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O/o DIRECTOR GENERAL SCHOOL EDUCATION-cum- SPD
SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN AUHTORITY, PUNJAB , VIDYA
BHAWAN, BLOCK-E, 5th FLOOR, PHASE-VIII, SAS NAGAR

To

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Memo No. SSA/C.W./2019/178971

Dated : SAS Nagar Dated : 25.06.2019

Sub : Reply to Legal Notice Dated 11.06.2019 regarding : -

1. Kindly refer to the subject cited.
2. That presently, there are 19166 schools with the Department of School Education, Punjab. All the Government schools in the State of Punjab have been provided adequate infrastructure including New school buildings, additional classrooms, toilets, Drinking water and sanitation units etc. That during the year 2014-15 to till date the following works have been completed :

Sr.No.	Year	Number of Class rooms
1.	2014-15	2575
2.	2015-16	601
3.	2016-17	12
4.	2017-18	760
5.	2019-20	1839 (proposed in spillover)
		96 (Proposed in fresh

It is further intimated that apart from above, class rooms have been constructed with the fund received from MPLAD scheme/MLA/CSR/ donation received from NRI/local community . It is also intimated that approximately 2600 Smart Schools have been established by the state Government in the State of Punjab.

3. That it is pertinent to mention here that grant for 1839 spillover classrooms and 96 fresh class rooms have been proposed to Ministry of Human Resources and Development (MHRD), New Delhi in the Annual Work Plan and Budget for the year 2019-20. Construction of said classrooms will be started after receipt of funds from Government of India under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, which is running on sharing pattern between the Government of India and State Government .
4. That in regard to unsafe rooms, it is intimated that keeping in view the safety of the children, it is further submitted that as and now all the District Education Officers (Secondary Education) and (Elementary Education) have been strictly directed and instructions have been issued that students should not be made to sit under dilapidated /unsafe classrooms. It further intimated that previously all unsafe class rooms

have been demolished. In case, classroom is unsafe, same to be locked and not use for any purpose and further respective School Management Committees have already been directed to demolish them as per instructions or with the help of Public Works Department (B & R).

5. That there are toilet facilities available in all the Government schools in the State of Punjab. That during the year 2014-15 to till date the following toilets have been constructed in Government Schools :

Sr.No.	Year	Number of toilets (Boys & Girls)
1.	2014-15	1839
2.	2015-16	500
3.	2016-17	81
4.	2017-18	292
5.	2018-19	2145
6.	2019-20	1550 (proposal sent to Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Punjab)

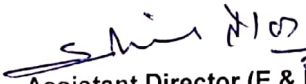
As per information received on 04.03.2018 from of MIS wing of Department of School Education, 133 toilets for girl students and 474 toilets for boy students (Total 607) were required in Government Schools, which was due to non functionality of old toilets or increase in the strength of students in different schools. Rural Sanitation Department has released the fund for 418 boys toilets and 105 girls toilets and similarly, Local Body Department has released the fund for 56 boys and 28 girls toilets and same have been constructed by the Department of School Education. In the current year (2019-20), a proposal has been sent to Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Punjab for construction of 1550 toilets. The shortfall will be redressed on receiving the fund from concerned department.

6. That the Reverse Osmosis systems are available in 8287 Government Schools in the state of Punjab. It is further intimated that Reverse Osmosis systems are not required in all schools where drinkable water is available. The necessary instructions have already been issued to all the schools to take the necessary action as per requirements like treatment of water, arrangement of supply from water tank/Supply established by the Water Supply and Sanitation. Copy of treatment instructions is attached herewith as **Annexure R-I**. The Concerned District Education Officers in the State of Punjab were also instructed to take affective remedial measures as per requirements. It is also intimated that there is proposal to install the Reverse Osmosis systems in 1500 Government Schools under the NABARD (RIDF XXIII). Now after making arrangements, it has

been reported that 8287 schools have made arrangements for potable drinking water by installing Reverse Osmosis systems, Water works connections and by chlorination etc.

7. That 5 classrooms of Government Sr. Sec. School, Bhasor (West) District Sangrur were declared unsafe by PWD. The 3 classrooms have already been constructed under NABARD. The 379 students are studying in the said school and 12 rooms are available in the school campus. It is pertinent to mention here that 2 unsafe rooms have already demolished and remaining rooms will be demolished as soon as. There is provision of potable drinking water in school.
8. That in regard to Govt. Primary School Kalian, Block Bhagta Bai, District Bathinda, it is intimated that 106 students are enrolled in the school and 6 classrooms are available and classes are held in 5 rooms. 1 classroom is unsafe and locked permanently, the Department has initiated the process to declare the unsafe to same. At Govt. Primary School Bhaini, Block Bhagta, District Bathinda, Reverse Osmosis systems is working and potable drinking water is available.
9. That in regard to Govt. High School, Nizamdin and Govt. High School Sodhi Nagar, District Ferozepur, it is intimated to you that the Reverse Osmosis systems has been installed. At Govt. Primary School Mehtan Colony, VPO Mehta, Tehsil Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, submersible pump is installed and potable drinking water is being provided to students. 14 students are enrolled in the school and 3 rooms are available in the school. Minor repair is required for one room and it has been included in the proposal of Repair and Maintenance Grant.

In view of the above discussed facts and circumstance, you are advised to withdraw the present legal notice and not to pursue any litigation before Court of law.


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