

THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

W.P. (C) 12490/2006

SOCIAL JURIST A CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP ...Petitioner
Through Mr. Ashok Aggarwal with Mr. Anuj
Aggarwal , Adv.

Versus

UNION BANK OF INDIA and OTHERSRespondent
Through Ms. Archana Gaur proxy for Mr. Pushkar
Sood for respondent no. 1-UOI.

Mr. Rakesh K.Khanna , Sr. Adv. With Mr. Reetesh
Singh and Mr. Rajan Kumar for Action Committee.
Mr. K. T. S. Tulsi, Sr. Adv. With Mr. K. Sultan Singh,
Mr. Ravinder Singh, Adv.

Mr. Puneet Mittal ,Adv. For respondents
4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA

ORDER:

26.09.2007

1. An affidavit is now filed by the Directorate Education and Government of NCT of Delhi from which it is established that the Government in its meeting dated 3rd September, 2007 has approved and accepted the following proposals :-

(i) That there should be uniformity in nomenclature and duration of Pre-primary education across all private, government and local bodies. The cabinet further approved that in all schools of Delhi the pre-primary education should be uniformly be of one year duration and the same should be the class immediately prior to Class I, which will be uniformity known as pre-primary.

2. That the cut off date for the calculation of age should be 31st March of the year admission. A child should have completed four years on or before 31st March of the year of admission to be considered eligible for gaining admission to pre-primary class. A child should have completed a minimum of years on or before 31st March of the year admission to be considered eligible for gaining admission to Class I. The cut off date of 31st March will of the academic year for which admission will be taken.

3. While one year class of early childhood education would be offered by all recognized schools immediately prior to Class-I, the school which have infrastructural facilities may be allowed to open pre-schools classes for children below the age of four years. However, these pre-school classes will not be part of main school nor shall these be treated as feeder school to pre-primary class of the school. The children in pre-school should be from the immediate neighborhood. There should be no school bag for carrying any prescribed books in all such pre-school classes.

4. That the Department of Education will introduce one year pre-primary in all Govt. Schools within three years. This will require admission of class –rooms and recruitment of teachers. There are 365 Sarvodaya Vidyalalyas. Introducing one section of 40 students in pre-primary in 365 Sarvodaya Vidyalalyas will require 365 class rooms and 365 Assistant Teachers. If the cost of construction of a room be taken between Rs. 2-2.50 lacs the cost of construction would be approximately be Rs. 8 crores and another Rs. 4 crores per annum may be needed for teachers. So an approximately expenditure of nearly Rs.15 crores may be allowed to be incurred for schools run by Department of Education. Additional funding to start these classes in MCD schools may be provided. It is also stated in the said affidavit that the Directorate of Education would be take appropriate action and measures to implement the aforesaid proposals at the earliest before the start of the next academic session , i.e. 2008-2009.