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REQUEST FOR ALLOWING PRE PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO RUN ON 9 M ROW IN RETABILITATION / PRE - 1962 COLONIES AND FOR ALLOWING THEM ON ANY FLOOR INCLUDING BASEMENT LIKE OTHER INCLUSIONS IN THE "OTHER ACTIVITY LIST"

Sir.

(a) As per article 15.7.2 of MPD 2021 the ROW prescribed for "OTHER ACTIVITIES" is as follows:

18m for A & B;18m for C & D, 13.5m for rehabilitation colonies in C & D;13.5m in E, F & G category colonies and 9m in rehabilitation colonies of E, F & G category.

Further as per the <u>amendments to the MPD 2021</u> notified on 12th August 2008, all activities were given further relaxation in terms of ROW, FAR, floor to be used etc specially in <u>rehabilitation colonies</u> which have a unique character and need of their own. <u>Eg. Coaching Centers were allowed to operate on an ROW of 9 m in REHABILITATION/ PRE 1962 colonies including A & B categories colonies after the amendment.</u>

The plea is that just like Coaching Centers many Pre Primary Schools have been operating in such REHABILITATION / PRE – 1962 where the road width of more than 9 m are hardly available. Such Pre – Primary schools are catering to the fundamental requirement of education in every household for neighborhood children and thus working for a noble cause. The children of such tender age (age group 2 year to 4 years) cannot be sent to far of distances, neither to proper schools as per the Right to Education Act and the Delhi Education Act. This activity of Pre – Primary Schools requires hardly any parking space and is just a four hour activity in a day.

Thus to maintain an equilibrium and justice to this "other activity" of PRE – PRIMARY SCHOOLS it should be allowed on 9 m ROW in rehabilitation colonies/ Pre – 1962 colonies including A & B categories colonies.

(b) Except for the activity of Pre – Primary schools falling under OTHER ACTIVITIES in MPD – 2021, all other activities have been allowed to operate WITHOUT ANY FLOOR RESTRICTION subject to the FAR conditions being adhered to. Some have been permitted in the Master Plan itself and some vide amendments to the Master Plan. As per amendment to clause (vi) of sub Para 15.7.3 fitness centers were

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permitted on all floors including basements subject to relevant provisions in the building bye laws etc. As per amendment to clause (vii) of sub Para 15.7.3 coaching centers were made permissible upto 2/3rd of the maximum permissible FAR of the plot size subject to a maximum of 500 sq. m. built area and basement.

If even Coaching Centers can be allowed to operate on any floor, why can't Pre – Primary schools be also allowed on any floor? Most such schools are operating on small plots and thus are not able to provide the children with large space for learning and playing. By allowing this activity to operate on any floor including basement, such schools shall be able to provide the ground floors exclusively for play area and classes can be conducted on the other floors. This discrepancy of restricting only Pre – Primary Schools to ground floors whereas other activities in this category being allowed to operate from any floor is totally uncalled for and unjustified. We urge you to remove this anomaly and allow even Pre – Pr imary schools to operate from any floor including basement. At least the First Floor and basement should definitely be considered and allowed.

I hope that these suggestions will be favorably considered and suitably recommended.

Thank you,

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