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DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON REVIEW COMMITTEE OF
DSEAR'73,
ROOM NO. 10, SCERT, VARUN MARG, DEFENCE COLONY
NEW DELHI-110024

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Minutes

A hearing was given to Mr. R. C. JAIN, Chairman, Delhi State Public Schools' Management Association of private unaided recognized schools along with a number of other representatives of private unaided recognized as well as of un-recognized schools at 3.00 p.m. on 22-07-11 in the office of the review committee. Following officers/persons 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. Pushparaj Deshpande, (Intern consultant)

Association Members :

- 1) Sh. R. C. JAIN, Chairman, Delhi State Public Schools' Management Association
- 2) Sh. Ravi Kumar Sharma, Executive
- 3) Sh. Rajender Kumar, Manager, Gyan Sarover Public School, Mangolpuri, Delhi
- 4) Sh. Ved Prakash, Manager, ...AIM S Convent School
- 5) Sh. Om Prakash Singh, Manager
- 6) Sh. Mukesh Ahlawat, School Manager
- 7) Sh. Netaji Dhallwani, New Public Montessori School
- 8) Sh. Rajesh Chaudhary, Mata Raj Rani Public School
- 9) Sh. Kanishk Shukla, Gyan Bharti Public School, Swaroop Nagar
- 10) Sh. Gajender Arya, M. P. Arya Public School, Jahangirpuri
- 11) Sh. R. B. Sharma, Manager, Sun Smile Public School, Mangolpuri
- 12) Dr. J. P. Sharma, Chairman, Central Public School
- 13) Sh. P. C. Deswal, Manager, Rose Valley Public School
- 14) Sh. Dainik Sharma, Chairman

At the outset Mr. Jain informed that there are nearly 1950 private unaided schools recognized by DoE and MCD. He further informed that an equally large number schools catering mainly to pre-primary classes are functioning in Delhi as un-recognized schools. He expressed concern about :

a) Under MPD21 minimum area for a nursery school was 800sq.mts. But most of the nursery schools particularly those in rural areas are running from a much small area .As required under the provisions of RTE all schools shall have to seek recognition. Since most of the schools will not be able to fulfill the land norm, they shall have to be closed down thus jeopardizing the fate of thousands of children who were studying in these neighbourhood schools .

b) People are mis-using the provision of action against corporal punishment under RTE .There have been incidents where parents and children have used this provision to harass the school authorities .There have been incidents where parents have lodged false FIR against the school as a result of which school has to face a lot of problems. Schools were being harassed by various authorities and schools are unable to find whether they are answerable to them or not .Moreover this was causing indiscipline in schools

c) The schools which till date have been recognized up to primary ,middle or secondary should be given permission to run middle, secondary or senior secondary respectively in second shift and should be granted recognition for the same (he preferred to call it broken recognition).

d) The school management should be given free hand in terminating the services of any employee because they are the appointing authority .

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e) The schools which are charging very low fee, a fact recognized even by Bansal Committee, cannot pay salary as per government norms to their employees. So Section 10 of DSEAR 73 should be amended.

f) Under RTE apart from EWS category another category of disadvantaged groups has been created. This was putting a lot of pressure on private unaided schools and ultimately the burden is passed on to parents.

g) Presence of political persons in the management committees of aided schools will vitiate the atmosphere of the schools .This provision of RTE needs to be amended .

h) Electricity charges and property tax etc are charged from unaided schools at commercial rates. It should be same as for government schools.

i) In aided schools manager should be given a salary because it is a full time job .In the absence of remuneration it is difficult for anyone to devote full time to the school.

2) The Chairperson gave him a patient hearing and informed him that most of the issues raised have already been addressed. As regards land norms the matter will be soon discussed with DDA. She also explained the idea of Grievance Redressal Committee where the aggrieved party may go for grievance redressal and then may go in appeal before the Tribunal. As regards harassment by police, she asked Mr Jain to prepare details of such cases alongwith the copies of FIRs and also the section under which police took action. Only then the committee would be able to make appropriate recommendations. She asked Mr Jain to prepare a detailed note on all the issues discussed .The Chairperson also expressed her desire to visit some of such unrecognized schools particularly in slum/unauthorised colonies. Mr. Jain agreed to draw out the plan.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all present.


(ABHA JOSHI)

MEMBER SECRETARY