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Date : 11 Oct., 2018

To

- 1) Hon'ble Education Minister,  
Secondary, Higher Secondary & Technical  
Education,  
Mumbai  
Maharashtra State

Sir,

**MEMORANDUM**

It is submitted that Khadki Cantonment Board is Statutory Autonomous Body functioning under the administrative control of Directorate General, Defence Estates, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, New Delhi. Cantonment Boards are constituted under the provision of the Cantonments Act, 2006 (Old Act of 1924) which is a Central Act passed by Parliament of India. Further as per Section 10(2) of the said Act, Cantonment Boards are deemed to be a Municipality under clause (e) of article 243-P of the Constitution for the purpose of –

- a) receiving grants and allocations
- b) implementing the Central Government schemes of social welfare, public health, hygiene, safety, water supply, sanitation, urban renewal and **education**.

2. It is mandatory for all Cantonment Boards to provide municipal administration to all the residents of the Cantonment area, including the provisions which include imparting compulsory primary education to the children of the local residents of the Cantonment.

4. Khadki Cantonment Board is running total eight schools under its administration out of which four are Primary Schools & four are High Schools (Five Marathi medium & 2 Urdu Medium). Salary Grant is received from State Government for the three High Schools. Col.Bhagat English Medium School (Co-Ed) was established in the year 2010 following guidelines of "Right to Education Act" as there was huge public demand for an English Medium School for the local civilian children coming from economically weaker section of the society. Col.Bhagat English Medium School has to be got affiliated with State Board.

5. Col.Bhagat English Medium School has reached Class IX in this academic year 2018-19. Presently, the total strength of students of Pre-Primary & Std.I to Std.IX as on date is 767 (Boys 443 & Girls 324) . Khadki Cantonment Board is providing free education to all the students along with free uniforms, shoes & socks, school bags, books, stationery, etc and all facilities and requisite infrastructure as required for the school. The said School is run in an independent building and has all the necessary facilities & infrastructure including a big play-ground. The Board has recently undertaken construction of an additional building for accommodating growing needs.

6. The Board has also provided/engaged required number of well qualified teaching and non-teaching staff to efficiently run the School. As per the policy/decision of the Board, the School mainly caters the children who belong to the poorest section of the society, families belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) category residing in and around Khadki Cantonment.

7. It is requested that the Memorandum be considered and the State Board affiliation be granted to the said School which will benefit the children coming from the financially weaker section of the society in receiving quality education.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
KHADKI CANTT BOARD

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- 1) The Director  
Education Department (Primary & Secondary)  
Zilla Parishad, **PUNE**