

Government of West Bengal  
Higher Education Department  
CS Branch  
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-91.

No.840-Edn(CS)/1G-08/16.

Kolkata, the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

From : Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.  
To : The Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal.  
Sub : Setting up virtual classroom in Government-aided Colleges in West Bengal.  
Sir,


Knowledge is freely available today through the internet. New material which can be accessed from the World Wide Web, is changing the nature of education and education methodologies. To remain in the forefront of the knowledge society, it is critical that ITeS be harnessed in the State's higher Education Space so that the students are equipped with the latest knowledge and are competitive on the national as well as global scale.

With a view to bringing the virtual world and its multiplier advantages to the higher Education sector, it has been decided to introduce virtual classrooms in phases in Government-aided Colleges. A virtual classroom is envisaged to be an existing classroom or a lecture theatre where a high-end desk top computer, a heavy duty projector, audio system, high speed datalink/wifi, etc. are to be installed to enable presentation of audio visual education material, live streaming of lectures or discussions etc.

To start with, one virtual classroom is envisaged to be set up in each of the Government aided Colleges. To ensure standard hardware specifications, illustrative hardware items and their specifications are appended. The Government aided Colleges may procure the items on their own following the due procedures for procurement.

It is envisaged that the virtual classrooms, in the first phase, should be operational by the end of November, 2016, at the latest. The Government-aided Colleges in the State are to be requested to take advance necessary action in the matter. The fund @ Rs.3 lakhs for virtual classroom is being released shortly.

Yours faithfully,


  
Deputy Secretary

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2. The Joint Secretary, (IT) for uploading on the Website;
3. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MIC, Higher Education Department, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091;
4. The Sr. P.A. to the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091;
5. The Sr. P.A. to the Secretary, Higher Education Department, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091.

  
Deputy Secretary