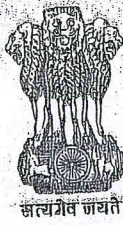


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**Sub: Amendment in Master Plan 2021 with reference to land requirement for Schools in Delhi, for their recognition.**

Dear Kamal Nath ji,

Thank you for your letter dated 25 November, 2011, D.O. No. K-20013/4/2011-DDVA (2954/UDM), regarding allotment of land to Esther Education Trust in Delhi. In my letter to you I had also mentioned about the need for amendment to Master Plan 2021 of Delhi and changing the provision regarding land for schools in Delhi. You have kindly informed me that the allotment of institutional land for construction of school has been changed from allotment to auction mode vide Government of India Gazette Notification dated 19.4.2006.

Sir, this only further emphasizes the fact that the schools which are being run by NGOs for the underprivileged children and do not have the land area of 800 sq. mtrs as per the criteria fixed in Delhi Master Plan 2021, need to be amended, as this criteria is not based on ground reality. You have been more than forthcoming in your views about how the Master Plan of Delhi 2021 is not realistic and has not taken into account the ground realities. The new norms of 800 sq mtrs of land for recognition of private Primary schools according to Master Plan-2021, is a raise of 300% from the old norm of 200 sq. mtrs. prevalent till the year 2007, and is not only unjustified, but discriminatory as well. The primary schools which have managed to get recognition in the past are running in 5 room structures, which was initially the norm in Delhi. Till the year 2007, one needed only 200 sq. mtrs of land for a Primary School. Everyone knows how difficult it is to buy land in Delhi, given their high prices. And how many NGOs running schools for underprivileged children will be able to afford to buy land in DDA auctions?

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi issued an advertisement in August 2008 saying that all the unrecognized schools operating in Delhi should apply for recognition and hundreds of unrecognized schools applied for the same. But three years have passed since then but nothing has been done in the matter till now. I spoke to the Additional Director (Education) in MCD and I was told that they are unable to take any step in the matter because they are bound by the Delhi Master Plan 2021, which specifies that a Primary School in Delhi must have an area of 800 sq. mtrs of land in order to get recognition. In fact, he also informed me that MCD has been writing



to the DDA/Delhi Government requesting them to relax this criteria and change the land requirement for Primary Schools from 800 sq. mtrs. to back to the original 200 sq. mtrs.

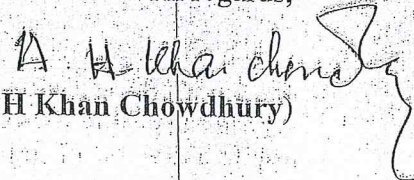
It is my earnest request to you to please take a holistic and sympathetic view in the matter, with regard to the land requirement for recognition of schools in Delhi and take a decision which benefits the people at large, especially those who cannot afford to send their children to elite, expensive schools.

It is therefore my earnest request to you to ensure that the condition regarding land for schools in the Master Plan of Delhi 2021 must be revised in a manner that schools which have the basic infrastructure are able to get recognition from appropriate authorities concerned, without the precondition of having 800 sq. mtrs. of land.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly take a sympathetic view of the matter and instruct/advise the DDA to do the needful in the matter.

Thanking you,

With regards,

  
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