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Dear

The Department of School Education and literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India is organizing an Inter-School Band Competition to be held at 6 (Six) zones in the country followed by a National Level Competition at New Delhi, scheduled prior to the Republic day 2018 celebrations.

2. You would appreciate that a school band uniquely encourages a feeling of oneness, belonging and a deep sense of pride in school children. The rhythm of a band instills a feeling of action, courage and patriotism in children and adults alike. A competition of this kind will rejuvenate and rekindle the spirit of various school bands in the schools throughout the country.

The competition is proposed to be organised at three levels viz. State, Zonal and National level. The competition is open for all categories of schools. Education Departments of the States and Union Territories will conduct inter school band competitions within their respective States and UTs.

3. The expenditure up to State level will be borne by the respective State/UT. Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India will bear the expenditure relating to the organising of the Zonal and National level Inter school Band competition.

4. The Jury of the Inter School Band Competition at Zonal and National level will be decided by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Govt. of India.

5. At the Zonal level, the winner teams, one each from boys and girls categories, will be given cash prizes of

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 10,000/-
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 7,000/-
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize 5,000/-

Best selected 02 Teams at State level competitions viz. one each of boys and girls, shall participate in the Zonal level competition.

6. The distribution of States into six zones across the country and the coordinating State proposed for each zone is as under:-

S.No.	Zones	No. of State/UTs	Coordinating State at Zonal level	State / UT
1.	Central	05	Madhya Pradesh	Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh
2.	Eastern	05	Jharkhand	Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
3.	Western	06	Maharashtra	Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Union territory of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Hawali.
4.	Southern	05	Telangana	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana
5.	Northern	05	Chandigarh	Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh
6.	North East	08	Assam	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura.

Selected teams one each of Boys and Girls from each Zone will compete at the National Level Competition which will be held at New Delhi. **Thus, a total of 12 teams will compete at the National level.** At the National level, the winner teams in the boys and girls categories will be given the following cash prizes:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize                      20,000/-
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize                        15,000/-
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize                         10,000/-

7. The time schedule for holding the competitions at State, Zonal and National level is as under: -

S.No.	Activity	Date of which to be completed
1.	Last date of Registration at State level	01.11.2017
2.	States to complete competitions at State level	15.11.2017
3.	Forwarding of names of State level winners to Coordinating State at Zonal level	20.11.2017
4.	Zonal level competitions	15.12.2017
5.	Forwarding of names of Zonal level winners to MHRD	20.12.2017
6.	National level competition	15.01.2018

8. You are requested to inform all schools/local bodies in your respective State/UT to participate in the competitions.

9. Guidelines and registration form are attached herewith as Annexure I, II and III. The same are available at <http://www.mhrd.gov.in> and National Bal Bhavan <http://www.nationalbalbhavan.nic.in> websites. For further details you may contact Dr. Meenakshi Jolly, Director (SSA) on email id: [m.jolly@nic.in](mailto:m.jolly@nic.in), contact no. : 23070837.

With regards

Yours Sincerely



**(Maneesh Garg)**

To Education Secretaries of all States /UTs

Copy to:

1. Chairperson, CBSE with a request to instruct all schools to participate in the competition.
2. Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan.
3. Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti

**Following are the guidelines for the competition.**

1. Separate competition for Boys and Girls.
2. Number of participants shall be 20.
3. Maximum time limit is 3 – 5 Minutes.
4. No Film based tune or National Anthem tune is allowed.
5. Competition is open for all Schools/Local bodies.
6. Group should consist of Pipe and Drum Band.
7. Preference will be given to those wearing band costume.
8. Theme of the band is Patriotic.
9. Registration form attached below should be filled properly and be submitted on e-mail.
10. List of participants and Escort should be forwarded along with registration form.
11. Name of participants be written in expanded form, abbreviations will not be accepted.
12. Last date for submitting the registration for State level is 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017  
Last date for submitting the registration for Zonal level is 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017

**Awards at Zonal level:**

The winner teams each from boys and girls team will be given cash prizes of

- 1st Prize                    10,000/-
- 2nd Prize                    7,000/-
- 3rd Prize                    5,000/-

Registration Form for Inter School Band Competition

1. Name of School : .....
2. Address of School : .....  
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3. Telephone No. : .....
4. Name of Principal and Telephone : .....  
No.
5. Name of Escort / Teacher & : .....  
Telephone No.
6. Number of participants : .....  
(List attached)
7. Category (Boys / Girls) : .....

(Signature of Principal)