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Order under Para 2(B) of the PGC Resolution No F.4/14/94-AR dated 25.9.97

Date of hearing: 22.12.2021

Complainant : Sh. Rajbir Singh – Present.

Respondent : The Director,
Dte.of Education, GNCTD.
Through Sh. Vikas Kalia,
DDE (District Central).
Sh. Prabhat Kumar, S.O. (Zone-26).
Administrative Officer,
Sanskriti School, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Marg,
Chanakya Puri, New Delhi - Present.

Grievance No. : PGC/2021/A.II/Edn./27

1. Brief facts of the complaint

1.1 Sh. Rajbir Singh has filed a grievance petition before Public Grievances Commission aggrieved by non admission of his grandson Master Himanish Tanwar in Class 5th under EWS category in Sanskriti School, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi. He alleged that the school had conducted draw from Class 2nd to Class 9th under the EWS category through online mode and he has received a message on 28.08.2021 stating that your child with Registration ID 20210153922 has been allotted Sanskriti School for Class 5th under First Round of EWS through centralized lottery for academic session 2021-22 by Dte.of Education.

2. Facts emerged during the proceedings.

2.1 An action taken report dated 20.07.2021 has been filed by the Administrative Officer, Sanskriti School, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Marg. It is stated in the report that:- *"No representation has been received in Sanskriti School from the complainant herein regarding admission of his grandson in Class V of Sanskriti School under EWS quota.*

2. *In June 2021, the Dte.of Education/Zonal Office had sought details of actual vacancies in Sanskriti School in class 2nd onwards under Freeship/EWS quota in a prescribed format. A copy of their mail along with the format prescribed is at Annexure-I. It may be noted that the format prescribed by the DoE sought information regarding fresh general category*

admissions taken by the school during 2021-22 and there was no column seeking information regarding total strength of class and the existing strength of EWS/DG/CwSN candidates in each class.

3. Since the format prescribed by the DoE did not seek details regarding total strength of Class V and then existing strength of EWS/DG/CwSN candidates, the school furnished information as per the prescribed format. A copy of the information furnished by the school is at Annexure-II.

4. Sanskriti School had then a strength of 54 EWS/DG/CwSN candidates against the total strength of 206 in Class V. A statement showing strength of Class V, category-wise, as on date, is attached at Annexure-III. It may be noted that the %age of EWS/DG/CwSN candidates is more than 25% of the total strength of Class V.

5. Subsequently, as per information available on website of [Doe edudel@nic.in](mailto:edudel@nic.in), the DoE had recommended (Annexure IV) admission of 1 student in Class II, 4 students in Class V and 1 student in Class IX, under EWS/DG/Freeship category, in Sanskriti school. Though the actual strength of EWS/DG/Freeship candidates in Class V of Sanskriti school is more than 25% of the total strength of Class, the DoE had recommended 4 candidates for admission in Class V, apparently based on information furnished by the school regarding fresh admissions.

6. On telephonic inquiry, the parents of Master Himanish Tanwar were informed that there is no vacancy of EWS candidates in Class V.

7. The last date for admission being 30.09.2021, the school had updated the DoE portal on 29.09.2021 (Annexure V), indicating that there is no vacancy under EWS category in Class V.

8. The Zonal Office of DoE was informed vide emails dated 08.09.2021 (Annexure VI) and 13.09.2021 (Annexure VII) that the actual strength of EWS/DG/Freeship students in Class V of Sanskriti school is more than 25% of the total strength of Class V and it was requested not to refer/recommend new admissions under EWS/DG category for Class V in the current academic year. The matter was also taken up with the Dte. of Education (HQ) vide email dated 17.12.2021 (Annexure VIII) and letter dated 20.12.2021 (Annexure IX) requesting to consider the request of the school for reduction/modification in allotment of EWS/DG candidates for admission in Class V in Sanskriti school in the current academic year.

9. In view of the above, while reiterating the commitment of Sanskriti school to provide 25% quota for EWS/DG/CwSN candidates, it is regretted that the present request of the petitioner cannot be considered as there is

no vacancy of EWS/DG candidates in Class V in Sanskriti school. The Commission may like to direct the Dte. of Education to recommend the candidate to some other school.”

2.2 Sh. Vikas Kalia, DDE (District Central) was present in the hearing and filed a status report dated 22.12.2021. It is stated in the report that :-

“1. Master Himanish Tanwar grandson of the complainant had been allotted Sanskriti School, Chanakya Puri, in the centralized draw of lots for admission in Class 5th under EWS category.

2. The draw of lots had been decided on the basis of number of seats declared by concerned school.

3. All private recognized school under Zone-26 were asked to submit the EWS seats. The school authority declared the EWS seats and the same was submitted onwards to private school branch (HQ) for consideration of application and centralized draw of lots.

4. This Zone is only involved to the extent of collecting data of seats and onward submission to HQ.

5. Two parents approached this Zone including Sh. Rajbir Singh with the grievance that the Sanskriti School denied the admission of their ward on the ground of No Vacancy.

6. The zonal office sent grievance to the school authority on 08.09.2021 for comments and the school vide email dated 08.09.2021 submitted their response. However, not satisfied with the response, the Zonal Office again vide email dated 09.09.2021, asked that the seats declared by school on 30.06.2021 and confirmation made on 20.07.2021, the candidates for admission were allotted as per seats declared by school authority and the allotment has been done by HQ (through Draw of Lots), requested to consider the case accordingly.

On 13.09.2021, the School Authority again submitted their reply that:-

(i) As far as Class V is concerned, there is total 206 students in Class 5th out of which, 54 students belong to EWS category which is already 26% of the total students enrolled in Class 5th.

(ii) The zonal office of DoE was requested not to refer/recommend new admissions under EWS/DG category for class V for the current academic year. However, we have been informed by the zonal office that the admission of 4 students in Class V has been recommended by their HQrs based on inputs provided by school.

(iii) Earlier the zonal office had sought vacancies of EWS/DG category in various classes based on fresh admissions made during the current

academic year and accordingly the requisite information was furnished to them. On reconciling the total strength of students in Class V, it has come to notice that the strength of EWS/DG category students in Class V in this school is more than 26% of the total strength of the class.

(iv) Accordingly, the matter is taken up with the Dte. of Education (HQ) with request not to recommend any candidate for admission in class V in this school under EWS/DG category in the current academic year.

7. This zone has received notice from PGC on 18.12.2021 and the same was sent to the school authority for submission of their comments along with all relevant record and requested to be present before PGC on the date of hearing.

8. In response to the same, the HOS, Sanskriti School sent e-mail with a copy of letter dated 20.12.2021 addressed to Director (Education) for reduction/modification in allotment of EWS/DG candidates for admission in Class V in Sanskriti school in the current academic year 2021-22.

9. In case Master Himanish Tanwar is out of school, this District office is ready to grant admission to the boy in any SBV/GBSSS in the proximity to the residence of the boy so that education of the boy continue uninterrupted. In that scenario, admission can be granted today itself."

2.3 Sh. Vikas Kalia, DDE (District Central) submitted that the Sanskriti school has already filled its 25% quota for EWS/DG/CwSN category candidates. Their office has taken up the matter with Dte. of Education (HQ) which had recommended 4 candidates for admission in Class Vth in the said school. However, the DDE suggested the complainant to apply for admission in some other private school of their area and he will try to provide admission to Master Himanish Tanwar, the grandson of the complainant, in other private school under EWS quota subject to vacancy in that school and till that time, the complainant's grandson will be provided admission in a suitable government school near the complainant's residence.

However, the complainant has not accepted this suggestion of Sh. Vikas Kalia, DDE (District Central) stating that he can get admission of his grandson in any nearby government school and does not want the cooperation of the Education Department officers in this regard. He further insisted that the school authorities shall first admit their fault of not giving admission to his grandson despite selecting him under EWS quota and thereafter, provide admission to his grandson as the same is not a privilege extended by the school.

3. **Directions :**

3.1 Sh. Vikas Kalia, DDE (District Central) present in the hearing provide appropriate suggestion to the complainant to apply for admission in some other private school of their area and thereafter, the DDE will try to provide admission to Master Himanish Tanwar, the grandson of the complainant, in any other private school under EWS quota subject to vacancy in that school and also gave the complainant option to get admission in any government school near his residence. However, the complainant has outright rejected this suggestion and vehemently insists upon stringent action against the school, completely overlooking the issue of admission of his grandson for which he has filed the grievance. He further wanted to withdraw his case in the Commission.

3.2 As the complainant wanted to withdraw his present grievance in the Commission, the matter cannot be heard further in the Commission. The complainant is advised to take some other legal course of action for redressal of his present grievance

3.3 With these observations, this case is disposed of in the Commission.

o/w

Madhu Sharan

(MADHU SHARAN)
MEMBER (PGC)

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Dated: *28/12/21*

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