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Smt. Sheila Dikshit
Chief Minister of Delhi
3, Motilal Nehru Marg
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Subject: Next Steps towards Ensuring Common Admission Schedule

Dear Chief Minister,

We at Centre for Civil Society would like to congratulate you and your government for the latest order of the Directorate of Education (No. F15.DE./ACT/2008/7302-7312 dated 21 December, 2010 issued by Rajesh Somal, Director of Education) concerning the common admissions schedule for pre-primary classes in recognized schools. We believe this will go a long way in making life simpler for parents. However, Centre for Civil Society would like to propose further recommendations to make the process more effective:

1. Currently, schools are allowed deviations from the common schedule if they provide prior intimation to the DOE. This makes it very simple for schools to not follow the common schedule. To ensure that the purpose of the common schedule does not get defeated, no deviations should be allowed. This admission schedule should be on the lines of the Delhi University admissions process.
2. To ensure transparency and accountability, in the rare case where the government feels that an exception should be allowed, it should be mandatory for the schools to take prior approval from the DOE. Further, the DOE should put up the details of every request and the related final decision on its website.

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3. As another measure to promote transparency, all the schools must prepare a merit list consisting of all the selected applicants corresponding to the number of vacancies in each school and the same should be displayed on the website of the DOE as well as that of the school.

4. In case the government feels that it is difficult for the DOE to manage all the information online, CCS would be willing to provide support to the government by uploading all the information on our website: <http://righttoeducation.in>.

We very much hope these recommendations are acted upon urgently so that Delhi is able to set a model for the rest of the country in designing a transparent, accountable and pro-parents school admissions policy.

For the Right to Education of Choice!

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