following:-

1. G.O. Rt. No. 723 School Education dated 27-09-2008.
2. From the Director, APOSS, Hyd Lr.Rc. No.712/B1/APOSS/2012, dt: 21-04 2012.

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**ORDER :-**

In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad has reported that the Government in G.O. Rt. No.723 School Education dated 27-09-2008 issued orders revamping the Open School System in the State on the lines of National Institute of Open Schooling. Accordingly, the Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad offering highly flexible type of non formal education to the school drop outs and girl children, is having the following scheme of studies after revamping.

1. Open Basic Education (OBE) to be provided at the following three levels.  
A level - Equivalent to Class III of formal system  
B level - Equivalent to Class V of formal system  
C level - Equivalent to Class VII of formal system
2. Secondary (SSC) level – Equivalent to Class X of formal system.
3. Subsequently, Government in G.O. Ms. No. 170 Higher Education (IE.II) Department dated 04-09-2010 have accorded permission for starting of Intermediate Course under Open School System by the Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad from the Academic year 2010-11. As per the said Government Orders the Open Basic Education courses study material and course curriculum will be developed at the State level and the examinations will be conducted by the Zilla Saksharatha Samithis (ZSS) and the Certificates will be issued on the emblem of zilla Saksharatha Samithis to be signed by jointly by District Educational Officer and Deputy Director, Adult Education.

2. The Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad has further reported that prior to revamping orders the Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad was permitted to start Secondary Level Courses at Stage IV, Stage V and Stage VI equivalent to Class VIII, IX and X formal school respectively from the academic year 2001-2002 and to conduct examination, and issue certificates under the emblem of Andhra Pradesh Open School Society.

4. He has also stated that the National Literacy Mission Authority, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India has designed Basic Education Programme to achieve the second objective of Saakshar Bharat Scheme, i.e., Enable the neo-literates to continue their learning beyond basic literacy and acquire equivalency to formal educational system and brought out Guidelines for Basic Education Programme (Equivalency Programme) of Saakshar Bharat. The Open Basic Education (OBE) Programme initiate by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and other Open School shall be the starting point for achieving the objective of Basic Education (Equivalency) Programme.

5. He has also reported that, accordingly, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Noida (U.P), Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India has brought out guidelines for implementation of Open Basic Education Programme in collaboration with the Saakshar Bharat Mission of National Literacy Mission Authority in certain identified areas and enumerating the flexibility offered under Open Basic Education Programme, target and age Group, levels offered under the programme, scheme of studies, curriculum, duration of the course, conduct of examination etc.

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6. The Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad has reported that there is every need to restructure of Open Basic Education course being offered by the Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad in the State for implementation of Open Basic Education Literacy Mission, on the lines of National Institute of Open Schooling.

7. The Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad while enclosing the comprehensive guidelines prepared for implementation of Basic Education Programme in the State by Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad and requested the Government for issuing of suitable orders, restructuring Open Basic Education Programme as Equivalency Programme under continuing Education (CE) Scheme of National Literacy Mission Authority in Andhra Pradesh with effect from the academic year 2012-13, duly incorporating the guidelines.

8. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby agreed the proposals of the Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad and permit to adopt the comprehensive guidelines prepared for implementation of Basic Education Programme in the State by Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad for restructuring Open Basic Education Programme as Equivalency Programme under continuing Education (CE) Scheme of National Literacy Mission Authority in Andhra Pradesh with effect from the academic year 2012-13, duly incorporating the following:-

- (i) The Open Basic Education Programme now being offered by Andhra Pradesh Open School Society is for Adults of 14+ age group and above.
- (ii) The Pass Certificates issued by the Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad to the qualifiers at each level of A, B and C of Open Basic Education Programme are Equivalent to the certificates of formal school classes III, V and VIII respectively. These certificates are eligible for pursuing higher studies and employment.
- (iii) Examination for Open Basic Education Programme will be conducted by the Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad and certificates will be issued on the emblem of Andhra Pradesh Open School Society and signed by the Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad.
- (iv) The Director, A.P. Govt. Text Book Press, Hyderabad will print and supply the study material of Open Basic Education Programme at free of cost to the learners under free supply of N.T. Books.
- (v) The Executive Board of Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad is empowered to:
  - a) Add new subjects/courses including vocational courses in the list of courses to be offered at each level of Open Basic Education Programme.
  - b) Approve the Study Centres and Vocational Study Centres and enter into agreement with such Study Centres to implement the Open Basic Education Programme.
  - c) To constitute any sub-committees as and when felt necessary to deal with the academic matters, vocational education, evaluation and examination system.

8. The Director, Andhra Pradesh Open School Society, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To  
The Director, A.P. Open School Society, A.P., Hyderabad.  
All the District Collectors & District Magistrates  
(Through Director, APOSS, Hyderabad)  
All the District Educational Officer in the State  
(Through Director, APOSS, Hyderabad).  
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