

Dear

It has come to our notice that 1300 children, who are at present studying in 52 seasonal hostels in Nuapara District under the initiative of and SSA, are in a risk of being pushed out of these hostels for want of release of funds to the concerned NGOs. All these children are from migrant families and are among the poorest of the poor in our country. Kindly ensure that these children are provided with immediate relief in terms of food grains and all other necessary facilities so that they do not starve and go hungry.

2. In addition, I am given to understand that these seasonal hostels are being run since October last year. For some reason the NGOs, who are running these hostels under SSA, have not received funds which are due to them. Due to this, they are hard pressed for maintaining the quality of services and in turn it is the children who are the sufferers. It would be grave injustice if there is no continuity of their education in these hostels. It is absolutely essential that there is continuity of education in the hostels and justice is rendered to these children.

3 Therefore, the pending amounts due to the NGOs under the Lok Drishti Consortium may be settled by the Department of School Education / OPEA with immediate effect

4. An action taken report in the matter may be submitted within a week from the date of receipt of the letter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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