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Department of School Education and Literacy

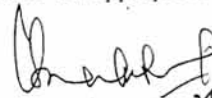
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Subject : Requirement of playgrounds specified under Schedule to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009- reg.

The Ministry has received representation from State Governments and school managements with regard to providing playground in a school, as specified under the norms and standards under Schedule to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. It has been stated that due to paucity of open areas, especially in metropolis, and other big cities, and in crowded localities, etc. there are genuine difficulties in providing playground facility within the school premise.

2 The matter has been examined in the Ministry. The intent of inclusion of playground as an infrastructural requirement of a school is to ensure that children have sufficient open space for sports and other physical activities during school hours. It is not necessary that the school management provides this facility within the school premises. It would be sufficient compliance if school managements make adequate arrangements, in an adjoining playground/municipal park, etc. for children to play outdoor games and other physical activities.

3 The above may be brought to the knowledge of all concerned for appropriate action.


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