

PRIORITY AREAS AND DECISIONS



SCHOOL EDUCATION

S.No.	Priority Areas	Decisions to be Taken	Concerned Department / Ministry
Covid-19 Crisis			
1	GST related relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exemptions on GST for lease, construction, ed-tech learning solutions & platforms	Ministry of Finance and Ministry of HRD
2	Online education & assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set-up an 'on-line pedagogy team' (OLPT) in schools• Free internet high-speed bandwidth and allocate more bandwidth (spectrum) for Ed-tech providers• Online instruction and related assignments, both synchronous and asynchronous time to be viewed as instructional time. Online attendance to be given the same sanctity as regular attendance.• Nationwide support on conducting online assessments through NCERT, CBSE etc.	CBSE/ICSE/State Boards/ Ministry of HRD

3	Fee Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisories on fee collection (to be collected monthly instead of quarterly or annually) • Direct State Fee Regulation bodies to be liberal in permitting full depreciation and allowances towards reserves, in fee fixation. 	State Governments/ Ministry of HRD
4	Timely reimbursement as per RTE Act for Section 12(1)C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Fee for students admitted into school under RTE @85% of the school fee fixed by school and the fee payment may be released through designated banks during the academic session in installments say 40%, 30% and 30%, so that schools can better manage their cash requirements 	Ministry of HRD
Post Covid-19			
1	Academic calendar planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a detailed contingency plan, undertake rigorous academic planning and syllabus prioritization for AY 2020-21 factoring current backlogs and a delayed start to Academic Year • Staggered opening of schools from 4th May onwards: Divide all grades into two groups/pools. Each group/pool to attend school every alternative day. This shall reduce conglomeration by half 	CBSE/ICSE/State Boards/Ministry of HRD

2	Compulsory training and a safety toolkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An online module of compulsory training and a safety toolkit to be developed to protect children and support safe school operations. This shall include protocols for practical actions and checklists for administrators, teachers, parents and children to ensure safety and hygiene in schools (fumigation, temperature monitoring, sanitizing, wearing mask, visitor movement etc.). • Additionally, a guideline needs to be issued by the medical experts who have dealt with the disease on protocols to be followed in case of dealing with a COVID19 suspect at school 	Ministry of HRD/ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
3	Low costs loans for schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit rebate in interest rate for loans availed by schools. • Define lending to educational institutions as 'Priority Sector Lending' and charge interest at sovereign rates • Provide easy loans to low-fee private schools for ICT and broadband upgradation • Time to reinvest capital gains on sale of property, machinery etc. can be extended to enable better liquidity • Create a distress fund to provide financial aid to schools, based on the infrastructure of the school. i. e. as a percentage of gross block and possibly total annual salary pay out 	Ministry of Finance and Ministry of HRD