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Hyderabad
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To
The Hon'able Chief Minister
Government of Telangana
Hyderabad

Respected Sir,

Sub : School Education department – Mana Ooru – Mana Badi – Infrastructure development of schools in the state of Telangana – Programme a non starter, request to streamline the activity – Reg.

Ref : G.O. Ms. No. 4, School Education department, dated 3-2-2022

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For comprehensive development of school infrastructure, Government of Telangana has taken up a novel scheme of Mana Ooru – Mana Badi / Mana Basi – Mana Badi at an estimated cost of Rs.7290 crores to be implemented in three years. Forum for Good Governance appreciates the steps taken by the Government. To implement the programme G.O. No. 4 dated 3-2-2022 was issued. Initially in Phase – I (2021-22) 9123 (35%) of schools will be taken at an estimated cost of Rs. 3498 crores. Finance department is made nodal agency for funding and funds will be made available to the Director of School Education to meet the project expenditure. The G.O. further says that School management committee (S.M.C.) shall execute the work to ensure peoples participation, transparency and quick execution.

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All cheques for payment towards expenditure incurred to be jointly signed by 4 members i.e. S.M.C Chairperson, Headmaster, A.E. and Sarpanch. Funding of the programme shall be drawn from available funds under Z.P.P., M.P.P., T.S.P., S.C.S.P., NABARD, Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha, S.S.A, R.E.G.S. schemes.

As per the schedule of the work, by end of 2021-22 first phase covering 9123 schools at the cost of Rs. 3498 crores could have been completed. When asked, Finance department who is nodal agency has no information and they asked us to contact School Education department. The Secretary School Education also did not have any information about the work done in phase – I, he advise us to contact Director of School Education. In this way no department has any idea of work done in phase - I. During financial year 2021-22 as against a target of Rs.3498 crores not a rupee is allotted. Again For the year 2022 -23 Rs. 2 crores per district only is released and at field level estimates are being prepared. Schools are likely to start from 6th June. While the classes are going on, it may be difficult to take up civil works in schools.

Here it is pointed out that the work involved is no way connected to Education department, it is mostly civil works and providing equipment to Schools etc. School Education department is ill equipped to oversee the civil works. G.O. No. 4 was issued by School Education department which is mostly theoretical and un-implementable, they have made a mess of the scheme. In view of the nature of the work R&B or Panchayat Raj departments may be made nodal agency for Mana Ooru – Mana Badi programme.

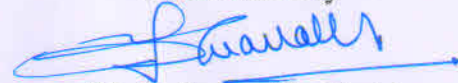
Forum for Good Governance has following suggestions for successful implementation of the programme.

1. The programme needs specific budget provision. Diversion of funds from schemes like Z.P. funds, M.P.P. funds. R.E.G.s etc. is not going to help.
2. School management committee may not be able to execute the work and make payments.

It is better the District Collector allots the work to any Engineering wing in his district for execution.

Finally we submit that without adequate budget provision Mana Ooru – Mana Badi programme will remain on paper only.

Yours Sincerely



M. Padmanabha Reddy
Secretary
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