

ਦਫਤਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਬਾਲ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ, ਐਟ ਵਣ ਭਵਨ, ਦੂਜੀ ਮੰਜਿਲ, ਟਾਵਰ-4,  
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ਵੱਲ,

ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਹਰੀਚੰਦ ਐਡਵੋਕੇਟ, ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੇਟ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸੁੰਦਰ ਦਾਸ,  
ਹਾਊਸ ਨੰ: 2299, ਸੈਕਟਰ, 44-ਸੀ,  
ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।

ਨੰ: ਚਕਅ-2/ ਸੀ.ਸੀ.84/MHL/2019/ 41  
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ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਾਰਟ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ  
ਭੇਜਣ ਬਾਰੇ।

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਅੰਕਤ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਆਪ ਵਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 22-10-2019 ਨੂੰ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ  
ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਦੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਵਿਚ।

ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵਲੋਂ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਦੀ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵਲੋਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸੰਜੀਵ ਭੂਸ਼ਨ  
ਸਹਾਇਕ ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ (ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਈ.ਆਰ.ਟੀ.) ਹਾਜਰ ਹੋਏ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਜਨਰਲ ਸਕੂਲ  
ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਹਸਤਾਖਰਤ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ,  
ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਤਾ-ਪਿਤਾ ਤੇ ਨਿਰਭਰ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਬੱਚਾ ਕਿਸ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ  
ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਹਾਜਰ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਚਾਰਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਕੇਸ ਦਾਖਲ  
ਦਫਤਰ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਆਪ ਦੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹਿੱਤ ਹੈ।



ਸਕੱਤਰ

IN THE PUNJAB STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF  
CHILDREN RIGHT

Complaint No. CC/84/MHL / 2019

H.C. Arora, Advocate

.....Complainant/Petitioner

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State of Punjab and others.

.....Respondents

Written statement on behalf of respondents.

Respectfully Showeth :

I, the above named deponent, do hereby solemnly affirm  
and declare as under:-

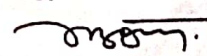
1. That the complainant/ Petitioner has filed the present complaint before this Hon'ble Commission for implementation of the provisions of Article 26 (3) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948, for conferring on the parents of the school children of primary classes, right to choose the kind of education that should be given to their children.
2. That presently, there are 19157 schools with the Department of School Education, Punjab, out of which 12850 are Government Primary Schools. It is also submitted that about 261 government high and senior secondary schools have already been converted into smart schools by the Department and more than 2600 Primary, Middle, High and Senior Secondary schools are converted into Smart Schools with the help of school staff/NRIs/NGOs/Community. These schools in the State of Punjab are being provided adequate technology to impart the

education like Projector, LED/LDC/Stick PC and e-  
contents/digital contents, attractive ambience including  
educational parks, colour coding, landscaping, gate symmetry  
etc. Copy of policy on Smart Schools is annexed herewith as

**Annexure R-1.**

3. That Government Smart Schools are different from a traditional school. The smart schools are supported with advanced equipments and technology to strengthen the education system and for all over development of students. As per para no. 2.0 of the Policy on Smart Schools, the main object behind the converting of schools into smart schools are as under:

- i. To involve the community for the development of school.
- ii. To strengthen school education system of the State through participation of all stakeholders including teachers and parents.
- iii. To meet all the infrastructural requirements of schools like classrooms, laboratories, furniture for all students, library, green boards, separate toilets for boys and girls and children with special needs (CWSN).
- iv. To equip government schools in the state with digital tools for imparting digital education.
- v. Use of technology and Building As Learning Aid (BALA) to improve the learning level of students.
- vi. To provide conducive environment for holistic development of students and provide adequate opportunities to excel in various fields including sports and cultural activities.



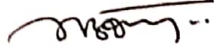
- vii. To develop sense of responsibility and leadership amongst the staff and students.
4. That the Department of School Education did not force any school to covert it in smart school. The schools are converted as smart schools as per willingness of Principal and School Management Committees as per the provision of the Policy on Smart Schools (Annexure R-1)
5. That it is respectfully submitted that Department of School Education has never forced any student to study in English medium. Moreover, it depends on the student and their parents to choose either the medium of instruction as Punjabi or English. It is further submitted that the allegation of petitioner to the effect that the respondents intend to replace Punjabi/Mother Tongue of the students as medium of instructions by English medium of instructions, it totally wrong and baseless. Hence, Department has not violated the provisions of Article 26(3) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948 and law settled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 5166-5190 of 2013 titled State of Karnataka and Anr. Vs Associated Management of (Government Recognized –unaided –English Medium) Primary and Secondary Schools and others.
6. That in regard to teaching staff, it is respectfully submitted that National Council For Teacher Education has issued the notification dated 23.08.2010 and subsequently amended on

29.07.2011, vide which the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher has been laid down. As per the said notification, 10+2 and ETT diploma holder candidates having qualified PSTET is eligible for appointment as Teacher for class 1 to V. Copy of the notification dated 29.07.2011 is annexed herewith as **Annexure R-2**.

Keeping in view the submissions made above, it is respectfully prayed that the present complaint may kindly be dismissed in the interest of justice.

**Place: Mohali**

**Dated: 9 .12.2019**


  
**Director General School Education  
Punjab**

**Verification:**

Verified that the contents of Para 1 to 6 of written statement are true and correct to the best of knowledge and belief and as per information derived from the official record. No part of it is false and nothing has been concealed therein.

**Place: Mohali**

**Dated: 9 .12.2019**

  
**Director General School Education  
Punjab**