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Dear *Dr. Khuntia*,

It may be noted that, there were unseasonal rain and hailstorm in last few days in north, western and Central India. In the rain and hailstorm; damage of rabi crops like wheat, mustard and chickpea has been reported from Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The extent of damage is unclear as state governments are yet to collate data on crop loss.

It may be mentioned that, the farmers especially, the small farmers with low income category are affected the most in the natural calamities like; unseasonal rain, hailstorm etc. It is also observed that the education of the children belonging to lower income groups including poor farmers are affected in such events. Amongst them, the most affected lot are the children studying in private schools where fee is to be deposited on time and the prescribed educational material is to be provided.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) may take action on the matter given as under:

- (a) Provisions may be made for the re-imbusement of the fee and education entitlements (school bags, uniforms, notebook etc.) for children of the farmers (who are affected by the natural calamity) studying in private schools under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA).
- (b) The benefits may be similar as per the provision provided under Section 12 (2) of the RTE Act, 2009 regarding re-imbusement of the expenditure to the extent of per-child-expenditure incurred by the State, or the actual amount charged from the child, whichever is less.
- (c) The benefit may be given to the children of the farmers who have suffered more than 50 % damage of the crops in the current season especially who have been identified by the States for Compensation.
- (d) The benefits may be provided in addition to the Compensation decided for the crop damage and the benefit is to be for one year only.

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(e) The Ministry of Human Resource Development may make arrangement in such a way that the benefits may reach to the parents in time so that the education of the children can be assured.

A response/report in this regard may be sent to this Commission at the earliest.

With regard

Yours sincerely


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