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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 22nd June 2023

It has been noticed that several proposals are coming from different quarters for installation of statues of eminent persons inside the premises of Government Schools/Fully Aided school campus. Many a time, proposals are coming to the Department at the very last moment for granting of permission without proper justifications/screening. Hence, it is felt necessary to formulate a detailed set of guidelines for taking a decision.

After careful consideration and examination, the Government have been pleased to decide as follows :—

A. Application to obtain permission for installation of a statue :— Any individual person / Organisation /NRI/CPSU/SPSU/ Private Company/Any Government Department of the State/ Government of India can apply in Form No. 1 to the concerned Headmaster/Headmistress for obtaining permission for installation of the statue inside the premises of a Government School/Fully Aided School. Separate applications are required to be submitted for separate proposals.

B. Category of persons whose statue can be considered for installation :—

The statues of persons having substantial /enormous contributions to society may be considered for installation. In this context, statues of persons in the following categories only shall be allowed in schools all over the state :—

1. Any person who has contributed significantly towards nation building.
2. Any person from Odisha who has significantly contributed towards the formation of the state of Odisha.
3. Any person from Odisha who has contributed significantly towards Language and Literature of Odisha.

C. Location and detailed specification of the statue to be installed :— The applicant shall specify the exact location and the area required for installation purposes. A trace map duly signed by the applicant is to be attached along with the application. The detailed specification of the

statue like Base, Height, and Weight along with other dimensions, quality of materials to be used etc. must be mentioned in the application form. However, the dimensions of the installed statue should be convenient enough for the students to pay their homage without any hassle. Further, location of the installation should not obstruct the conduct of curricular/ extracurricular activities of the schools.

D. Procedure for recommendation and sanction of permission

1. The applicant will submit the application as per para-A of the Resolution to the concerned Headmaster/Headmistress (HM).
2. The HM will place the proposal before the SMC/SMDC as a member Convenor and if the proposal is found to be allowed, feasible, suitable, and required for the betterment of the school environment, the SMC/SMDC after the unanimous decision may recommend the proposal to the District Education officer for placing the same in District Level Committee (DLC).
3. A District Level Committee (DLC) is to be constituted to examine such proposals and recommend them after due deliberations. The DLC is to be comprised of such concerned members as detailed below :—
 - i. Collector and District Magistrate- Chairperson
 - ii. Superintendent of Police/DCP -Member
 - iii. Subdivisional Magistrate-Member
 - iv. Block Development Officer/ Executive Officer - Member
 - v. Tahasildar- Member
 - vi. District Education Officer- Member-Convenor
 - vii. District Culture Officer
 - viii. Any other member as decided by Collector.

The committee meeting will be convened as and when required to examine such proposals and to recommend /reject them with proper justifications. The recommendation by the DLC will be forwarded to the Director of Elementary Education/Director of Secondary Education/ Director of Higher Secondary Education, as the case may be.

4. The Director of Elementary Education/ Director of Secondary Education/Director of Higher Secondary Education will examine the recommendation of the DLC and submit the same to the School & Mass Education Department with their considered views for placing the same before the Government for taking a decision.
 5. Government in School & Mass Education Department will examine the proposal and take a decision based on the recommendation of the concerned Director as the case may be.
- E. Expenditure towards the installation of a statue :— It shall be the duty of the applicant to incur expenditure for the installation of the statue and in no case, Government money must be spent unless it is permissible under any existing scheme/specific direction. Provided, the installation shall only start after issue of the permission by the competent authority,

F. Maintenance of the statue :— It shall be the duty of the applicant to maintain the statue as required to be done in every year and expenditure in this regard must be incurred by the applicant. An Undertaking in this regard shall also be furnished along with the application form.

G. General Conditions :—It is to be ensured that in all cases of permission, all conditions must be imposed in the letter of permission.

The Adarsha Vidyalayas under OAVS shall not be covered under this Resolution. The campus of such Schools shall not be utilised for any purpose other than the purpose for which permission has been issued.

Institutions under the administrative control of the Director of TE& SCERT are also covered under this Resolution.

H. Clarification :— S & ME Department is competent to issue any clarification for the above purpose.

Order :— Ordered that the Resolution be published in an extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* for general information.

Also ordered that the copies of the Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Odisha / All Ministers/All Departments of Government / All Heads of the Departments / All Revenue Divisional Commissioners / All Collectors / Accountant General (A & E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

By order of the Governor

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