

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

No: IGAD/RTI(2)/2021/3205
Date: 05.06.2021.

Shri B.V.P Dorababu,
Door No: 44-2-5/17,
Lakshminarayanapuram,
Salagramapuram,
Visakhapatnam -530024.

Sir,

Sub: Information sought under Right to Information Act 2005- Reg.

Ref: 1. RTI application dated 18.01.2021.

2. Sr. P.O & PIO (RTI)'s letter No. IGAD / RTI / (71) / 2021 / 855, dated 20.02.2021.

3. RTI Appeal dated 25.02.2021

4. This office letter No. IGAD / RTI / A (02) / 2021 / 1054, Dt.04.03.2021.

5. H.A (L & N) letter No. IGAD / RTI (71) / 2021/ 1195, dated 12.03.2021.

6. RTI Applicant letter dated 17.05.2021.

The undersigned being an Appellate Authority under the provisions of Right to Information ACT, 2005, has carefully gone through your appeal, vide, reference cited and the relevant record connected to the said appeal.

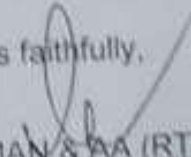
On such carefully examination, the appeal is disposed off as follows:

Sl No.	Information sought by the applicant	Remarks
01.	Provide a copy of the response letter of the Chairman, VPT Visakhapatnam on the letter No. PD - 22011/16/2019-PD-V, dated 2020 of the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Shipping (Port Wing) Transport Bhavan, New Delhi.	Copy enclosed.
	Provide a copy of the response letter of the Chairman, VPT Visakhapatnam on the letter Rc.No.ESE02 - 17 / 290 / 2020 -PS1-CSE, dated 15.12.2020 of the Director of School Education, Amaravati.	A reply was already given by the Secretary & Correspondent VPE Education Society vide letter dated 09.03.2021.

An appeal on these orders shall be preferred to the following within 90 days from the date on which the First Appellate Authority decision is actually received by the applicant, if he wish to do so.

Central Information Commission,
CIC Bhavan, Babagangnath Margh,
Munirka, New Delhi - 110067.

Yours faithfully,


CHAIRMAN & AA (RTI)

Copy to: Joint Director (R&P) & APIO - for taking necessary action in terms of this office letter No. IGAD / TRI/Instructions/2014/3323, dt.03.11.2014.

No.IGAD/F3/MoS/2019 12989

Dt.22.12.2019

To
The Secretary Govt. of India,
Ministry of Shipping,
Ports Wing,
Transport Bhavan,
No.1 Parliament Street,
NEW DELHI-110 001.

(Kind Attention : Sri Rameshwar Kumar, Under
Secretary, to the Govt. of India)

Sir,

Sub: VIP reference received from Sh. M.V.V. Satyanarayana, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Visakhapatnam regarding request for continuation of Godavari Port Primary & High Schools at Saligramapuram, Ward No.34, Visakhapatnam, District of A.P. under the management of Visakhapatnam Port Trust - Reg.

Ref: Ministry's letter No.PD-2201/16/2019-PD-V, dt.17.10.2019.

Kind reference is invited to the Ministry's letter cited.

In this connection, it is to inform that the following comments on the subject mentioned above, is furnished here under for giving a suitable reply to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

In the beginning days, when there were no affordable educational facilities within the vicinity of VPT, as a welfare measure, VPT has incorporated Visakhapatnam Port Educational Society with an objective to provide school education at affordable cost to the children of its employees. Over a period of time the strength of VPT employees has come down from about 7721 in the year 2006-07 to 3348 in 2018-19 and parallelly several educational institutes have come up and the employees were also able to afford the cost of education elsewhere and the induction of employees children into Port Schools has come down heavily.

At present, Port Employees children studying in port schools is below 2% and whereas VPT is spending huge amount of Rs.4.91 crores per annum on port school staff salaries & other expenditure besides maintenance of buildings etc. At present there are 37 teaching & non-teaching staff working in Port Schools, out of which only 06 aided teaching & non-teaching staff were receiving grant from State Govt. and the expenditure on salaries, retirement settlements etc. on the remaining 31 unaided teaching & non-teaching staff were being incurred from VPT funds. Further, the Corporate Objective of the VPT is to develop the Port to the International standards and it is also spending huge amount for the developmental activities in and around the Port Area & Schools etc., under Corporate Social Responsibility.

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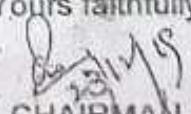
In this connection, it is submitted that duly taking the performance of the students admissions, the teaching & non-teaching staff retirements in the ensuing years, an administrative decision was taken to close the Godavari Port Primary & High Schools in phased manner initially with 1st and 6th classes and accordingly letters were also sent to the Principal Secretary to Govt. School Education, AP, Amaravathi and to the Local Educational Authorities.

It is also to inform that the Principle Secretary to Government School Education, A.P. stated that, if due to non-filling up of vacant aided post due to the Policy of the Government, an aided school is unable admit new children or continue to provide education to those children who are studying in that school, the Children may without any hindrance be admitted or transferred to the nearby Government or Municipal Schools. Accordingly, admissions for 1st class from 2018-19 were stopped, under intimation to educational authorities vide this office letter dt.15.05.2018 (copy enclosed) and also separate letter was addressed to DEO, Vsp vide this office letter dt.13.09.2019 (copy enclosed) stating the reasons for stopping admissions in 1st class during 2018-19.

Further, it is also to inform that during Aug'19, on the representation of Sri K.K.Raju, Co-ordinator, Visakha North Constituency, YSR Congress Party, the District Educational Officer, Visakhapatnam vide his letter No.DEO/1057/2019-SA(MIEXM), dt.19-08-19 has requested to take-up the admissions in all classes in both Port Primary & High Schools until further orders. But, the DEO was informed vide VPE Society letter No.VPES/79/PGS.1/Sgp/19/115, dt.15.05.2019, that due to the decrease in staff on retirements especially during 2019 itself 3 aided and unaided staff members were retiring from port schools and as on today there are only three unaided teachers working in Port Primary School for 3 classes (i.e. 3, 4, & 5 classes) and out of which one unaided teacher is retiring in 4/2020 besides shortage of teachers in Port High School-1(Godavari) due to retirements and hence, it is to inform that it may not be possible to run the Primary School without sufficient staff as such it is not possible to take the admissions.

This has the approval of the Chairman.

Yours faithfully,


For CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY

13/12/19