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Dated the 9th May, 2023

Respected Ma'am / Sir,

As you are aware that under Samagra Shiksha, financial approvals for many interventions such as ACRs (Additional Class Rooms), Smart Class / ICTs/ Vocational Labs, Science Labs, Toilets/ Drinking Water Facilities/ Ramps and Handrails, Boundary Walls, Solar panels, Art/craft rooms, Vending Machines, Incinerators, Tinkering Labs, Tools/ Equipment/ Furniture, Science Kits/ Math Kits, Strengthening of DIETs/BIETs etc. etc. are given for specific locations/w.r.t. the particular schools, blocks and districts, BRCs or CRCs. However, for varied reasons, States/UTs approach this Department to change the locations of these interventions/ activities.

2. Also that, there are instances where States/UTs involve/engage any third party or organisation for implementation of any programme/intervention/activity sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha in AWP&B which involves financial, legal and other commitments/liabilities.

3. With a view to encourage ease of business and to provide more flexibility for efficient and effective implementation of the Samagra Shiksha Schme, it has been decided that:

i. In case of ineluctable needs, the targeted locations for approved Samagra Siksha interventions can be modified up to 10% of the total allocations by the State/UT without any change in the financial costs. *For Example- If the intervention of 100 Smart Class have been sanctioned to 100 schools, the location of 10 schools may be changed to other schools by States/UTs, subject to the conditions that new schools (Schools in which smart class is now provided) are fulfilling the Samagra Siksha Norms/criteria of sanction of Smart Class.*

Also, the modified locations should not amount to more than 10% of the total financial approval for the given activity as well. **It is noteworthy that the location should be changed only when it is not possible to implement that activity at the approved location.** While changing the location of any interventions, the norms of Samagra Siksha for that particular intervention should be strictly adhered to. Any change in this connection, should be informed to the Department with proper justification and supporting documents.

ii. Further, wherever States/UTs involve/engage a third party or organisation for the implementation of a programme/intervention/activity approved under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme, the complete responsibility for such involvement/engagement of the third party with reference to financial/legal or any other implications will rest with the

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respective State/UT only. Approval of any activity under Samagra Shiksha Scheme for which third party has been engaged by the State/UT does not tantamount to any endorsement (financial/legal and any other) by the Ministry of Education for the involvement/engagement of such third party or organisation.

4. I, therefore, request you to issue suitable directions to the concerned authorities with reference to the issues under reference for timely and effective management/implementation of the Samagra Shiksha Scheme.

with regards,

Yours sincerely,

Amarpreet Duggal
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(Dr. Amarpreet Duggal)

To:

1. The ACS/Principal Secretary/ Secretary, School Education (all the States and UTs).
2. State Project Directors, Samagra Shiksha (all the States and UTs).

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