

OSCPCR Visit Report

District:- Khurda, Bhubaneswar

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This is how stated in Article-21-A of the Constitution, "the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all Children aged between 6-14 years in such a manner as the State may, by law determine". The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act or Right to Education Act (RTE), which was passed by the Indian parliament on 4 August 2009, describes the modalities of the importance of free and compulsory education for children between 6 and 14 in India under Article 21a of the Indian Constitution.^[1] India became one of 135 countries to make education a fundamental right of every child when the act came into force on 1 April 2010.

Yet, a visit to BBC School for the Deaf and BB School for the Blind are contraventions of both. First, Department of School n& Mass Education should decide to either run the schools or close the schools. Paying a lip service in the name of running the schools is most regrettable. If this is the situation in the heart of capital, Bhubaneswar then one shudders to think of schools in other districts and those in remote areas.

The commission during its visit interacted with headmasters, teachers and children. The meager amount of Rs. 750 per students per month is a paltry sum. When we require a minimum of 3000 rupees for sustenance per month then in the face of rising inflation Rs. 750 towards food, toiletries, health etc. is grossly insufficient. Malnutrition will definitely impact growth and development of these children who are already disabled by sight, hearing or vision.

Books and teachers are two indispensable components of education. But both these schools are running since over 10 years without most books and teachers. With a requirement of 23 teachers BBC School for Deaf has only 6 staff and BB School for the Blind requires 12 posts. There is no proper health care facility. Adult girls live without matron in hostel. Visually impaired, speech and hearing impaired, these girls are easy targets for abusers.

Looking into all these commission strongly recommends the following:

1. Increase of stipend per child to Rs. 1500 per month.
2. Provision of matron in both school girl hostels within 10 working days.
3. Appointment of 5 teachers in BBC school for Deaf (sign language trained) and 5 teachers in BB School for Blind (braille trained) within 21 working days. In BB School for Deaf an Art teacher is required in utmost urgency.
4. Provision of computer teachers in both school.
5. Provision of braille books in BB School for the blind, in new syllabus, before annual examination for session 2012-13.
6. Provision for medical team to visit schools once every week.
7. Provision of learning teaching aids in sufficient numbers.


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