



RTE Fee Reimbursement Transferred by CM

Why in News?

Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav transferred ₹489 crore in a single click to 20,652 private schools as fee reimbursement for 8.45 lakh students admitted under the [Right to Education \(RTE\) Act, 2009](#).

- From the next academic session, **RTE students** in private schools will also **receive free textbooks and school bags**.
- **The state has set up the Sandipani School and continues other welfare measures like free bicycles, uniforms, textbooks, scooties for toppers, and laptops for students scoring 75% and above.**

Key Provisions of RTE Act, 2009

- **Right to Free and Compulsory Elementary Education:** Children aged 6-14 years are entitled to free, compulsory education in local schools, with enrollment in an age-appropriate class for those above 6 not in school.
 - Aided schools must also offer education for free, proportionate to their funding, **but not less than 25%.**
 - **Elementary education is free until completion**, and no child can be held back, expelled, or required to pass a board exam before finishing [elementary education](#).
- **Curriculum and Recognition:** An academic authority designated by the central or state government must develop the curriculum and evaluation procedure for elementary education.
 - All schools are required to adhere to **pupil-teacher ratio norms** and meet prescribed standards before establishment or recognition
 - Teacher qualification is to be ensured by the **Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)** conducted by the appropriate government.
- **Responsibilities of Schools and Teachers:** Teachers are forbidden from giving private tuition or performing non-teaching tasks, except for census, disaster relief, and election duties.
 - Schools must establish **School Management Committees (SMCs)** consisting of local authority representatives, parents, guardians, and teachers to oversee the school's use of government funds and create a school development plan.
- **Grievance Redressal:** The [National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights](#) reviews safeguards and investigates complaints, with powers akin to a civil court; the state government may also establish a State Commission for similar functions.