



Brief Overview of RTE 12(1)(c) Operation in Odisha

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- From **March 2019 to 2022**, Indus Action has been supporting the Directorate of Elementary Education (DEE) as a non-financial technical partner in implementing U/s 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act, 2009, in Odisha. Significant achievements during this period were release of **notification** and **development of the RTE Paradarshi Portal**, which was launched in **February 2021**. As a result, the School and Mass Education Department of the Government of Odisha announced that the RTE 12(1)(c) admission process would shift from offline to online.
- During the period of offline process there were **approx 1300 children** studying under this provision and reimbursement amount was approx **80 lakhs**
- In collaboration with the DEE, the Indus Action team organised **district-wise capacity-building training** programs for **block** and **district-level government officials** and **schools** on topics related to the RTE Paradarshi Portal and its functionality, the RTE Act, and RTE 12(1)(c). The Team created and shared short instructional videos uploaded onto the portal for easy access by government officials, parents, and other stakeholders, facilitating smoother process implementation.
- **Field-based awareness programs** were also conducted with support from various civil society organisations (CSO) networks and State, District and Block Level Government Officials and Private Schools. Newspaper advertisements, banners displayed at the block and district levels, advertisements by private schools, and scrolling messages on local news channels were some of the awareness strategies developed during that period. In collaboration with OSEPA, API integration incorporated private schools into the portal.
- Furthermore, the Indus Action team utilised Survey CTO tools to gather valuable insights into real-life scenarios on the ground. This led to revising the existing guidelines under Section 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act, 2009, in 2022. All of the efforts have led to an increase in admission numbers, i.e., **4,880** in 2021, **12,897** in 2022.

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- In 2020, the Project Management Unit (PMU) was formed for the effective implementation of RTE 12 (1)(c), and the Indus Action Team was a member of this committee. [PMU Notification.pdf](#)
- This significant progress resulted in a three-year financial agreement between DEE, OSEPA, and Indus Action, with a commitment to support three academic sessions from **2023 to 2025**.
- The Indus Action Team, in collaboration with the DEE, developed several modules to facilitate the portal's smooth implementation. These modules include **School Registration**, **Student Registration**, an **Online Lottery**, the **Admission Rounds/Enrollment Process**, and a **Students' Performance Tracking** Module. From the academic year **2023 to 2025**, the number of admissions done U/s 12(1)(c) was **17,782 in 2023**, **24,335 in 2024**, and **24,997 in 2025**.
- Indus Action Team developed the online **Student Transfer Model**, **Online Reimbursement System**, the enhancement of the **lottery algorithm**, and **Parents' Aadhaar features** and so on. Every year, before starting the admission cycle, the Indus Action Team, in coordination with the DEE, organised **training programs** with Government Officials (District and Block Level), Private Schools and VSK Callers so that the program can run smoothly during the entire academic session and promptly respond to their queries.
- The Team is also involved in the reimbursement process (offline) and has provided necessary support to the DEE in matters related to grievances. [Reimbursement-22-23](#), [Reimbursement Letter](#) , [Reimbursement-23-24](#)
- In coordination with the DEE, the team conducted a field visit, collected the field stories of the RTE beneficiaries, and submitted them to the Department. The Indus Action Team provided necessary support to DEE for the recent revision of the RTE 12(1)(c) guideline in March 2025.

Current System of Reimbursement U/s 12(1)(c) of RCFCE Act, 2009

The School and Mass Education Department of the Government of Odisha has issued guidelines for reimbursement of per-child expenditure in favour of unaided and specified category schools for admission of children from weaker sections and disadvantaged groups. The following are the Notifications issued by the Govt. are as follows:

Notification No: 16624, Dte: 05.07.2012 [[16624.pdf](#)]

Notification No: 4030, Dte: 20.05.2014 [[Notification No_4030_Dt_20.05.14.pdf](#)]

Notification No: 9317, Dte: 19.09.2016 [[9317.pdf](#)]- Latest Notification which is still guided.

Current Procedure of Reimbursement U/s 12(1)(c) of RCFCE Act, 2009 & Rule- 10 [\[9317.pdf\]](#)

- Section 12(2) of the Act stipulates that such categories of schools that provide free and compulsory elementary education shall be reimbursed expenditure so incurred by them to the extent of per-child expenditure incurred by the State, or the actual amount charged from the child, whichever is less, in such manner as may be prescribed.
- Claims for reimbursement pertaining to one academic year shall be made in the next year.
- After the children under 25% reservation were admitted, the concerned private school management applied to the Block Education Officer (BEO) to reimburse per-child expenditure in '**Form-A**' (triplicate-[Form A.pdf](#)) with all necessary information.
- BEO to prepare a consolidation sheet (abstract and school-wise) after inspection through field visits to schools and submit it to DEO.
- BEO to notify the school-wise expenditures in its display board for public information and to maintain transparency.
- DEO to prepare a consolidation (abstract and school-wise information) report after taking BEO level reports and if necessary, DEO would visit some schools on a sample basis before the recommendation to DEE.
- After consolidation and necessary scrutiny, DEO will submit the consolidated sheet to the Collector & CEO, ZP for approval.
- After obtaining approval from Collector & CEO Zila Parishad, DEO will send the approved consolidated sheet (abstract and school-wise information) to the Director of Elementary Education. DPC, SSA would provide necessary logistic and mobility support for the purpose.
- After receiving proposals from DEOs, DEE to consolidate in '**Form-B**' ([Form B.png](#)) and submit the proposal with necessary budgeting & costing to the Department of School & Mass Education, Govt. of Odisha for funding provision in the budget.

Proposed for Online Procedure of Reimbursement U/s 12(1)(c) of RCFCE Act, 2009

- ❑ The Reimbursement Module in RTE-OD is designed to streamline and manage the school reimbursement process. This module simplifies submitting, approving, and processing reimbursement claims, ensuring accurate and timely fund disbursement.
- ❑ The module consists of four key steps:
 - a. **School Admin:** Schools submit their reimbursement claims through online in Form -A to BEO ([Form A.pdf](#)), claiming necessary reimbursement
 - b. **Block Admin Verification:** Block-level administrators review and approve claims within 30 days of submission and submit his report to DEO as per latest Notification No 9317 dtd. 19.09.2016 ([9317.pdf](#)) along with an undertaking to the effect that he/she inspected the school and satisfy as per the non-eligibility criteria fixed in the notification No 9317, dtd. 19.09.2016 ([Non Eligible School.png](#)) along with supporting documents. If they do not approve within the timeline, the claim form will be automatically forwarded/ auto-escalated to the DEO Login for approval.
 - c. **District Admin Verification:** The district-level administrators review and approve claim forms after block-level verification and forward the same to DEE(O) along with an undertaking to the effect that the proposal submitted by the BEO concerned has been verified properly and satisfy all the criteria as per the notification No, dtd 19.09.2016 ([9317.pdf](#)) and hence recommended for payment. The districts also have a 30-day time period for approval.
 - d. **DEE Admin Verification:** DEE will either approve or reject the claim form. If rejected, they will be automatically forwarded to the School Login, and the same process will restart. The rejected cases will also be flagged to the District and Block Login for tracking purposes. The state admin can view claim and verification statuses and obtain the final list of claims for payment processing. Form B- ([Form B.png](#)) It's automatically filled, DEE can check and modify the data as per requirement. The Excel sheet can download, option is given. Payment will made via bank transfer from DEE to School Account.

Existing Reimbursement Timeline U/s 12(1)(c) of RCFCE Act, 2009 notification no 9317, dtd-19.09.2016

- Submission by School wise Form-A to BEO-10th October
- Inspection by BEO/ABEO-30th October
- Recommendation by BEO and Submission of Form A to DEO- 10th November
- Recommendation by DEO to Director, Elementary Education-10th December
- Approval by DEE & Submission of Form B to S&ME- 31st December

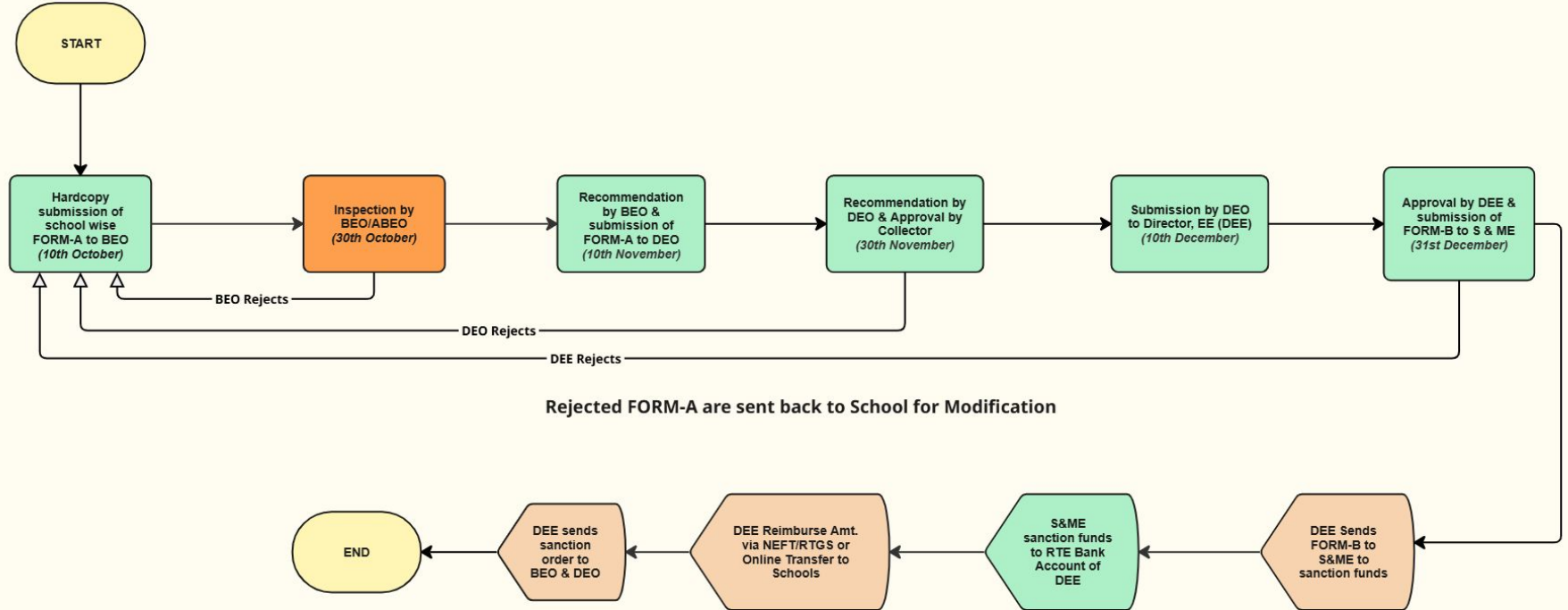
Note: (*if above mentioned day is a holiday then next working would be taken for consideration*).

Timeline

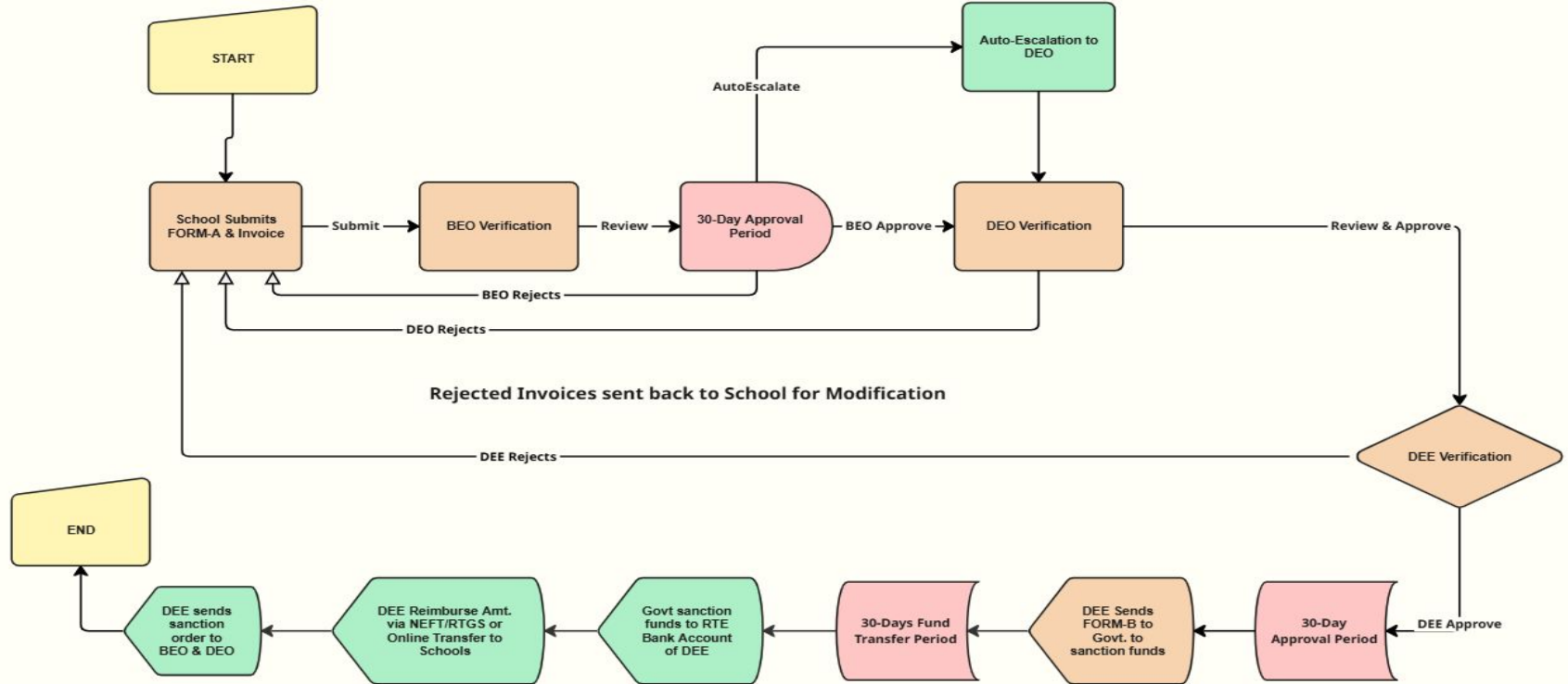
Academic Year– 2024-25 and 2025-26 School and Student Admission Details U/s RTE 12(1)(c)

Academic Year	Total number of Schools	Total number of English Medium	Total Number of Odia Medium	Total Number of Allotted School	Total Student Allotted	Total Student Enrolled
2024-25	3615 2024-25 School Details.xlsx	1303	2312	3060	27296 Student Details.xlsx	24335
2025-26	3992 Academic Year 2025-26 School Details	1482	2510	3319	27233 Student Enrollment Details_2025-26	24997

Flowchart- (Existing)



Flowchart- (Proposed)



Year Wise Reimbursement U/s 12(1)(c) of RCFCE Act, 2009

Year	Reimbursement Amount to the Private Schools	Total Students	Per Child Expenditure Cost
2014-15	Rs 38,57,402/-	610	Rs.10,939/-
2015-16	Rs 99,99,936/-	1410	Rs. 12602/-
2016-17	Rs. 88,34,000/-	1091	Rs.12142/-
2017-18	Rs. 88,34,000/-	963	Rs.12142/-
2018-19	Rs.1,00,00,000/-	1005	Rs.15061/-
2019-20	Rs.1,00,00,000/-	985	Rs.18689/-
2020-21	Rs.1,50,00,000/-	1529	Rs.18689/-
2021-22	Rs.6,66,86,995/-	5954	Rs.22197/- (Without Entitlement- Textbook, Uniform and Mid Day Meal) Rs 25041/- (With Entitlement- Textbook, Uniform and Mid Day Meal) Per Child Expenditure_2021-22.pdf

Year Wise Reimbursement U/s 12(1)(c) of RCFCE Act, 2009

Year	Reimbursement Amount to the Private Schools	Total No of School	Total Students	Per Child Expenditure Cost
2022-23	Rs. 17,63,25,531/-	569	13111	Rs. 22,391/- (Without entitlement- Textbook, Uniform and MDM) Rs. 25,272/- (With entitlement- Textbook, Uniform and MDM) Per Child Cost-2022-23.pdf
2023-24	Rs. 35,85,85,231/-	1100	25729	Rs. 22,391/- (Without entitlement- Textbook, Uniform and MDM) Rs. 25,272/- (With entitlement- Textbook, Uniform and MDM) Per Child Cost-2022-23.pdf
2024-25	Nil	NIL	0	As per the proceeding of the committee dtd. 10.07.2025 under the chairpersonship of SPD OSEPA per child expenditure for RTE Reimbursement has been fixed to Rs 30788/- which is under active consideration of Govt. If considered the expenditure to this effect will be hike accordingly. Further we had make provision under supplementary budget. Proceeding of per child expenditure 2025-26.pdf

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