



Child panel's rules a must for city playschools from April

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Gurgaon: The district women and child development department will start regularising playschools for the first time in the city from April. The department plans to carry out checks to ensure all playschools meet the guidelines set by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), as there is no such state policy. Till now, none of the 400-odd play schools in the city have been registered with the department.

Without the department's approval, no play school will be able to operation in the upcoming academic session.

"There were reports of violations of child rights by a few institutions. We have started the regularisation process, and all play schools in the city have to comply with NCPCR norms and register with us," said Sunaina Sharma, district programme officer, women and child development department. PK Das, additional chief secretary of the school education department, said: "The state does not have any rules or regulations for playschools at present."

According to the guidelines, no child below the age of three years can be admitted to playschools. Also, fees charged by the school have to be regulated by the government and can be collected only on monthly or quarterly basis. While admitting a child, the school can't collect any capitation fee or subject the child or their parents/guardians to any screening procedure. The rules clearly state that no playschool can give

WHAT THE PLAY SCHOOL NORMS SAY

- No child below the age of three years can be admitted
- Fees must be regulated by the state government
- One teacher and a caregiver each for 20 children

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

- A PTA must be constituted within one month of admission
- PTA should have 75% parents and the rest, teachers
- PTA meetings should be conducted every month



WHAT THE BUILDING MUST HAVE

Boundary wall/fencing	Proper ventilation	Play area
Separate child-friendly and disabled-friendly toilets	CCTV surveillance	Fire safety measures
Sports equipment	First-aid kit	Library

physical punishment to students, and that the curriculum should be laid down by an authority specified by the Union ministry of women and child development.

The move comes after a city-based RTI activist, Aseem Takyar, filed an RTI on the number of playschools in the city last month.

"I wanted information from the department about the number of playschools running in the city and if they are regularised or not. I was surprised to find out that none of these schools are recognised," Takyar said.

Play schools claimed they are already abiding by the norms, though some disagreed with the rules. Geetika, admission-in-charge of Blooming Buds playschool in Sector 10A,

said: "We are already meeting all the rules laid down by the government. We'll go through the NCPCR guidelines and see what they are."

Dolly Kochhar, owner of A Step Ahead playschool, DLF 2, said, "No curriculum can be set for small kids. Also, the whole point of having a cap on the fee structure won't work because each playschool provides different facilities on the basis of which fees are decided."

Meanwhile, parents welcomed the move, saying this would make playschools more answerable to authorities. "I hope the rules get implemented from this year onwards. Playschools have created chaos as they charge fees without regulations being put on them," said Anjali Singh, who is looking out to get her daughter admitted in a playschool this year.

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निजी स्कूल संचालकों ने नियमों में नरमी बरतने की लगाई गुहार

■ एनबीटी न्यूज, गुड़गांव : जिले में बिना मान्यता चल रहे प्राइवेट स्कूलों संचालकों के साथ जिला मौलिक शिक्षा अधिकारी प्रेमलता यादव ने बुधवार को बैठक की। इसमें स्कूल संचालकों से पूछा गया कि वे बिना मान्यता कैसे स्कूलों को चला रहे हैं और नियमों को पूरा क्यों नहीं किया। स्कूल संचालकों ने अधिकारी से मान्यता को लेकर सभी कार्यवाही पूरी करने के लिए समय मांगा। साथ ही शिक्षा विभाग से नियमों में नरमी बरतने की गुहार लगाई, ताकि स्कूल संचालकों को मान्यता लेने में कोई दिक्कत न हो और यहां पढ़ रहे बच्चों का भविष्य सुरक्षित रहे।

विभागीय आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, प्रदेश के 21 जिलों में 1083 स्कूल बिना मान्यता के चल रहे हैं। इनमें गुड़गांव के 92 निजी स्कूल भी हैं। बुधवार को बैठक में जिला मौलिक शिक्षा अधिकारी से बातचीत करने के लिए 92 स्कूलों की ओर से लगभग 120 लोग उपस्थित रहे। गुड़गांव के 92 में से 4 स्कूल मान्यता के लिए तैयार हैं। ऐसे में विभाग 3 दिनों में इन स्कूलों का निरीक्षण करेगा। निजी स्कूलों के संचालकों में विजयपाल, ईश्वर सिंह,

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मान्यता है और न ही स्कूल चलाने की अनुमति। 3-4 दिनों तक स्कूलों में जांच करके शिक्ष निदेशालय को रिपोर्ट भेजी जाएगी। इसके बाद निदेशालय के आदेशानुसार कार्यवाही होगी। - प्रेमलता यादव, जिला मौलिक शिक्षा अधिकारी

पंकज सेठी, सुनील पिलानिया, रवि सौरभ, मंगल सिकंदरपुर, मंजू सहित अन्य स्कूल संचालक उपस्थित रहे। उन्होंने शिक्षा विभाग से गुहार लगाई कि 2003 में प्राइवेट स्कूलों की मान्यता को लेकर तय किये गए नियमों में बदलाव किया जाए, ताकि उक्त स्कूलों को मान्यता लेने में कोई दिक्कत न हो।