

## **Report of visit of West Bengal Human Rights Commission to Saibana Primary School, Barasat, Dist - North 24 Parganas.**

The West Bengal Human Rights Commission consisting of Mr. Justice Jyotirmay Bhattacharya, Chairperson, Mrs. Justice Madhumati Mitra, Member and Mr. Naparajit Mukherjee, IPS (Retd.), Member paid a surprise visit to Saibana Primary School under Ichapur Nilganj Gram Panchayat on April 4, 2023. This school has a pucca building and has a very big playground as a frontage. That playground is located adjacent to the main road thereby having good communication facilities but also causing traffic hazards for students. There are 223 students. On the day of visit of Commission 175 students were present. The school imparts education from Pre-Primary to Class IV. The Teacher-in-Charge is Ms. Arpita Biswas Sarker and a total of 07 teachers (4 male and 3 female ) are posted in the school. The Gram Panchayat provides uniform and shoes to the students. The S.I. of Schools supplies books. The teachers excepting two are all having the degree of D.L.E.E. (Diploma in Elementary Education). Those two teachers disclosed that they are B. Ed. Degree holders. There is no drop out in the school as reported by Teacher-in-Charge. Iron tablets were provided on every Monday to every student and very recently about 75% of the students were vaccinated with Rubella / Measles vaccine. There is shortage of one class room. There is teachers' common room. There is provision for separate toilet for female students and male students. There are also separate toilets for teachers. Drinking water is also available. However, there is no "Aya" to take care of kids/students who are from Pre-Primary level to Class IV. There is no boundary wall in the front portion covering the playground. The teachers informed that they

cannot allow students to play as the playground is located adjacent to the main road having heavy traffic.

The mid-day meal was checked up. Rs. 5.45 per head per day is being provided by government funds. The menu is as follows as informed by the Teachers :

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dal, Soyabean and rice</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kichuri</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Rice and Egg</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Rice and Soyabean</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Rice and dal</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Rice, Mixed vegetable and Egg.</b>

During visit of Commission, the kitchen and utensils were found to be clean. The Teacher-in-Charge reported that cooking gas facility was not available and wood is being used as cooking fuel. This may cause health hazard.

Sweepers for cleaning toilets and class rooms are available but there is no Aya to look after the kids.


The West Bengal Human Rights Commission makes following recommendations :


- i. For the mid-day meal programme the rate should be revised from Rs. 5.45 to Rs.10/- per student per day. Also, cooking gas facility should be provided to the school immediately as cooking is being done by wood fired stoves. A boundary wall be erected to make full use of the sports ground and children playing facilities may be installed. More so, boundary wall is required for the safety of the children so that they may not go to the main road while playing.


- ii. Regular supply of uniform and books to be made available by the Gram Panchayat and S.I. of Schools so that there is no dearth of the same.
- iii. Aya should be engaged from 100 day work scheme.  
Multi vitamin tablets, just like iron tablet should be given to all students on weekly basis. Arrangement for annual health checkup of students be made for better health care and development. During visit attention of the Commission was drawn towards one dilapidated structure, particularly the roof of the said structure. If the said structure is thoroughly repaired, the problem of shortage of classroom will be solved.

Special Secretary and C.E.O., West Bengal Human Rights Commission is directed to send duly authenticated copies of recommendation to Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal, D.I. of Schools, Primary Education, North 24 Parganas and Teacher-in-Charge of the Saibana Primary School, Barasat, Dist – North 24 Parganas.

Ld. Registrar, WBHRC is directed to upload the report in WBHRC website.

  
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Member  
11/4/2023

  
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