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Dated: 20.5.2020

To,

1. Secretary, School Education, Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat-II, Sector 9, Chandigarh.
2. Director General School Education-cum-State Project Director,
Sarv Sikhiya Abhiyan Authority Punjab-cum-Member Secretary,
Punjab Education Development Board,
PSEB Complex, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Subject:- Demand Notice – for termination of contract of Sukh Sagar Avenue Welfare Society as Private Partner for Adarsh Schools (PPP Mode) for Pacca, Midduman and Ransih Kalan.

By Speed Post/E-mail

pedb@punjabeducation.gov.in

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to my letter dated 18.8.2019 vide which I had congratulated you on terminating the contract of Shaheed Udham Singh Society as Private Partner for various Adarsh Schools (PPP Mode) namely Boha (Mansa), Mallah (Faridkot), Bhupal (Mansa), Gandhua (Sangrur), Balad Khurd (Sangrur), Kaleke (Barnala) and Manava (Moga). I had also called upon you to take similar action against M/s Sukh Sagar Avenue Welfare Society also, which is running three Adarsh Schools at Pacca, Midduman and Ransih Kalan.

2. That in response to my aforesaid letter dated 18.8.2019, the addressee no.2 had informed me vide letter dated 29.8.2019 that on receiving the complaints against Sukh Sagar Avenue Welfare Society, a show cause notice was issued to the said Society on 12.11.2018 and after receiving the reply from the said Society, inquiry was marked to an Retired IAS officer on 1.5.2019.

3. That subsequently however, for certain reasons known to you only, the Inquiry Officer was changed and one retired Judge, Sh. V.C. Gupta was appointed as Inquiry Officer, who has reportedly submitted the inquiry report about a fortnight ago. As per my information, the addressee No.2 (DGSE) has forwarded the inquiry report to the addressee No.1 (Secretary, School Education). However, the matter is hanging fire till date as no decision has been taken on this vital issue concerning the standards of education in the Adarsh Schools (PPP Mode) mentioned in the opening para of the instant Demand Notice, notwithstanding the fact that the NGO under reference has embezzled huge funds of the Punjab Education Development Board .

In these circumstances, I call upon you to ensure appropriate action on the inquiry report within a period of two weeks from today (as the instant Demand Notice is being sent to you through e-mail), failing which I shall be left with no other alternative except to approach the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh, by way a of Public Interest Litigation (PIL), for which the entire responsibility will lie on you only, more so because due to delay in completing the inquiry, the aforesaid NGO has been emboldened to commit more and more embezzlements during the intervening period.

Meanwhile, please acknowledge receipt of this notice.

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