

To,
The Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Haryana
Chandigarh

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Sub: Basic amenities of Drinking water, Boundary wall and Toilets are missing from schools of Hathin block in Mewat district of Haryana

Respected Sir,

White Lotus Trust is working for improvement of Government schools in Mewat district of Haryana for more than a year. We whole heartedly appreciate that Haryana Govt. is celebrating Education Year for the improvement in schools but the schools of Mewat district are completely neglected. Even the official website of Haryana govt. admits that Mewat is the worst district all over India, female literacy rate is little above 4% in the district but nobody is making the State accountable for the step motherly treatment towards the Mewat district.

The SSA Framework documents published on the website of SSA says:

1.2 DRINKING WATER AND TOILET FACILITIES

1.2.1 Provision of drinking water and toilet facilities is one of the basic requirements in a school. There are a number of studies now available to establish the contribution of these facilities in access and retention of children. There is almost a direct correlation between the drop-out of girls at upper primary level and the availability of sanitation facilities within the school. However, in spite of large scale provisioning of schooling facilities in the last decade, there is still a large gap with respect to toilet and drinking water facilities and it is unlikely that the gap with regard to toilet and drinking water can be fully met through SSA funds. Hence convergence with other schemes, specially of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India is crucial to achieve 100% coverage of such facilities.

The book published by Haryana Prathmik Shiksha Pariyojana Parishad of SSA for guidelines to Village Education Committee and Village Construction Committee says that the SSA program started in 2003 and to be completed in 2010 aims to:

1. All the children in age group 6 to 14 to complete primary education by the year 2007.
2. All the children to complete 8 years of education by year 2010.
3. Emphasis on satisfactory quality of primary education and livelihood training.
4. To abolish gender and social disparity at primary level by 2007 and at beginning level by 2010.
5. Retention of all the children in school till 2010.

The fund allocation under SSA has provided Rs. 15,000 to each school for providing drinking water, Rs. 20,000 for construction of Toilets, required amount for construction of Boundary wall, classrooms etc.

The SSA program was started in 2003 but the condition of drinking water, toilets and boundary walls in schools of Hathin block of Mewat district in January 2009 is pathetic and deplorable.

Survey and Methodology – White Lotus prepared a one page questionnaire with questions relating to basic amenities and conducted a survey of all schools of Hathin Block of Mewat district to find out the facts relating to availability of Drinking water, boundary wall and toilets. The Head Master of each school was asked to fill the questionnaire and sign it so that the information supplied by the Head Master is authenticated and be placed before the authorities with request for remedial measures.

Some findings from the survey conducted during 6th to 28th January 2009:

1. Only 4 schools out of 85 surveyed had all the three facilities of drinking water, toilets and boundary wall.
2. 63 out of 85 schools do not have drinking water and 8 out of remaining 22 having water, have hand pumps. It was admitted by the teachers that the students go home after taking MDM as there is no water in the school. More than half of these students do not come back to school for the day.
3. No water in the school also means that the MDM is not cooked in clean water and is not hygienic. Some schools are not providing MDM regularly as there is no water for cooking.
4. 39 out of 85 schools do not have toilets. Girls High school at Aharvan in Palwal block does not have a toilet for girls. Any one can imagine the consequences of this situation.
5. 46 out of 85 schools do not have boundary wall, 28 schools have boundary walls either broken or ineffectively low. Many schools are free passages for the villagers, their tractors and animals as there is no boundary wall. The animals and tractors can be dangerous for the students too. Many teachers complained that the school building become toilets for villagers after school hours. The villagers damage the school property also after school hours as it is a free entry for every one.

Construction work by teachers – The SSA manual for VEC and VCC says that the VCC is responsible for the construction work in the school but by virtue of being the employee of Government and accountable for work done, the Head Master of the school is given the sole responsibility of construction of classrooms. This is a very big and long distraction from teaching work and a corruption breeding activity too. There is an ample scope for making money by using inferior quality construction material. The honest Head Masters are not interested to shoulder the responsibility of construction work as it puts a question mark on their integrity and honesty apart from adversely

affecting their performance as teachers and resulting in poor exam results as mentioned by some teachers during the survey. Some Head Masters pointed out that they are not qualified or trained for the construction work but qualified and trained for teaching which they are not doing because of construction jobs.

Number of rooms does not match with number of students in many schools as many schools with large number of students have very few rooms but some schools like Bhamrola has many rooms for less than 100 children enrolled. The sweeper of the school is living in the classrooms permanently with family as there is no need for so many rooms.

Kitchens in schools – The Govt. has spent millions of Rupees on construction of kitchens for cooking MDM but none of them in Hathin Block baring 2-3 are being used for cooking. Most of the kitchens are lying incomplete and if completed by the standards of the contractor, they are not handed over to the schools as they are locked by the contractor. The CRC incharge of Swamika informed none of the kitchens in schools under his CRC is completed. The basic problem with these kitchens is that there is no provision whatsoever for the water for cooking MDM. None of the kitchens has a water tank installed on them.

Arranging for Mid Day Meals – Collecting or buying the raw material, supervising the cooking and distribution of MDM is the sole responsibility of the Head Master of the school which is a full time job as informed by the teachers. Many schools have only two teachers and they are always busy with construction work, MDM and visiting Block Education Officer's office to deliver the information asked for from time to time with no time left for teaching. The involvement of teachers in these jobs is seriously affecting the standard of education in schools which is clearly reflected in the results of class 8 1st semester exams conducted in September 2008. All the students appeared in exams in schools at Tonka (8 students), Dhiranki (14), Utawar (17) Kot (20) failed. There can be many more schools with the same results apart from some mentioned here.

No teachers in middle schools – Many primary schools are upgraded to Middle schools without providing teachers. Most of the schools do not have even a head Master in Middle schools and many middle schools have no teachers at all for 6, 7 and class 8. All the students of class 8 in school at Tonka and many other schools failed in exams conducted in September 2009 as there is no teacher for class 6 to 8 in the school. Some example of no teacher in middle school is Durenchi, Meerpur, Dhiranki, Kondal, Gahlab, Nangal Sabha and Jarali. Some Head Masters even informed that the students are now leaving the school as there is not teacher for class 6 to 8.

Out of school children in age group 6 to 14 – A large number of children are out of school in almost every village. The schools conducted a survey on the instructions of govt. to find out number of out of school children and findings sent to Govt. But the real problem is that only 50 to 75% of the total students enrolled come to school regularly. Some villages like Kot and Utawar has a large number i.e. 700 and 1500 children out of schools respectively as admitted by the school staff off the record. The factors like no

toilets in girl's schools, no drinking water and very poor standard of education is provoking the parents not to send their children especially the girls to school. Some parents in villages have said on record that sending a child to school is waste of time as there is no education in schools. The child learns nothing at school and it is better to stay at home for girls if there is no value addition to their education. Even some teachers feel that some children come to school for MDM only and the teachers are happy to provide meals to them and not the education for which no body is actually questioning them directly.

Motivation of teachers and parents – We found some very good examples where the schools are very well maintained and run by the teachers being governed by the same Block Education Officer. The schools at villages Vinoda and Kumrehda were very well maintained and we were surprised to see the primary school at very modest village Mankaki which is an example for every one in maintenance of building and the compound. We were surprised to see all the children dressed in very tidy and clean uniform with neck tie and belt which is unusual in Government schools. The teachers of the school informed that they organized a meeting of the parents and asked them to provide good uniform to the children and offered to contribute by providing neck tie and belt to every child for motivation.

We are bringing these facts before the Hon'ble Chief Minister with expectation and hope that the Government shall look into these facts positively and take necessary action so that the children of this forward looking state could get better schools, bare minimum amenities with better prospects of quality education.

With warmest regards

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1. The Director of Education, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh
2. The Project Director SSA, Haryana, Chandigarh
3. The Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, New Delhi with a request for necessary action.
4. The Director SSA, MHRD, New Delhi.

Encl. List of schools surveyed and sample copies of formats filled by the teachers.



This is how children drink water where ever it is available as there is no storage tank in most of schools.



This is a school at Malai, no boundary wall, no toilets.



Trucks are parked inside the school premises as there is no boundary wall. The school at Pachanka.



This is the entrance to the school, through a residence at Malai.



This is the kitchen at GPS Nangal Sabha, completely broken.



The schools are considered to be safe place to park the tractors when there is no boundary wall at school in Utawar.

2 Sample Questionnaire out of 85 filled up by the HT/Teachers of 85 schools surveyed

गांव का नाम. Dhiranki स्कूल. GPS

1. क्या आपके स्कूल में पीने का पानी है हां/ नहीं ✓
2. पीने का पानी है कब से नहीं है ~~हां/ नहीं~~ पहले था अब नहीं है
3. क्या आपके स्कूल में चारदीवारी है हां/ नहीं गुट्टे दूया हुआ है.
4. क्या आपके स्कूल में लडके/लडकियों के लिये इस्तेमाल करने लायक शौचालय है हां/ नहीं
5. क्या आपने स्कूल में पीने का पानी/चारदीवारी/शौचालय उपलब्ध कराने के लिये अधिकारियों को लिखा! यदि हां तो कब लिखा और उसका क्या असर हुआ
हर बार भांग करते हैं अगर कुछ सुनवाई नहीं हुई.
6. आपके स्कूल में 6 से 14 साल के कितने बच्चे पढते हैं और आपके गांव में 6 से 14 साल के कितने बच्चे स्कूल से बाहर हैं। इनमें कितनी लडकियां हैं
360 बच्चे पढते हैं. 40-50 बच्चे बाहर हैं.
7. आपकी राय में बच्चे स्कूल में क्यों नहीं आ रहे हैं
आगे गांव में की आर्थिक स्थिति ठीक नहीं है। शिक्षा का महत्व नहीं समझते हैं
8. अन्य कोई सुझाव आप देना चाहते हैं
स्कूल में खेलें हैं। सरपंच को करना चाहिए मगर नहीं करते हैं

हस्ताक्षर नाम पद
Mus Khan Mus Khan H.T. (J.B. TURBA)
Phob. No. 9812038786

गांव का नाम... Hudital स्कूल... GPS

1. क्या आपके स्कूल में पीने का पानी है

हां/ नहीं पर लुबिचा
नहीं है

2. पीने का पानी है कब से नहीं है

25 साल से है

3. क्या आपके स्कूल में चारदीवारी है

हां/ नहीं ✓

4. क्या आपके स्कूल में लडके/लडकियों के लिये इस्तेमाल करने लायक शौचालय है

बच्चों के लिये नहीं है
हां/ नहीं (-100 म²)
लिये है

5. क्या आपने स्कूल में पीने का पानी/चारदीवारी/शौचालय उपलब्ध कराने के लिये अधिकारियों को लिखा! यदि हां तो कब लिखा और उसका क्या असर हुआ

कई बार लूचना लिखित में भी अवगत कराया गया
मालूम नहीं हुआ

6. आपके स्कूल में 6 से 14 साल के कितने बच्चे पढते हैं और आपके गांव में 6 से 14 साल के कितने बच्चे स्कूल से बाहर हैं। इनमें कितनी लडकियां हैं

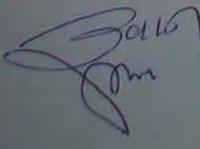
150 बच्चे पढते हैं

7. आपकी राय में बच्चे स्कूल में क्यों नहीं आ रहे हैं

8. अन्य कोई सुझाव आप देना चाहते हैं

पानी, चारदीवारी और बच्चों के शौचालय की
23 चारों ओर वस्था सामग्री है

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The schools covered in the survey

S.No.	Name of school/ village	Drinking water	Functional toilets	Boundary wall	Other problems mentioned by teachers/ HT	Name of Person answered the questions and signed the format & Phone No.	Designation
1.	GMS+GPS Malokhra	No	NO	Broken	Drinking water and boundary is a big problem	Wahid Ahmed 9991026786	JBT
2.	GPS Firozpur Rajput	NO	NO	Incomplete	MDM and construction work should not be the responsibility of teachers	Mavasi Ram	HT
3.	GMS Firozpur Rajput	Yes	Yes	Small	Drinking water not proper presently and boundary wall should be raised	Shubhi Ram	HM
4.	GPS Guraksar	NO	Only one for 740 children	Incomplete	No water for cooking MDM. Cook is not paid for 4 months.	Dharambir Singh 9728163296	HT
5.	GHS Guraksar	NO	No	Incomplete	Drinking water is a big problem	Lakhi Ram Rawat 9416735476	SS Master
6.	GPS Mahluka	NO	Yes	NO	Drinking water, boundary wall and teachers shortage	Kisna 9813412982	HT
7.	GPS Raniala Khurd	Yes	Yes	Broken		Mohd. Ishak 9416528786	HT
8.	GGMS Kondal	NO	Yes	Low	No teacher in Middle schools, students leaving the school, no drinking water	Joginder Singh 9050360169	Drawing teacher
9.	GPS Dhakalpur	No storage tank	NO	Low	School may be upgraded to accommodate drop out students	Abdul Aziz 9813235205	HT
10.	GGPS Raniala Khurd	Yes	Not usable	Yes	No teacher in girls school	Mohd. Ishaq 9416528786	HT
11.	GGPS Kondal	NO	Yes	Low	Drinking water is a problem	Dalip Singh 9466792156	HT
12.	GGMS Gahlab	Yes	Yes	No	No teacher in middle school, DTH not working, made complaints but no action	Rattan Lal 9991592684	HT
13.	GPS Tikri Brahman	Hand Pump	Yes	Incomplete	Drinking water a big	Sanghmitra	HT

14.	GMS Khuslipur	NO	Not usable as no water	NO	problem	Vinod Kumar 9896537655	Incharge
15.	GMS Ribar	No	Not usable as no water	NO	No water, no boundary, no play ground.	Jagdish Chandra 9050131335	Sanskrit teacher
16.	GPS Kalingar	NO	Only one	NO	Boundary and water is a big problem	Ramdhan 9813999270	HT
17.	GMS Kot	Yes	Yes	Broken	Only 8 rooms for more than 1000 students	Harun 98122277122	SS Master
18.	GPS Ali Mev	Hand Pump	Only one for 983 students	NO	Boundary wall will help in solving lots of problems	Mohd. Yunus 9728118197	HT
19.	GGPS Nangal Jat	No	Yes	Broken	Rooms are flooded during rains	Ramesh Chand 9812164663	Hindi teacher
20.	GMS Nangal Jat	Yes	Yes	No	Boundary wall is a big problem	Ashi Ram 9991008036	Dg. Teacher
21.	GPS Andhop	No	Not usable as no water	Broken	More rooms needed	Ved Prakash	HT
22.	GMS Andhop	No	No	Broken	Students drop out after class 8, should be made High School	Udham Singh 9991369911	Teacher
23.	GPS Khaika	No	Yes	No	Boundary wall a problem. DTH not working	Hoshiyar Singh 9812180208	Guest Teacher
24.	GMS Khaika	No	Yes	No	Boundary wall and rooms needed	Lakhan lal 9416612375	Sanskrit Teacher
25.	GGMS Nangal Jat	No	Yes	Broken	Drinking water and boundary wall should be provided	Ramesh Chand 9812164663	Hindi Teacher
26.	GPS Nangal Sabha	No	One	No	Children go home to drink water and do not come back, teachers needed	Davinder 9896531996	A.T
27.	GMS Nangal Sabha	No	No	No	School upgraded but children not enrolled in class 7 and 8 as there is no teacher	Sachram 9991685037	Sanskrit teacher
28.	GMS Mindkola	No	Yes	No	Drinking water a problem	Savitri Devi	Incharge
29.	GPS Mindkola	No	Yes	No	The school is flooded all year and dangerous	Ramesh Chand 9813272361	AT
30.	GMS Akbarpur Natoli	Occasionally	Yes	No	No storage for drinking	Khilam Singh,	G. Teacher

31.	GMS Durenchi	No	One for both boys and girls	Broken	water No teacher in middle school, school flooded, SDM visited the school but no action taken	9812003178 Jamshed 9992360486	JBT
32.	GMS Swamika	Yes	Yes	Yes	All the kitchens of this CRC are incomplete.	Chittar Singh 9416636521	HT
33.	GMS Bighwali	Hand pump	Yes	Broken	Kitchen is incomplete	Anjana Gupta	SS Mistress
34.	GMS Meerpur	Yes	Yes	No	School upgraded but no teacher provided, work of kitchen not started	Muniram 9050584682	HT
35.	GPS Bighawali	Hand pump	Yes	No	Edusat not working	Som Dutt 9728401862	JBT
36.	GGPS Chaisa	No	Yes	No	Drinking water is a problem, kitchen incomplete	Som Dutt 9050072361	JBT
37.	GGMS Swamika	Hand pump	Yes	Yes	All the 7 girls appeared in class 8 exam failed	Bharat Lal	H.Pr.
38.	GMS Dhiranki	No	No	No	No regular teacher in Middle school	Unus Khan 9812038786	HT
39.	GPS Dhiranki	No	No	No gate	School ground is bumpy	Yunus Khan 9812038786	HT
40.	GPS Ladmaki	No	Under construction	No	VEC members do not attend the meeting	Nazir Ahmed 9813438615	JBT
41.	GPS Mankaki	Not fit for consumption	Yes	Needs repairs	Rooms needed	Sajad Hussain 9991738667	JBT, AT
42.	GPS Hudital	No	Not for students	No	Need water, boundary and toilet for students	Asru Khan 9812017219	HT
43.	GPS Meethaka	No	Yes	No	DTH not working in spite of many complaints	Hoshiyar Singh 9813456865	Incharge
44.	GPS Buraka	No	Construction to start	Incomplete	Boundary needed. Have only one room, students sit in open	Ashok Kumar 9813312173	HT
45.	GMS Huchpuri	No	Only for girls	Broken	School upgraded but no teacher for middle school	Karan Pal	HT
46.	GMS Mahluka	No	No	Broken	More children will enroll in school if fee is waived	Indraj Singh 01275 641384	JBT
47.	GMS Babupur	No	No	No	50-55 children out of school	Harinder Singh 9813843551	JBT

48.	GMS Khiluka	No	No	No	No	Parents meeting should be held in village	Badan Singh	Guest teacher
49.	GPS Andhrola	No	No	No	No	28 children out of school	Amar Chand	HT
50.	GGPS Malpuri	No	No	No	No	The whole school gets flooded in rains	Desh pal	Teacher
51.	GPS Mohdamka	No	Recently constructed	No	No	Boundary wall if made can improve the school	Rajendra Singh	HT
52.	GPS Rupraka	No	Yes	No	No	Hand pump is now not working	Indraj	JBT
53.	GMS Rupraka	No	Yes	No	No	All the 17 students of class 8 failed in exams	Ombir	SS Master
54.	GPS Rupraka	No	Yes	No	No	MDM is not being given for last one month	Amichand	HT
55.	GPS Malai co-ed	Yes	No	No	No	No passage to school, only two teachers for 285 students	Ram Avtar	JBT
56.	GPS Utawar, Co-ed	No	No	No	No	More than 1500 children are out of school in the village	Sarfuddin	Incharge
57.	GPS Gohpur	No	No	No	No	2 rooms are under construction since 2004 and 2006	Sanjiv Kumar, Dev Karan	Guest teachers
58.	GMS Pachanka	No	No	No	No	92 children are out of school	Rajendra Singh	Incharge
59.	GGPS Malai	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Rafiq Ahmed	CRC incharge
60.	GPS Bhimsika	No	No	No	No	Drinking water and boundary is biggest problem	Azmat Khan	HT
61.	GMS Jalalpur	No	Yes	Gate broken	No	The HM should not be engaged in construction and MDM arrangement	Amin Khan 9466296261	HT
62.	GPS Chilli	No	Yes	No	No	The school is passage for villagers and is always flooded	Nand Kishore 9991622108	JBT
63.	GPS Bhodpur	No	No	No	No	One room is under construction for one year, only two teachers for 184 students	Shamuddin	HT

64.	GMS Jarali	No	No	No	No	School upgraded but no teacher provided	Sardar Khan 9813551409	HT
65.	GPS Malai	No	Yes	Broken, incomplete	Tractors enter the school as there is no boundary	Faruq Khan		HT
66.	GMS Lakhnaka	No	No	Incomplete	27 children are out of school	Rajendra Prasad 9813619727		HT
67.	GPS Gulesra	No	Yes	No	Drinking water and boundary is a big problem	Hasan Mohd. 9813043477		JBT
68.	GMS Tonka	Hand Pump	Yes	No	The students are leaving the school as there is not teacher in middle school	Zakir Hussain 9813086948		HT
69.	GMS Gudawali	Hand Pump	Yes	No	Boundary wall is necessary as animals enter school. No teacher for middle class	Ashok Kumar 9813672064		HT
70.	GMS Pawsar	No	Only one	Yes	Drinking water is biggest problem	Dalbir Singh 094166-21482		JBT
71.	GPS Mangorka	Hand Pump	Yes	No	Boundary is the biggest problem	Mohan Singh 9416296663		JBT
72.	GMS Sapanki	No	No	No	No boundary is a big problem, no toilet for girls in middle school.	Jay Singh 9813497620		JBT
73.	GMS Hathin	Yes	No	Yes	No play ground, 11 teachers for 955 students	Mohd. Hassan 09416353699		Teacher
74.	GGPS Rindka	Yes	Under construction	Yes	Teachers should be kept away from construction work	Raj Kumar 9466378194		Incharge
75.	GPS Rindka	Yes	Under construction	Yes	Teachers should be kept away from construction work	Kusum Lata		HT
76.	GPS Kaisara	80%	Useless as there is no water	Low	MDM should not be the responsibility of teachers	Suresh Chand 9416770907		HT
77.	GGPS Bhanguri	Not fit for drinking	Yes	Low	The gate should be relocated to avoid main road	Pushp Lata 9416506834		HT
78.	GPS Aharvan	No	No	Yes	Drinking water is a big problem, DTH not working	Hari Dutt 9255104353		HT
79.	GGHS Aharvan	No	Yes	No	No toilet for girls, no	Kamlesh Kumar		Maths

