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May 24, 2012

Shri Kamal Nath
Union Cabinet Minister of Urban Development
Nirman Bhawan
NEW DELHI 110011.

Dear Sir,

SUB: INCORPORATING PRE-SCHOOLS/PLAY SCHOOLS/NURSERY SCHOOLS IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR DELHI - 2021.

The Santa Maria Integrated Learning Environment – S.M.I.L.E. (St. Mary's Nursery School) was started in a rented building in 1966. The school was shifted to a farm house in Vasant Kunj in 1999, within the permissible area for an institution as per the Master Plan of 2021. The Santa Maria is an inclusive school, which offers a quality 3-year pre-school programme. Children from Homes recognized by the Department of Women & Child Welfare are admitted under the economically weaker section (EWS) category. The school also admits challenged children from the Jeevan Jyoti Orphanage run by the Missionaries of Charity.

2. As per the previous Master Plan, Nursery schools/play schools were permitted to run from private residences as long it was not a green area. This allowed children of a neighbourhood to attend a pre-school within walking distance from home. By omitting this category from the heirarchy of schools in Chapter of Social Infrastructure, several Nursery Schools operating in Delhi will be ignored in the Master Plan for Delhi 2021

3. Further, keeping in mind the Government's effort to extend the Right to Education to children in the 0-6 years category, the necessity for more pre-schools/play schools and Nursery schools, becomes very important. We would request the Review Committee to consider positively the incorporating of **"Pre-schools/play schools/Nursery schools be permitted to function from residential as well as from areas earmarked for public/semi public facilities"** in the Master Plan 2021.

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4. It is further requested that the Pre-schools/Play schools/Nursery schools should be added in the Category of Education facilities in Chapter of Social Infrastructure again as was done in Master Plan 2001.

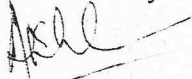
5. We would also like to submit that the case for regularization of institutions rendering educational services has been under review for quite some time. Earlier, with reference to Public Notice issued by JD(Master Plan), DDA, inviting objections/suggestions for Draft Zonal Plan of Zone 'J', the school had forwarded its suggestions for the Draft Zonal Plan of Zone 'J', a copy enclosed for your reference.

6. We shall also request you to earmark and show the Pre-schools/Play schools/Nursery schools running in the area at the moment.

We shall be grateful if our request is considered favourably.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely



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No.SMNS/08

August 18, 2008

The Vice Chairman
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NEW DELHI - 110002

Dear Sir,

SUB: REQUEST FOR CONSIDERING THE OBJECTION/SUGGESTION SUBMITTED FOR DRAFT ZDP OF ZONE 'J' FOR REGULARISATION OF ST. MARY'S NURSERY SCHOOL (SANTA MARIA) RENDERING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Background: The Santa Maria Integrated Learning Environment (St. Mary's Nursery School) was started in a rented building in 1966. The school was shifted to a farm house in Vasant Kunj in 1999, within the permissible area for an institution as per the Master Plan of 2021. The School is an associate of the St. Mary's School, a senior secondary school, which is more than 40 years old. It is a co-educational school and, as at present, has more than 1500 students. It is recognized by the Directorate of Education, Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi & affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education.

In an All India survey conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource & Development, Government of India, in October, 2004, St. Mary's School was placed as the "No. 1 School with a Heart", for its work in the field of social welfare and social empowerment (photocopy of the press clipping is attached as Annexure I)

It is worth mentioning that in recognition of the work being undertaken by the school, Principal of the School, Ms. Annie Koshi, was conferred the **National Award for Teachers**, in 2004. Further, recognizing the significance of the school's efforts in imparting education, the Headmistress of the Middle Section of the school, Mrs. Madhu Sharma, was conferred the **National Award for Teachers**, 2006. This was the second time the school's role and efforts had been recognized by the Government

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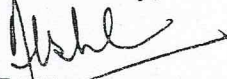
The Case: With reference to Public Notice inviting objections/suggestions for Draft Zonal Plan of Zone 'J', we have submitted our objection/suggestion on 16.4.2008, a copy enclosed. Whereas, later in May, 2008, JD(Master Plan), DDA had issued a Public Notice inviting applications for regularization of institutions rendering educational services.

As we had already submitted objections/suggestions for Zone 'J', we could not submit a separate application for regularization called for by the Master Plan Section. It is, therefore, requested that our objection/suggestion may also be forwarded to JD(Master Plan), DDA for consideration for regularization. We are enclosing the relevant documents. We would be pleased to submit additional information, if required.

We are ready to abide by the policy and the procedural stipulations regarding factual verification, FAR, Development charges, land use etc.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,


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