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Minutes

A meeting of the review committee was held in the chamber of the Chairperson on 30.08.11 and it was attended by the following officials:

Review Committee :

- a) Ms. Shailaja Chandra, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson, Review Committee
- b) Ms. Abha Joshi, Member Secretary
- c) Sh. Marcel Ekka, ADE (Act)

Invitees from Private/Unaided Schools :

- 1) Sh. L. V. Sehgal, Chairman, National Progressive School Committee & Principal Bal Bharti Public School, Ganga Ram Road, Delhi
- 2) Sh. S. L. Jain, Vice President, Action Committee & Principal, Mahavir Model School, Delhi
- 3) Sh. Suraj Prakash, Principal (Retd.) & Education Advisor, Child Education Society, Delhi

.At the outset the Chairperson welcomed the Principals and then sought their opinion on the following issues-

1. Which factors should be taken into consideration for fee-regulation of private unaided schools?
2. How to make the whole school system more transparent and answerable to stakeholders without letting them too much interference in day to day affairs of school administration?

She explained to them that the purpose was not to stifle the autonomy of private schools. Rather the purpose was to make the schools a living identity so that all information pertaining to it is available just on a click of mouse. For e.g. creation of a web-site in which schools may be asked to put up all the details like no. of classes, sections, no. of teachers engaged and their qualification, teacher-pupil ratio fee schedule etc. Making it mandatory for every school to fill up these details would itself be a deterrent from making false statement.

The Principals appreciated the idea but stressed that such a system may lead to harassment of schools by unscrupulous people. The Chairperson allayed their fears on the ground that pass-word of such web-site shall only be with stakeholders. It was also pointed out that there might be many schools which do not have computer facility. However this problem could be solved if a group of such schools hire a computer and get all data entered.

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As regards Fee-Regulatory body the Principals were initially opposed to the idea because in their opinion when fee is decided by managing committee in which department's nominee is also present, there is hardly any need of such a body. However when their attention was brought to Para 65 of the judgment in CWP7777 of 2009 where the hon'ble court has directed that such a regulatory body be set up by government, they acquiesced to this idea. But they emphasized that such a regulatory body must be truly conceptual in nature and not the one to take away autonomy of schools to decide their fee structure.

The Chairperson explained to them that the process was already followed in Department of Higher Education. Though they have devised their own mechanism by way of which weightage is given to different factors, on the same pattern a set of factors can be worked out for private schools that may determine the fee structure of schools. She sought their views in working out such factors.

The Principals stressed that members of private unaided schools must be included in such a fee regulatory committee. They also expressed their apprehension that since unlike in higher education the number of schools is very large, this whole exercise may be time consuming and may not finish before the beginning of new session.

The Chairperson further explained to them that schools may be asked to fill up two forms- form1 in which the school shall fill up details like no. of classes, no. of sections, teacher-pupil ratio, no. of teachers at each level and their qualifications and the infrastructural facilities available with the school; form2 in which the schools may fill up financial details of income and major expenditure. NIC is being asked to develop a web-site where any mis-match between two forms shall be flashed and further action may be taken. Chartered accountants may be empanelled by the department to look into the financial returns of a few such schools and make a thorough examination.

Mr. S.L.Jain informed the Chairperson that the department had long back constituted a committee for determining fee- structure of private schools and this committee had developed some Proforma for the purpose. The Chairperson asked him to send the Proforma for consideration.

In the end The Chairperson thanked them for their valuable suggestions.


(ABINA JOSHI)
MEMBER SECRETARY