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To
The Commissioner
Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti
B-15, Institutional Area, Sector-62
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Sub: Request to check the illegal practice of collection of money in the name of PTC fund.

Sir,

You are well aware that the Jawahar Navodaya Navodayas are renowned as the best welfare school system in the **world** and they not only inspire the state governments in our nation but also other nations across the globe who are in pursuit of providing best quality education to the vulnerable sections of the society. **NVS** website proudly proclaims: "good quality education has been available only to well-to-do sections of society, and the poor have been left out. It was felt that children with special talent or aptitude should be provided opportunities to proceed at a faster pace, **by making good quality education available to them, irrespective of their capacity to pay for it. These talented children otherwise would have been deprived of quality modern education traditionally available only in the urban areas.**"

AINVSA regrets to inform all is not rosy with Navodaya Vidyalayas when it comes to implementation due to Principals' utter disregard to these lofty ideals with which Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti was dreamed and nurtured. Many Navodaya Vidyalayas have degraded Parent Teacher Counsel (PTC) to a platform for making money by fleecing the impoverished rural parents. In the name of PTC fund varying amounts of money is collected by many JNVs which is beyond the mandate of NVS. Not only this practice is in contrast with the ideals of NVS but also violates the law of the land. **AINVSA** seeks to draw your attention to the section 5.14 and 5.15 of New Education Policy, 1986:

5.14 It is universally accepted that children with special talent or aptitude should be provided opportunities to proceed at a faster pace, **by making good quality education available to them, irrespective of their capacity to pay for it.**

5.15 [Pace-setting residential schools, Navodaya Vidyalayas, intended to serve this purpose have been established in most parts of the country on a given pattern, but with full scope for innovation and experimentation. Their broad aim will continue to be to serve the objective of excellence coupled with equity and social justice (with reservation for the rural areas, SCs and STs), to promote national integration by providing opportunities to talented children from different parts of the country, to live and learn together, to develop their full potential, and, most importantly, to become catalysts of a nation-wide programme of school improvement.]

Collection of money, with whatever name and kind, is in contrast of section 5.15 of NEP, 86 and the onus lies with NVS to ensure that the Vidyalayas would not violate the preamble of NVS. But it is deeply regrettable to note that NVS has never tried to discourage this practice and remained a mute spectator.

This practice is, as already mentioned, not only in contrast to our ideals but also violates the law of the land. We seek your kind attention to the section 3.2 of the Right of Children for free and compulsory education Act 2009 (RTE), “For the purpose of sub-section(1), **no child shall be liable to pay any kind of fee or charges or expenses** which may prevent him or her from pursuing and completing the elementary education.”

In spite of receiving 100 per cent funding, if Navodayas resort to the practice of **fleeing** money, what would be the situation of other non-funded organizations. What pace are we setting?

We need to seriously ponder the reasons for collection of such fund? What prompts the Principals to go beyond the mandate of NVS? Is there any dearth of funds? It becomes apparent, that there seems to be no scarcity of funds, from the fact that many schools have left the Navodaya Vikas Nidhi (NVN) untouched and those that have used NVN have used it to a bare minimum.

PTC fund is being spent in a wishful manner putting aside the basic norms of fiscal responsibility. This leaves a great scope for embezzlement and violates the RTE Act, 2009. We seek your kind attention to the sub-clause c in clause 2 of section 21 of the RTE Act, 2009, when read with existing norms of NVS, empowers the Vidyalaya Management Committee (VMC) to “monitor the utilization of the grants received from the appropriate Government or local authority **or any other source;**” In other words PTC fund too should be spent with the approval of VMC and following the existing norms and should be shown in Vidyalaya accounts. Nothing of this sort is done in the Vidyalayas where PTC fund is raised. **PTC fund is neither audited nor properly accounted.**

In view of the above facts, you are requested to take appropriate disciplinary action against the Principals, who not only stood against the lofty ideals of NVS, which all the stakeholders proudly share, and but also violated the RTE, 2009 besides acting beyond the fiscal mandate of Samiti. If such imprudent fiscal adventuring and utter disregard for the basic ideals of Samiti and law of the land, is not checked in bud, it will set a bad example and Navodayas would set the pace in a very negative manner.

With respectful regards

Yours sincerely

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PRESIDENT

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