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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**

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To

All State/UT Secretaries  
dealing with Madrassa Modernization Scheme

Subject: Clarifications on the revamped central sponsored Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrassas (SPQEM).

Sir/Madam,

Following queries which have come to the notice of this Department from various quarters related to implementing the revised scheme of Providing Quality Education in Madrassas (SPQEM); the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development seeks to clarify the position as follows:-

1. All Madrasas teachers receiving honorarium under the erstwhile scheme of Madrasa Modernization will continue to be provided the same under the SPQEM Scheme in the XI<sup>th</sup> Plan, albeit teachers without requisite qualifications prescribed in the revised scheme of SPQEM, will receive honorarium at pre-revised rates. Period of two years will be given to such teachers to acquire the qualifications as prescribed under the SPQEM Scheme. Other financial and eligibility conditions under the revised scheme will continue to apply.

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2. A maximum of three full time graduate or post-graduate with B.Ed. teachers would be paid honorarium subject to availability of students in each of the modern subjects taught, in a Maktab/Madarsa. If Maktab or Madrassas are registered as separate entities, they can apply as different entities under the scheme of SPQEM.

3. Financial assistance under the SPQEM towards honorarium of teachers teaching modern subjects as laid down in para 8(a) of the scheme, be treated as maximum ceilings for teachers' honorarium levels. Madrassas/States desirous of paying lower emoluments or creating more than two categories could do so with full justification indicated while filing up the application forms.

4. It is clarified that accreditation of Madrassas/Maktab with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is optional, madrassas not seeking academic or vocational accreditation need not fill **Format III** and 8(iv) of Part-I of the Application Form or Format IV & 8(v) of part I of the application form, as the case may be..

Yours faithfully,

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