

Asha Delhi - EWS Project Report for 2010-2011

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People worked under this project: Ritu Mehra, Rajeev Agarwal only for 4 months and Hemlata only for 4 months. Since March I have been working all alone in my proposed work area.

Campaigns and admissions under EWS quota in public schools:

The procedure for EWS admission for this current year became very complicated as the High Court has passed the order that schools can adopt the criteria for the admission under EWS quota whereas the schools have to provide 25% admission to children under EWS quota. Therefore all the public schools randomly choose 100 applications out of 500+ applications and invited only 60 parents for 35 seats under this quota, so the schools have chosen pick N choose policy.

Awareness campaigns were organized at different camps of North West/North East District.

Camps Covered: Industrial Area Jhuggiya Ashok Vihar Phase-1 Block A, B, C, D, E

North West-B Wazir pur, Wazir pur Jhuggi & J.J Colony Jhuggi

G.P Block Jhuggi Camp Pitampura North West-B

North West-B Shalimar Bagh, Sewa Basti Block Jhuggies.

Rajiv,Sonia & Ambedkar Camp, Jhilmil Colony, Shahdara (North East).





More Photos

<http://picasaweb.google.com/115675637655476733407/EWSCampaignPitamPuraGPBlockNWB1122010#>
<http://picasaweb.google.com/115675637655476733407/EWSCampaignAshokViharPhaseINWB2122010#>
<http://picasaweb.google.com/115675637655476733407/EWSCampaignSoniyaRajeevAmbedkarCampJhilmiNWB3122010#>

Parents were assisted in schools by volunteers:





Maharaja Agarsen Public School, Mata Jai kaur Public School, Monfort Public School, Kulachi Hansraj Model School, Lions Public School, Spingdays Model School. Rukmini Devi Public School, Muni Maya Ram, Jain Public school, Mother land Public School, Maharaja Agarsen Model School, Abhinav Public School, Adhar Shila Vidyapeeth School, DAV Public School, Nav Bharti Public School, SD Public School, Sachdeva Public School, Ravindra Public School, Jaspal Kaur Public School, Mount Abu Public School, Goodley Public School, Happy Public School,

Around 300 parents got the forms from the schools.

80 Complaints were filed for non distribution of forms against Mont Fort School, Sachdeva Public School, Spring Field School, Little Flowers Public School, Victor Pub School, Nav Jeevan Pub School, Lions Pub School, Maharaja Agrsen Pub School, Little Fairy Pub School, Abhinav Pub School DAV Pub School, Ravindra Public School, Nav Bharti Pub School, Rukmani Devi School, Abhinav Pub School in North West A & B District

Parents were also assisted in filling their forms and completion of their documents.

We went to 10 schools in different districts at the time of draw.

The system in the North East District for the draw of lots was conducted comparatively fair in comparison to the earlier years and the schools like Greenways Sr. Sec. School and Flora Dales Public School which were earlier very reluctant in conducting fair draw had conducted the draw this time in a fair manner, although in Flora Dales School the parents had called the Police as well as it was not conducting the draw in proper manner but after wards the draw was conducted in the presence of Police. In North East District if there were 30 seats available under EWS quota more than 550 parent approached to the school.

Where as in East District schools (DAV Public School) police was called draw was cancelled again new date for draw was announced and even then the deserving parents did not get the benefit of that quota. In another school Sneh International the DDE nominee Principal clearly mentioned that the draw was not conducted properly a show-cause notice was issued by the

department but the school did not conduct draw again. Information regarding admissions done under this quota has been asked but the dept. has not provided information so far.

Similar things had happened in North West District. Some schools have taken distance parameter half km, some have taken 2 km and some have taken 8-10 km depending upon their choices.

We have also been assisting the parents in completing the documentation process which are required for the admissions. Getting Income certificate is a very difficult task so parents are also being assisted in getting the Income Certificate and Right to Information has proved to be a very useful and important tool for initiating the process.

65 children in North West A & B Districts were admitted.

15 children in North East District were admitted.

Working on making the admission transparent under EWS quota: This has been noticed in last 5 years that the parents are being denied for the registration form under EWS quota by the school authorities on the pretext of one reason or the other. The one of the excuse among other excuses is there is no seat for EWS quota or we have distributed the forms.

Pardarshita has been trying to bring the transparency for the EWS admission Pardarshita has filed a complaint U/s 18 of the Right to Information Act in Central Information Commission in Oct'10. The Hon'ble Commission passed the order that all unaided recognized schools which were given land by the Government on concessional rates have to display a notice board outside the schools with all the necessary information related to the admission under EWS quota. But the irony is that orders are hardly followed by the employees & officials and during the inspection in four Districts (East, North East, North West A, North West B) by Pardarshita Team it was noticed that most of the schools have not displayed the boards and again complaint for non compliance of CIC order was filed in CIC.

On dated 13th Dec'10 hearing at the Commission was conducted and the Deputy Directors of all 12 Districts were called. During the hearing the Hon'ble Commissioner ordered that the Director to ensure that the following was implemented in compliance of Section 4 requirements. All schools were to display prominently on a board the following information:

1. The total no of seats in all classes in a school.
2. The total vacancies in all classes.
3. The total no of seats under EWS quota.
4. Seats still available under EWS quota.
5. Total applications received under EWS quota.
6. Information about when the EWS quota applications will be received and date by which the admissions will be given.

The schools were also required to update the information on the boards once every week. The information was to be put up in both Hindi and English.

The Department was directed to show the Commission a copy of the proposed board before 30 December 2009. Details of students admitted on EWS quota along with their names, their parents' names were to be provided on the website within one month of admission.

[Decision No. CIC/SG/C/2009/001627/6018Adjunct-I dated 14-12-2010 on Complaint from Ms.Ritu Mehra Vs Directorate of Education, GNCT, Delhi \(74 KB\) \(PDF file that opens in a new window\)](#)

These are the links of some papers and website which has published the news for disclosure of information.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/CIC-tells-schools-to-display-admission-info/articleshow/7109374.cms>

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/make-public-details-of-school-admissions-cic/725090/>

<http://news.outlookindia.com/item.aspx?705159>

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/Print/638936.aspx>

Thereafter the Delhi Public School Management committee has approached to the High Court for stay against the order of CIC, The Hon'ble High Court has partially stayed on the order of CIC but has ordered to put all the information related to admission of students under EWS quota in public domain, and now more than 70% of the schools have put the admission on the website of education department.

The case is still pending in the High Court and I in my personal capacity is pursuing the case, by filling reply and appearing on the date of hearings.

Worked on bringing Transparency in Issuing of INCOME CERTIFICATE by Area Sub Divisional Magistrate:

We have also worked to update the status of the application of income certificate with the SDM of Delhi. There are 9 Districts and SDM are the authority to issue the Income Certificate which is a very important document for the admission process under EWS quota. The people once apply for the income certificate they have to run from pillar to post to know the status of issue of the income certificate. Therefore we filed RTI applications to know that how many Income certificates have been issued and their respective details.

When we approached to Central Information Commission for not getting the information then the Hon'ble Commissioner ordered that "The Commission does receive a number of RTI applications where citizens are not being issued their income certificates. Commission therefore directs the Divisional Commissioner, 5, Shyam Nath Marg, Delhi to ensure that information about people who apply for income certificates is displayed on the website of the department for application received for income certificate from 15 September 2010 onwards.

You can see the complete order at following link:

http://www.rti.india.gov.in/cic_decisions/CIC_SG_C_2010_000386_8977_M_39962.pdf

Fighting against the issue of segregation:

Now new violations of segregations are also coming to our notice and since last two months we have been extensively working on this. In 2009 & 2010 parents of Indira camp Hasan pur depot were assisted in getting the admission of their children in St. Andrew's School, and the children were studying there but at the starting of new session all of a sudden the school administration started discriminating these EWS children by making them sit in a separate room and one untrained teacher was appointed for them. When the parents came to us with this problem then their complaints were filed with Delhi Commission for Protection of Child's Right (DCPCR) and Secretary Education regarding informing the authorities about such violations. We did not get any response from education department but DCPCR conducted a joint enquiry with us and found that the school is discriminating with EWS children, and the matter is in process. Similar complaint for St. Lawrence School has also come to our notice; we have mobilized the parents regarding filing of complaints.

Many print media and news channel like Aaj Tak have covered this story.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/How-a-rich-school-tagged-poor-students-in-Delhi/articleshow/9601996.cms>

<http://www.asianage.com/how-poors-kids-tageed-schooljpgcropdisplayjpg-612?nocache=1#comment-31638>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/india/8702382/Poor-Indian-pupils-tagged-in-smart-private-schools.html>