

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON REVIEW COMMITTEE OF
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ROOM NO. 10, SCERT, VARUN MARG, DEFENCE COLONY
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Minutes

A meeting was held at 4.00 p.m. on 22-07-11 with some of the present DDEs and ADE (Act) in the office of the Review Committee in which the following officers were present :

Review Committee :

- a) Ms. Shailaja Chandra, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson, Review Committee
- b) Ms. Abha Joshi, Member Secretary
- c) Sh. Manish Gaur, ALA, Member
- d) Sh. Marcel Ekka, ADE (Act)
- e) Sh. Pushparaj Deshpande. (Intern consultant)

Invitees from Directorate of Education :

- 1) Smt. Anita Setia, DDE (South)
- 2) Dr. Afshan Yasmin, ADE (Act)
- 3) Smt. Renu Sharma, E.O. Zone-25

At the outset the DDEs enumerated the issues that frequently come up in respect of aided schools :

- 1) Enrolment in a large number of aided schools is falling because of their falling standards. Except for a few the results of most of the aided schools was less than of government schools.
- 2) A large number of aided schools have opened an unaided unrecognized primary school in the same premises. The managements are more interested in running the unaided school at the cost of aided school.
- 3) Managements are unable to raise funds for the upkeep of the school.
- 4) The amount paid to aided schools for the electricity, water or telephone bill of the school is not sufficient. Most of the managements find it difficult to raise resources to cover those costs.
- 5) In -service training is not done for teachers of aided schools as a result of which the teachers are unable to update themselves. This affects their results.
- 6) There are some managements which explicitly express their desire to close down the aided school and instead run an unaided school. Since the department does not give them permission therefore, the management purposely lets the enrolment fall to a non -viable number.
- 7) There a maximum number of complaints at the time of recruitment of teachers. In spite of detail instructions for recruitment process, vested interests do play a role. It would most appropriate if the recruitment of teachers is handed over to DSSSB.
- 8) Aided schools should be given one time maintenance grant so that safety of children is ensured .Even amounts given for recurring expenditure should be enhanced so that schools are able to meet these essential expenses.
- 9) Often more than one managing committee put up the claim of being the genuine managing committee. This mainly happens when the recruitment of teachers is about to begin. There is no provision under the existing Act to take action in such disputes which affects the academic atmosphere of the school.

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10) When managements do not comply with the directions given by the Director, the only penalty clause available in the existing Act is stoppage of grant-in aid which affects only the employees of the school. Some penalty clause should be inserted for manager.

The Chairperson desired that:

1. Data be compiled regarding the schools which are on government land and the schools which are on private land .
2. Even if the land is private the conditions under which the society was allowed to run school should be found out.
3. Categorisation of the schools on the basis of their results and enrolment for last three years be done so that a proper view may be taken.
4. Action taken by Dte. by way of show-cause notices etc when schools were setting up dual unrecognised schools in the school area and failing to fulfil their obligations. Is action taken invariably ? With what outcome? Copies of typical letters written / action taken to be asked for by the Member Secy.

She suggested that just as CBSE is conducting Teacher Eligibility Test for the candidates who want to apply for the post of Assistant Teacher and Trained Graduate Teacher, SCERT may be asked to conduct a similar eligibility test for those who want to apply for the post of PGTs Aided Schools may then be asked to select only from candidates that have cleared the test.

As regards the problem of disregard of repeated complaints made to land owning agencies against managements of aided schools having opened an unaided school in the same premises the Chairperson asked for the copies of correspondences made to the land-allotting agency by the department to see whether the steps taken were adequate and whether a legal solution was at all required.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.


(ABHA JOSHI)
MEMBER SECRETARY