

**INSTITUTE FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED  
GROUPS EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT,  
RAJENDRA NAGAR, KOLHAPUR-416008.**

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To,  
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Sir,

I am hereto answer your question to the best of my knowledge.

- Q1)** Adopt a Child Scheme is yet under process. We are getting promise from well off Generous Citizens. Implementation is possible only by the next Academic Year.
- Q2)** We were providing uniform, but now the acute shortage of funds prevents us from providing the uniforms. Under valuable guidance of Ms. Sindhu Naik, ILP, Milipitas, we conducted a parents meeting. Late Dr. Shreedhar's departure forever threatened them of closing down the School. So the parents promised us to provide uniforms to their wards. But watching their buying capacity, I am afraid that they may not be able to keep their word.
- Q3)** We have given proposal to local Government Body and State Government of Maharashtra to allocate land required for School to run by the Charitable Institution. Acquiring a place, then building within 3 to 5 years. We are planning to start small day care Medical Centre for School Children tying up with Local Hospital and Medical College Hospital for every six monthly health check-up scheme for children. We are providing free education free books and other requirements, free lunch and free health check-up, it would be very difficult at this State to run the Institute without generous funding / grants. However, if we could find any Philanthropic Institute or people to donate in the Corpus Fund in the tune of 75 Lakh Rupees, then it would be easy.
- Q4)** As mentioned above our plan is to acquire the land and making a building in which there will be :
- a) A 20 rooms building for the Girl's High School having classes 1 to 10.
  - b) A building with 12 rooms for Open School-cum-Creche Unit.

- c) A 8 rooms building for Science Laboratory and Library.
- d) 10 big halls for Vocational Training-cum-Production Centre.
- e) Residential Non-formal Education-cum-Rehabilitation Centre for full time child labourers.
- f) Residential Training-cum-Rehabilitation Centre for destitute women, ex-devdasis, ex-sex workers and their daughters.
- g) A twin bedded 100 bed Working Women's Hostel for Low Income Working Women mainly for Dalits.
- h) An Office-cum-Seminar Hall with P.A. System for 60 persons.
- i) A Rippon Kappor Memorial Centre for Environmental Education. Our Corpus Fund has reached the amount of Rs.17,00,000/- (Upto 31st March 2004)

**Q5)** Yes, we are following the Government Curriculum and Text Books too. But we are using innovative teaching methods and training our teachers to treat the child differently from the middle class School. So the child in our School is motivated to learn. It is proved by the 100% successful out-put without a single drop out. Exams are conducted by the School Board.

**Q6)** CRY Funded our Institute for more than 5 years. The fund generally only for 3 years and then they expect the Institute to be self sufficient. Since our Institute is a non-profit making Charitable Educational Trust. It is not easy to be self-sufficient so early. They were satisfied with the Institute's activities.

**Q7)** Adopt a Child Scheme is yet to be started.

**Q8)** The Anganwadi and Corporation schools are also free of cost students attend our School, because of the innovative teaching methods and teacher's attitude. Teachers are trained to treat the child. Teaching and treatment go together in our School.

**Q9)** We are not aware of Maharashtra Foundation Funds. Kindly let us know more about it.

**Q10)** Since the most of the students are belonging to Nomadic Tribes and others, who had no permanent job or residence. Parents go from place to place in search of Bread. The children also have to go from place to place with their parents. Naturally we have 348 children in School, one is leaving tomorrow. So it would be 347.

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