## PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR, RAJIV VIDYA MISSION (SSA), AP HYDERABAD. Present: Smt. V. Usha Rani I.A.S.,

## Rc.No. 517/RVM(SSA)/IE/C5/2012

Dated. 20-09-2012

Sub:- Education Department – AP RVM (SSA) – Inclusive Education for CwSN & JBAR – Special drive for screening of eyes of school age children in convergence with the Health Department – Communication of certain guidelines – Regarding.

Rajiv Vidya Mission implementing different programs in order to bring the out of school children in to education fold. As per 2011 Census, 1,45,000 children are suffering from visual problems in A.P which include problems ranging from refractive errors to congenital cataracts and many children among them, even though most of the problems could be averted with little intervention, have discontinued their school in middle of their education due to their visual problems.

Keeping the above phenomenon among the school age children in view, it has been decided to address the problem though a special drive of eye screening of children in school age children in the State, in convergence with the Health Department. The screening camps will be held at habitation level and covers both in-school and out-of-school children in school age. The program will be carried out in three phases. Further it is also proposed to identify simultaneously the children with Cleft lip and Cleft Pallet to carryout minor surgical corrections under smile train project.

In the circumstances explained above, the POs in the districts are hereby informed that they shall make all arrangements to conduct the Eye-screening program along with identification of children with Cleft lip and Cleft Pallet in their district by scrupulously following the guidelines and adhering to the timelines communicated by this office along with these proceedings.

The expenditure for the above program shall be met from the budget available under the component of "Intervention for CwSN".

It is also proposed to hold a video conference on <u>01-10-</u>2012 from <u>1.00 pm to 2.00 pm</u> with the District Collectors, District Medical & Health Officers, DEOs, Project Officers of RVM (SSA), JBAR Coordinators and Program Officers of District Blindness Control Society to discuss the eye screening program.

Hence, they are requested to coordinate with all the above officers to attend the video conference without fail.

STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR

To

All the Project Officers of RVM (SSA) in the State

Copy to all the District Educational Officers in the State for information and necessary action.

Copy to all the District Collectors & Chairpersons of RVM (SSA) in the State for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Planning Coordinator of this office

Copy to the Finance Controller of this office.