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To

The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,

Subject: Request for Statewide Investigation and Strict Action Against Private Educational Institutions Engaging in Forced Sale of Textbooks, Uniforms, Shoes, and Stationery Items in Violation of Educational Regulations, Government Directives, and Students' Rights.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I, P. Ramesh Babu, State President of the World Human Rights Research Council (WHRRRC), Andhra Pradesh, respectfully submit this representation seeking the urgent intervention of the School Education Department to address the increasing instances of exploitation of parents and students by certain private educational institutions across the State.

At the commencement of the current academic year, our organization has received numerous complaints from parents and guardians and has also conducted field-level observations. These findings indicate that several private and corporate schools affiliated with State, CBSE, and ICSE Boards are indulging in practices that are inconsistent with educational regulations, government directives, consumer rights, and the welfare of children.

Major Concerns

1. Forced Purchase of Educational Materials - Several private schools are compelling parents to purchase textbooks, notebooks, uniforms, shoes, belts, and other stationery items exclusively from school premises or from vendors designated by the school management. Such practices unfairly restrict consumer choice and impose an avoidable financial burden on families.

2. Violation of Child Rights and Student Dignity - It has been reported that some schools discriminate against students whose parents purchase books, uniforms, or other educational materials from open-market sources at lower prices.

Complaints have also been received regarding humiliation, intimidation, exclusion from activities, and other forms of mental harassment directed toward such students. These practices adversely affect the dignity, confidence, and emotional well-being of children and are contrary to the principles embodied in the **Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE Act)** and various child protection guidelines.





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3. Excessive Pricing and Commercialization of Education - Many institutions appear to be promoting privately published books and educational materials at highly inflated prices, allegedly through commission-based arrangements with suppliers and publishers. Such practices place a significant financial burden on economically weaker and middle-class families and contribute to the commercialization of education, which undermines the very purpose of educational institutions.

Requests and Recommendations

1. Constitution of Special Inspection Committees - The School Education Department may kindly constitute **District-Level Special Inspection Committees** under the supervision of the respective District Educational Officers (DEOs) to conduct surprise inspections and investigate complaints relating to the forced sale of educational materials and other related violations.

2. Strict Legal and Administrative Action - Appropriate legal and administrative action may be initiated against institutions found violating educational regulations, including the imposition of penalties, suspension or withdrawal of recognition, cancellation of permissions, and any other action deemed appropriate under applicable laws and regulations.

3. Implementation of an Open Market Purchase Policy - All schools may be directed to publicly display details of prescribed textbooks, uniform specifications, colours, designs, and other requirements on their notice boards and official websites. This will enable parents to procure such materials from vendors of their own choice and promote transparency and fair competition.

4. Establishment of a Dedicated Grievance Redressal Mechanism - A dedicated **Toll-Free Helpline and WhatsApp Complaint Number** may be established at the district level to enable parents and guardians to report violations without fear of retaliation or discrimination.

5. Awareness and Compliance Monitoring - Regular awareness programmes may be organized for school managements, parents, and students regarding educational regulations, child rights, consumer rights, and ethical educational practices. Further, a robust monitoring mechanism may be established to ensure continuous compliance with government directives.

Conclusion

Education is a fundamental right and must never become a tool for commercial exploitation. Practices that compel parents to purchase educational materials from specified vendors undermine transparency, affordability, fairness, and equal access to education.

Therefore, on behalf of the **World Human Rights Research Council (WHRRC), Andhra Pradesh State Unit**, I respectfully request the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the School Education Department to take immediate and effective measures to curb such unlawful practices and safeguard the interests, rights, and welfare of students and parents throughout the State.





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I sincerely hope that this representation will receive your kind consideration and that necessary action will be initiated in the larger public interest.

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely

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1. The Commissioner/Director of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
2. All Regional Joint Directors (RJDs), School Education Department.
3. All District Educational Officers (DEOs), Andhra Pradesh.

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