



School Education Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai – 9



Letter (efile) No.2217/ERT/2025-1, dated 11.07.2025

From

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To

The Director,  
State Council of Educational Research and Training,  
Chennai-06. (w.e)

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Madam,

Sub: School Education – Sport Development Authority of  
Tamil Nadu – Budget speech announcement 2025-  
2026 - For inclusion of Chess in the School  
Curriculum – Proposal - Regarding.

Ref: From the Member Secretary, Sport Development  
Authority of Tamil Nadu, letter Rc.No.1728116/SE-  
2/2025, dated 30.05.2025.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference cited.

2.During the Budget session for the year 2025-2026 on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 14.03.2025, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Environment and Climate Change among other things has announced that:-

“Today, Tamil Nadu has emerged as the chess capital of the world, having produced two world champions and 31 Grandmasters so far. To sustain this success, and to promote chess among students and nurture future champions, the physical education curriculum will be modified to incorporate chess into the school curriculum.”

3.The Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has stated that the detailed estimate has been prepared for incorporating Chess in School curriculum which outlines the financial requirements for infrastructure training, competitions, digital resources and other key components essential for the successful rollout of the programme across the State and requested the Government to accord administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.14,04,89,000/- to successfully implement the “Chess in Schools” to promote chess among students and nurture future champions.

Yours faithfully,

The Director of School Education,  
Chennai – 06.

for Deputy Secretary to Government.  
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11.7.25