GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>A B S T R C T</u>

School Education – RVM(SSA) - Improvement of attendance, health and hygiene of Girls – Supply of Sanitary Napkins to Government Schools & KGBV Schools – Permission to the State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission(SSA), A.P., Hyderabad – Accorded – Orders – Issued

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PE-SSA) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 907

Dated:23.12.2011 Read

From the State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission(SSA), A.P., Hyderabad, Lr. Rc. No. 371/B10/2011, dt. 9.11.2011

<u>O R D E R:-</u>

The State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission(SSA), A.P., Hyderabad, vide reference read above, has stated that in spite of the efforts made under SSA and NPEGEL, about 30% of girls are dropping out before the completion of elementary level of education due to many reasons and one of the major causes of their dropping out from the schools is the attainment of Puberty and lack of awareness on the usage of Sanitary napkins, prevailing social taboos and customs as revealed by many Research Studies.

2. He has further informed that a meeting was held by the Hon'ble Minister for Primary Education and SSA on 29th October 2011 with the Principal Secretary (PE), the State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission(SSA), A.P., Hyderabad, and other concerned Sectoral Officers of State Project Office, and a decision was taken on supply of Sanitary Napkins to the girls to improve the participation of the girls in teaching process by addressing the issues related to their health and hygiene.

3. Finally, the State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission(SSA), A.P., Hyderabad, has submitted the proposal to supply Sanitary Napkins to all the girl students in the State studying in VII & VIII classes in the schools functioning under Govt., Local body, KGBVs, Non-Ashram Schools of Welfare Departments and Madarasas, for a period of (5) months i.e., December 2011 to April 2012 for this current financial year and 10 months i.e., from July to April from the next academic year 2012-13, to improve attendance and health of the girl students, so as to achieve Universal Elementary Education.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal, and to reduce the dropouts and to inculcate health and hygiene habits of the girl students hereby permit the State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission(SSA), A.P., Hyderabad, to procure and supply Sanitary Napkins to girl students in the State studying in VII & VIII classes in the Government Schools and KGBV Schools through open tender system as per para (115) of Manual on Financial Management and Procurement communicated by Ministry of Human Resource Development, GOI, New Delhi, , duly supplying a packet containing 10 pieces to each eligible girl student for a period of (4) months i.e., January 2012 to April 2012 during this current financial year and 10 months i.e., from July to April i.e., the next academic year.

5. Accordingly, a Committee is formed to finalize the issue with the Principal Secretary (PE) as Chairperson, and Secretary (I/c) KGBV, the State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission(SSA), A.P., Hyderabad as Members and the State Child Coordinator as Member-Convener.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHANDANA KHAN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PE).

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The State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission(SSA), A.P., Hyderabad. The Secretary, KGBV Society, AP., Hyderabad. Copy to: The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, GOI, Shastry Bhavan, New Delhi.

P.S. to M(PE&SSA)

P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government

P.S. to the Principal Secretary (PE), School Education Department, A.P., Secretariat SF/SC

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SECTION OFFICER.