

No. 11020(10)/3/2013-SCD-III
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(Department of Social Justice and Empowerment)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
08th November, 2017

ORDER

Whereas, the NGO namely Priyadarshini Seva Kendra Trust, Bangalore, Karnataka has been receiving financial assistance from this Ministry from time to time under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for Welfare of Scheduled Castes for running of Hostel for Scheduled Caste beneficiaries.

2. Whereas, the Scheme aims to enhance the reach of development interventions of the government and fill the gaps in the service deficient Schedule Caste dominant areas, in the sectors such as education, health, vocational training etc through the efforts of voluntary organizations and to provide an environment for socio economic upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Castes (SCs).

3. Whereas, the said NGO has executed bonds in favor of the President of India for the amount in the prescribed format bonding themselves jointly, severally to the terms and conditions in the event of the grantee failing to comply with the conditions committing breach of the conditions of the bond, the signatory to the bond shall be jointly and severally liable to re-fund President of India, the whole or a part amount of the grantee with interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum therein or the sum specified under the bond.



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4. Whereas, the Grantee Organization was required to abide by the terms and conditions mentioned in the Sanction Order, provisions and guidelines of the Scheme of Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for Scheduled Castes, provisions of General Financial Rules, 2017, instructions issued by this Ministry and Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance from time to time and any subsequent revision/changes therein.

5. Whereas, Government of India has conducted inspection of the School run by Priyadarshini Seva Kendra on 26.7.2017 which is getting Grant-in-Aid from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and during the inspection it was observed that the organization is running a private school in the same premises. The School has appointed teachers and staff for whole school and not specifically for catering the need of SC Students and such teachers/staffs seems to be paid from GIA. However, Grant-in-Aid has been received by the Organization for honorarium to staff, etc by way of non-recurring Grant though the organization have adequate resources from the fee collected from the rest of the student. This is very much clear that GIA being received from the Government is being utilized for the whole School and the staffs and teachers are working for whole School and not only for SC beneficiaries. This is a serious lapse on the part of the functioning of the NGO.

6. Whereas, the Government has found the progress of the project unsatisfactorily, considering that the guidelines of the Scheme, terms and conditions of the Sanction Orders issued by this Ministry from time to time, provisions of General Financial Rules 2017 etc, are violated. The motive of the NGO in establishing the School and the way it is being run, leads to a lot of suspicions. The status of the residential school on ground is not in commensurate with the grant-in-aid that has been received by the NGO.



7. Whereas, a Show Cause Notice dated 14.09.2017 was served on the organization for seeking explanation for the shortcomings/findings as observed during the inspection and as mentioned in preceding paras.


8. Whereas the Organization has submitted its reply dated 28.9.2017 and denied all the shortcomings pointed out by the Inspection team. In the reply, the Organization has inter-alia, stated that the School is running for the last twenty years and imparts quality education for SC students free of cost and no money is collected from students. Further it is also stated that there are no other sources for this School except Grant-in-Aid and grant-in-aid is used only on staff teaching and non-teaching staff which are utilized for S.C. Students only.

9. Whereas, Ministry having considered the shortcomings in the inspection 26.7.2017 and overall functioning of the Organization, it is a clear violation of the provisions of the Scheme especially the breach of trust for which the Organization has been getting GIA.

10. Now, Keeping in view of all the above mentioned facts especially with regard to the utilization of GIA,, it has been decided, after following principle of Natural Justice & giving opportunity to the NGO, by the competent authority in public interest to blacklist the Organization namely Priyadarshini Seva Kendra Trust, Halasur Village, Sathnur Hobli, Kanakapura Tq, Ramanagar Dist., Karnataka from receiving further financial assistance in any form whatsoever under various Schemes of this Ministry.



11. This order is issued without prejudice to any other action that may be initiated against the NGO for their action of omission and commission, without any further reference in the matter.


(B.L. Meena)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India
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To

The President,
Priyadarshini Seva Kendra Trust,
Halasur Village,
Sathnur Hobli, Kanakapura Tq,
Ramanagar Dist., Karnataka

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Karnataka with the request to take necessary action to possession of the items for which non-recurring GIA was released to the NGO.
2. The DDG, ✓NIC, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi with request to include the NGO in the list of Blacklisted NGOs maintained on the website of the Ministry.
3. Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
4. Chief Vigilance Officer, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
5. CEO, NITI Aayog with request to update the same on DARPAN portal.
6. JS (SD)/JS (SCD-B)
7. Ministries/Departments as per standard list
8. Order folder