

Government of Bombay,
Education Department,
Resolution No. BCH-1653,
Bombay Castle, 22nd December, 1953.

Read: Government Letter, Education Department No. BCH-1651-J, dated the 15th October, 1953.

Letter from the Director of Education, No.S-56/217-G dated the 5th December, 1953.

: RESOLUTION :

In order to solve effectively the problem of Education of the Scheduled Tribes and the inhabitants of the Scheduled Areas Government was considering the question of starting Ashram Schools where Scheduled Tribes pupils can be provided with free lodging and boarding and intensive basic training under the constant supervision and guidance of able teachers imbued with the spirit of service and cooperation. In order to lay down general principles for the organisation of Ashram Schools a Conference of Officials and a few representations of the Voluntary Agencies was convened on 18th September 1953 under the Chairmanship of the Minister (Education Department). The Conference has suggested the following general principles for the organisation of Ashram Schools: -

1. The Ashram School should have hostel attached to it.
 2. The School to which children of the Ashram will be sent should be a part of the Ashram. If there is already a District School and School at the place where as Ashram / Authority for management. In that case, the Ashram is proposed to be started it should be handed over to the Ashram authorities should be paid grant-in-aid on the basis of the per capita expenditure of the District School Board School in the District. Should be handed over the Ashram is proposed to be started it.
 3. Arrangements for teaching of crafts like Kitchens gardening, spinning and weaving, poultry farming etc. should be made in the Ashram in the initial stages. Agriculture should be the main craft to be taught in the Ashram School.
 4. The Ashram School should have 15 boys and 15 girls in the Ashram in the first year. Every year 10 new boys and girls should be submitted so that the number of children in the Ashram School eventually 120 (60 boys and 60 girls).
 5. The boys and girls of the Ashram should be recruited from the neighbouring villages in addition to the local children. Ordinarily one boy and one girl should be brought to the Ashram from each of the neighbouring villages.
 6. Each Ashram should have to separate units, one for girls and one for boys. One teacher, preferably a headmaster should be the Superintendent or Grihapati. Similarly one women teacher should be the Superintendent of the Girls' Section. If both the husband and wife are serving as teachers, they should as far as possible be placed in charge of the Ashram. If necessary, an allowance of Rs. 10/- per month should be paid to each Superintendent.
 7. The Ashram should be developed into first grade primary school during the course of next four or five years.
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8. The admission of children to the Ashram should be restricted to children between the ages of 7 to 8, if they are to be admitted to the 1st Standard of the School and upto the age of 10, if they are to be admitted to higher standards.

9. The Ashram school should have a farm of about 10 acres with a well 2 cows, agricultural implements etc.

2. The conference has suggested the followings scales of expenditure for an Ashram School of 30 pupils (15 boys and 15 girls) in the first year.

Recurrent

(a)	Cost of two teacher school	Rs. 2,480/-
(b)	Cost of hostel for 30 pupils	Rs. 8,840/-
	Total: -	Rs. 11,320/-

The details of Rs. 8,840/- are given in the accompany Scheduled - 'A'

Non-Recurrent

(a)	Equipment for the School.	Rs. 200/-
(b)	Buildings for the Ashram School.	Rs. 25,000/-
(c)	Cost of acquisition of land admeasuring about 10 areas.	Rs. 5,000/-
(d)	Agricultural implements.	Rs. 1,000/-
(e)	Cost of two cows.	Rs. 600/-
	Total: -	Rs. 31,800/-

3. The Voluntary Agencies were requested to submit the proposals to open Ashram Schools in the Scheduled Areas prefers of the Merged 'States' territories in accordance with the Principles agreed to in the conference. The Voluntary Agencies have a good response and have submitted proposal for opening of 12 Ashram Schools in the Scheduled Areas including the Scheduled Areas of the Merged 'States' territories at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,46,379/- during the year 1953-54. Government has carefully considered the proposals of the voluntary agencies and is pleased to approve of them Generally to the condition that the number of boys and girls in the Ashram School should be equal and to the modifications indicated below. The names of the Voluntary Agencies whose proposals have been approved, and the places where Ashram Schools are to be opened by them, number of pupils to be admission in the first year, the estimated recurrent and non-recurrent cost which has been admissible for grant-in-aid purposes and the amount of payable them in respect of these Ashram School are given Scheduled - 'B' attached.

(1) The Bhil Seva Mandal, Dahod.

- (a) The Mandal proposes to purchase 4 cows instead of 2 as decided in the conference. The Mandal should be requested to purchase 2 cows at a total cost of Rs. 600/- for each school.
- (b) The Mandal proposes to provide clothes to the pupils the Ashram at an estimate cost of Rs. 300/-. The expenditure to be admissible for grant-in-aid as a special case.
- (c) The Mandal has calculated food charges at Rs. 20/- per pupil. The rate admissible is Rs. 15/- per month per pupil. The Mandal should be requested to reduce the cost of food charges. from Rs. 20/- per month per pupil to Rs. 15/- per month per pupil.

(2) The Kasturba Seva Ashram, Maroli.

The Seva Ashram purposes to purchase an engine for pumping after at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,000/- which is not ordinarily possible for purposes of grant-in-aid. However, as the Seva Ashram has secured lands admeasuring 12 acres free of cost and expenditure is proposed to be incurred on the purchase the non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 10,000/- should be admissible for purpose of grant-in-aid.

(3) The Dakshin Gujarat Rani Pradesh Kelwani Mandal, Surat.

(a) The Mandal proposes to house its Ashram in the bungalow of the Maharaja of Dharampur and has provided a sum of Rs. 5,000/- for additions and alteration to the bungalow. The Ashram School will have 380 pupils by 1956-57 of which 120 will reside in the Ashram. As the Mandal will not require any grant for building purposes the expenditure of Rs. 5,000/- on addition and alterations to the bungalow should be held admissible for the purpose of grant-in-aid.

(b) The Mandal also proposes to install an engine and to lay pipeline at an estimated cost of Rs. 8,000/-. The non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 8,000/- should be held admissible for the purposes of grant-in-aid as a special case.

(c) The Public Works Department should be requested to place the bungalow of the Maharaja of Dharampur at the disposal of the Mandal if available.

(4) The Rani Paraj Sevashram Vedchhi.

The Sevashram should be requested to construct buildings for the Ashram during 1953-54 non-recurrent grant of Rs. 25,000/- should be sanctioned for this purpose.

(5) The Adiwasi Seva Mandal, Bombay.

The Adiwasi Seva Mandal, they have estimated the non-recurring cost of Building and equivalent at Rs. 36,600/-. This consists of the following items of expenditure in addition to the usual non-recurrent items of expenditure.

No.	Name of the item.	Amount in Rs.
(1)	Sanitary Arrangements 2 Privies and 2 Latrines.	Rs. 1,000/-
(2)	Equipment of the School.	Rs. 2,000/-
(3)	Bedding and Clothes.	Rs. 1,000/-
(4)	Utensils of Hostels.	Rs. 1,000/-

The cost of Rs. 25,000/- for building includes the cost of sanitary arrangements. Additional expenditure for sanitary arrangements is not admissible for grant-in-aid purposes. The Ashram School opened from April 1954. The items at serial Nos. 2, 3 and 4 should be required during the year 1953-54. The proposal of the 1 should be approved subject to the reduction of non-recurring expenditure by Rs. 5,000/-.

4. The financial position of voluntary agencies is far from satisfactory. The non-recurring expenditure proposed by the Voluntary agencies is the barest minimum required for an Ashram School. Due to depression the voluntary agencies cannot raise any funds public donations for the non-recurrent and recurring expenditure of School. Government is therefore, pleased to sanction grants-in-aid the voluntary agencies for these Ashram Schools at the following rates.

1.8 percent of the recurrent expenditure held admissible for grant-in-aid and (2) 100 percent of the admissible non-recurrent expenditure of the voluntary agencies. The expenditure of Rs. 578/- required for payment of grant-in-aid to voluntary agencies for Ashram Schools during the year 1953-54 is also

5. Voluntary agencies should be required to start preliminary ately and to start the Ashram School as approved by Government during the current year.

6. The Director of Education should be requested to sanction advance grants to the tune of Rs. 5,000/- immediately to such of the Voluntary Agencies as may require advance payment for commencement of the preliminary preparations. The balance of the grant should be paid by the Director of Education in such installments as he may consider necessary, in consideration of the progress made by the voluntary agencies. The Director of Education should further be requested to obtain monthly progress reports of the Ashram Schools from the Voluntary agencies and to submit them to Government for information. Quarterly progress report for the quarter ending 31st March, 1954 should also be obtained and submitted to Government for onward transmission to the Government of India in due course. The Government of India has earmarked a sum of the 2 lakhs for this scheme. Government desires that the scheme should be implemented in right earnest so that the Government of India grant can be utilized to the full.

7. The expenditure involved in the proposal should be debited to the head "37-Education-Grants to Local Bodies. Other than the Bombay Primary Municipality" and should be met from the provision of Rs. 1,40,820/- made by supplementary demand during the current year for this purpose. The expenditure over and above this provision should be met from the anticipated savings under the head "37-Education" if possible. If it is not possible to meet the expenditure from the sanctioned grants, the Director of Education should be requested to submit Government a supplementary demand for the actual requirement in excess of the provision of Rs. 1,40,820/- made by supplementary demand in due course.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Bombay.

Sd/-
(A.D. Dias)
for Secretary to Government.

To,

The Director of Education, Poona and others.