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To  
H.E. the Governor  
Telangana State  
Hyderabad

Respected Madam,

**Sub :** School Education – Bad condition of school buildings – Request to instruct the Government for repairs to school buildings and construction of new schools – Request - Reg.

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In the year 2015-16 Government of Telangana allocated close to 11% of its budget to education department. But as the time passed Government reduced the budget year after year. In the year 2020-21 the budget allocation is reduced to 6.8% of the state budget. This cut in allocation has greatly affected the working of school education especially the maintenance of school buildings and construction of new buildings.

In the state of Telangana, about 23 lakh students are studying in 26,300 Government schools. Lack of drinking water, toilets, regular maintenance of buildings in most of the places is the present situation in many schools. Due to shortage of space and also fear of roof collapse in some schools classes are taken up under the trees.

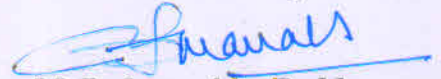
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During the presentation of budget last year, Government assured the people that they are aware of the problem and will allocate funds at the rate of two thousand crores annually for next two years to create infrastructure and repairs for the schools which are in bad condition.. The assurance remained on paper only and no funds were allotted for infrastructure development. There are close to four thousand school which need urgent repairs, for this Government has sent proposals for an amount of Rs. 109 crores under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan to Government of India which agreed to fund 60% of the cost but due to lack of persuasion from the state the proposal did not materialize.

After a long gap of 18 months the schools have reopened, but due to lack of maintenance and recent heavy rains the old buildings are in dangerous condition. Government of Telangana spends hundreds of crores for construction of places of Worship, Secretariat, Chief Minister's residence, and MLA camp offices but the Government have no funds for repairs to dilapidated school buildings. It appears the children who are studying in the Government schools to be insured against the danger of collapse of these school buildings on children. Print and electronic media is regularly publishing the bad condition and lack of infrastructure facilities in schools. The kids expressing their fear of roof collapse before T.V. channels is heart rendering.

Forum for Good Governance requests H.E. the Governor to direct the Chief Secretary to take up repairs to these four thousand schools on top priority bases and take up construction of new school buildings wherever necessary. Government may be further directed to provide sufficient funds in coming budget for education sector.

Yours Sincerely



**M. Padmanabha Reddy**

Secretary

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