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DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON REVIEW COMMITTEE OF
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Minutes

A meeting was held at 12.30 p.m. on 21-07-11 with Dr. I. S. Bakshi, Principal Dayal Singh college and Ms Rukmini Bannerji, from Pratham. Review Committee officers present in the meeting were :

- 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)

1) The Chairperson thanked the two invitees for having come at her request and told them that since both of them had extensive experience of a) the University and college systems for University funded colleges(which were in principle like aided schools broadly) and b) the school sector with special reference to quality of education/ engagement of NGOs for maintaining oversight as in the case of Pratham, they had been invited. The Chairperson briefed each invitee about the issues before the committee and sought their advice on steps taken to safeguard use of public resources while giving due flexibility to the institution. In particular, base on their experience:

- i) How to make process of selection of teachers in aided schools more transparent?
- ii) How to categorise the private schools for the purpose of fee-regulation?

2) Dr. Bakshi explained the process followed in Delhi University which managed UGC funded colleges according to which -

i) University invites applications for vacant posts in different colleges. Applications against each post are categorized in seven categories as per qualifications and achievements of candidates. Such categorization ensures that candidates with higher achievements are not ignored when individual colleges call for the interview..Panel of selected candidates is prepared and Government aided colleges can appoint lecturers on ad hoc basis only out of candidates from the panel prepared by the university.

3) The Chairperson was informed by Mrs Joshi that in the existing procedure for selection of teachers in aided schools weightage is given to the academic performance of candidates and detailed instructions to be followed by managing committee of the school right from the stage of advertisement to be given for the post in newspapers to the final selection which are already in place.

4) All the members were further informed that from this year qualifying TET (TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST) has been made compulsory for all those who want to apply for assistant or trained graduate teacher. CBSE has been assigned this job and it will conduct this examination every six months.

The Chairperson asked whether for PGTs, SCERT can be asked to conduct a test and aided schools may be asked to call only those candidates who have qualified this test.

5) Ms. Rukmini Bannerji explained how ASER exercise was conducted and how it could be helpful in micro level planning .The Chairperson explained to her the idea of categorization of private schools for the purpose of fee-regulation. She asked Mrs. Bannerji to prepare a formulation with proper vocabulary for undertaking the process of categorisation. Mrs. Bannerji agreed to do so and assured that she would prepare it shortly. She offered to give a suggestion relating to a ward level enquiry done for all schools in a particular ward which would be very revealing. She indicated that although ASER covered all schools in India's districts, it did not cover Delhi in the ASER study. It was purely an NGO effort and was not outsourced by Government.

6) The committee also gave a hearing to Dr. Ranjana Kaul, Chairperson, SHIV NIKETAN Education Society. Ms Kaul pointed out that under RTE only recognized schools can function. But the land norms followed by DoE as well as by DDA in MPD 21 are a great hindrance. She pleaded that if land norms are not revised then most of the schools shall have to be closed down

The Chairperson assured her that the status prevailing in DDA would be ascertained and the point of view reflected.

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


(ABHA JOSHI)

MEMBER SECRETARY