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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**  
**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi**

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To,

1. **Education Secretary**  
**All States and UTs**
2. **Commissioner, KVS**
3. **Commissioner, NVS**
4. **Chairperson, CBSE**

**Subject: Instructions regarding the denial of admissions to Children with Special Needs (CwSN).**

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 being implemented since April 1, 2010 mandates free and compulsory elementary education for all children in the age group of 6 to 14 years. Section 3 (2) of this act specifically provides that a child with disability shall have the right to pursue free and compulsory elementary education. Further, The RTE Amendment Act, 2012 introduced definition of children with disability and other enabling measures.

2. While a number of initiatives and steps are being taken to include children with disabilities into the fabric of formal schooling, it is reiterated that the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009 regarding the education of children with special needs (CwSN) may be implemented in true spirit. In this regard, measures such as formal identification and assessment, barrier free access to, from and within the school, appropriate teaching learning aids in an inclusive classroom etc. are being undertaken. In order to ensure the educational rights of children with special needs, appropriate Government and local authorities should ensure that no school denies admission to children with special needs, thus creating an inclusive and equitable learning environment for all children.

3. State Government and UT Administrations are requested to take necessary action in this regard and intimate the Department of School Education & Literacy on the steps taken in this direction.

Yours faithfully,

  
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