

Funding Proposal for Vidyodaya School for 2014

The annual budget of Vidyodaya School runs about 7 lakh. Most of this is covered by the Sir Ratan Tata Foundation. Since Tata has a policy of not paying for student transportation (about 2 lakh), Asha Colorado has been taking on that expense for about eight years.

We also paid for rugs and other essentials when they moved into their new building. Unfortunately, Tata support, like ours, can be irregular and there is now a six-month gap in it.

This year's proposal is for Asha Colorado to provide 276,000 rupees for six months of teacher salaries in addition to 209,000 rupees to run the jeeps. This is 485,000 altogether, or about \$8050 at current exchange rates.

In slightly more detail, 10 teachers at 4600 per month times 6 months = 276,000.

Jeeps cost 19000 per month for 11 months.

This is less than last year's bill of 286,000.

Gas costs more, but fewer jeeps will be needed since the class that just graduated included many kids from the remotest village.