

## SOCIETY FOR UNAIDED PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF RAJASTHAN

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To

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
Minister of HRD
Government of India
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

A section of parents is demanding for an order by the Government to waive off school fee on account of lock. Looking to the situation orders has been passed for regular payment of salary to employees without any cut or deductions. It has also been ordered to not discontinue employment of any one irrespective of he being causal, temporary, ad-hoc, contractual or outsourced employee and even without work.

Private Unaided schools are conscious of the adverse effect on income of some section of the society and their difficulty in paying fee and in order to redress their concerns, private Unaided schools has been directed by Government to accept fee on monthly basis and without late payment penalty, during lockdown . The said order is welcomed by private Unaided schools and followed in letter and spirit.

The demand for blanket waiver of fee appears unreasonable as a sizable section of parents' earning will be not effected. Government employees, employees of organized sector, much of professionals and others will continue to receive their wages without any reductions.

The Government has announced financial packages for industries, farmers, workers and other to bear the unexpected losses, but not for private schools.

We most respectfully bring it to your notice that Private Unaided schools are also providing free education to weaker section under Right to Education Act and the amount of reimbursement has not been fully paid by the States.

In such case, any order to waive school fee will give undue benefit to capable parents and make many private schools financially unviable. They are under obligation to regularly pay salary to their employees, incur fixed expenses, maintain infrastructure and extend online teaching.

This may lead to a closure of a number of schools which will render many teachers, support staff and workers jobless. It will create a lot of trauma, unrest and nemployment for teachers and workers.

Private Unaided schools earnestly request to consider all the factors while taking a decision to waive off school fee.

It is important to take note of fact that academic session 2020-21 has just commenced from the first week of April and schools were very prompt in arranging for online teaching. Schools are committed to provide education throughout academic session and hence there is no occasion to waive off fee. However, if there is a genuine case of any parent who is facing hardship in payment of fee, his case should be considered sympathetically.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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