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Subject: Relaxation for land norm for Primary Schools

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Madam, the RIGHT TO EDUCATION ACT makes it binding on all schools to seek recognition from the concerned local authority within three years of implementation of the act. There are approximately 2500 unrecognized primary schools in Delhi which are a legal entity as per the Delhi School Education Act 1973 and in which around 4 lac students are currently studying. The Delhi School Education Act further goes on to add that adequate land should be the criteria for recognition. However land requirement eligibility comes as a hurdle in the schools seeking and getting recognition. Thus the land requirement should be totally done away with.

The MPD – 2021 in para 4.2.2.2 B (ii) (a) provides for primary schools to operate on the minimum land criteria of 800 sq. m per 5000 population and further goes on to say that the above norm can be further relaxed for existing schools on the basis of norms prescribed by the Education Department , GNCTD/CBSE. Thus the land requirement should be totally done away with or relaxed substantially to 100 sq. m. considering the ground realities.

As would appreciate in Delhi to own/avail the above mentioned measurement of land is next to impossible for small schools up to primary level which are running in rehabilitation colonies/unauthorized but regularized colonies/jhugi jhopri clusters/slums/remote backward areas at low fee structures for lesser privileged strata of the society. In such areas the government has not established its own schools nor has DDA allotted land for such purpose. Apart from this there are many other schools in various areas of the Capital which wish to seek recognition and continue to be a serving hand in educating the future of tomorrow. Howsoever being enable to fulfill the prescribed norms these schools have no remedy in hand.

The population of Delhi is increasing every year and the government education infrastructure on date is unable to handle this burden alone. Since these schools are serving a social cause, I request you on behalf of these lacs of children, thousands of parents and the respective school managements to take a lenient view on the above matter and reduce the land requirement criteria to the minimum possible so that the education structure of the city does not collapse and these schools continue to serve the society. The realistic area should be 100 sq. m. so that all type of colonies including rehabilitation/ Pre – 1962 colonies needs can be taken care of.

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

Thank you,

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