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(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत्त संगठन)
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Sub: **Recommendations of National Curriculum Framework for Foundation Stage 2022 (NCF-FS 2022) in the schools affiliated to CBSE - reg.**

On the recommendation of NEP 2020 underlining the need of transforming the early childhood care and education in the country necessitated a fresh and comprehensive framework exclusively for this early stage. National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stages 2022 is released. Vide circular no. Aff.08/2023 dated 17.03.2023, the Board has adopted the NCF-FS 2022 and the new structure of five year education at the Foundational Stage (From Class Balvatika(Pre School) to Class II) will be introduced in the session 2023-24.

The Board has done the following modifications in Affiliation Bye Laws, 2018 from session 2023-24 after consideration and consultation with the stakeholders on the recommendations of NCF-FS 2022:-

- i. One of the important purposes of NCF for Foundational Stage 2022 is to formalize the education in foundational year i.e., 3 to 8 years age. The Board, in addition to its existing categories of affiliation, is expanding the affiliation of the existing affiliated schools offering foundational education to Balvatika(pre-school) classes, provided they fulfil all other requirements as mandated by CBSE.
- ii. While schools offering classes I to X / XII may make efforts to gradually augment the infrastructural requirements to include Balvatika(pre-school) classes, schools already running foundational classes may continue to offer 3 years of Balvatika(pre-school) education. These details must be submitted at the time of filling up of OASIS data.
- iii. The schools need to enhance infrastructure in terms of class rooms and other requirements to implement the classes of Foundational Stage. However, no additional land will be required for the additions of sections for the initial 03 years of Foundational Stage. For example, Schools are allowed to add additional 06 sections (classrooms for running classes) at 1 acre of land, additional 09 sections (classrooms for running classes) at 1.5 acres of land, additional 12 sections(classrooms for running classes) at 2 acres of land. For land above 2 acres (8000 sq.mtrs.), schools can add 3 sections per 500 sq.mtrs. additional land which can be distributed to class Balvatika (Pre-school) **To** class VIII / X / XII. This will apply on existing schools as well as schools seeking affiliation with the Board.