# EMIL DAV PUBLI SCHOOL, JILLING JAJANG, KEONJHAR, ODISHA

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### **Grievance Redressal Committee:**

The Grievance Redressal Committee comprises of the Principal, senior faculties and a student representative. Any aggrieved student may make an application to the Principal at the Grievance Redressal Cell seeking redressal of grievance. The Grievance Redressal Cell shall receive the complaint and the Committee shall fix a date for hearing the complaint and communicate its decision within ten days of receipt of complaint. The Grievance Redressal Committee shall ensure disposal of every application as speedily as possible, and not later than a month of receipt of the grievance. On the conclusion of proceedings, the Committee shall pass such order, as may be deemed fit to redress the grievance and provide relief as may be desirable to the affected party at issue. In case of false or frivolous complaint, the Committee may take appropriate action against the complainant.

### **Grievance Redressal Cell:**

Sl.No	Members	Designation	Mob. No
1	Mr. Nilakantha Rout	Principal	9439039633
2	Mr. Ananga Swain	PRT	7377078815
3	Mr. Sanjaya Kumar Moharana	PRT	9438287275
4	Mrs. Banhimayee Biswal	TGT	8895600779
5	Mrs. Neetu Bharti	PRT	9439826855
6	Ritikraj Pandey	Student Representative	8280291602

N.B: Grievances may be sent to <a href="mailto:emildav13@gmail.com">emildav13@gmail.com</a> or write to EMIL DAV Public School, Jilling, Jajang. Dist: Keonjhar, Odisha

#### GUIDELINES FOR GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE

- 1. **Objective**: To provide a mechanism to students of the school to raise their grievances and to provide redressal for the same so that they have smooth tenure at the school from the day of admission till they leave school.
- 2. **Definition**: "**Aggrieved student**" means a student who has any complaint in the matters concerned with the grievances defined under these guidelines, and includes a person seeking admission to the school.
- 3. "Grievances": Grievances include the following complaints of the aggrieved students, namely:
- i) Making admission contrary to merit determined in accordance with the declared admission policy of the school;
- ii) Demand of money in excess of that specified in the declared admission policy or approved by the competent authority to be charged by the school.
- iii) Breach of the policy for reservation in admission as may be applicable
- iv) Complaints, of alleged discrimination of students, from the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Women, Minority or Disabled categories;
- v) Non payment or delay in payment of scholarships to any student that the school is committed.
- vi) Delay in conduct of examinations or declaration of results beyond that specified in the academic calendar;
- vii) Non provision of student amenities as may have been promised or required to be provided by the school;
- viii) Denial of quality education as promised at the time of admission or required to be provided;
- ix) Non transparent or unfair evaluation practices;
- x) Harassment and victimisation of students, including sexual harassment;

Principal

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#### **Members of Sexual Harassment Committee:**

The present members of the complaints committee to deal with the complaints of sexual harassment in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the supreme court of India relating to sexual harassment of women workers at work places and students are as follows:

#### **Sexual Harassment Committee:**

S.N	Name	Designation	Mob. No
1.	Mrs. Gita Kumari	Convenor	8895061334
2.	Mrs. Jayanti Parida	Teacher	9439163959
3.	Mr. Prasana Kumar Pradhan	PRT (Eng)	9437598156
4.	Mr. Surendra Pradhan	PRT (Maths)	9861366827
5.	Debasmita Mahanta	Student Representative	9437652025

### **Committee Against Sexual Harassment**

With regard to the Supreme Court Judgment and guidelines issued in 1997 to provide for the effective enforcement of the basic human right of gender equality and guarantee against sexual harassment and abuse, more particularly against sexual harassment at work places, the CBSE has issued circulars to all the institutions, advising them to establish a permanent cell and a committee and to develop guidelines to combat sexual harassment, violence against women. It has further advised the institutions to be proactive by developing a conducive atmosphere in the campus, where the status of woman is respected and they are treated with.

## **Objective:**

The objectives of the Committee are:

- Prevent discrimination and sexual harassment against women, by promoting gender amity among students and employees;
- Deal with cases of discrimination and sexual harassment against women, in a time bound manner, aiming at ensuring support services to the victimized and termination of the harassment;
- Recommend appropriate punitive action against the guilty to the Principal.

### **Procedure for Approaching Committee:**

The Committee deals with issues relating to sexual harassment at the EMIL DAV Public School. It is applicable to all students, staff and faculty. A complaint of discrimination or sexual harassment may be lodged by the victim or a third party. A written complaint may be addressed to the Convener of the Committee. If the complaint is made to any of the Committee members, they may forward it to the Convener of the Committee Against Sexual Harassment. Here it should be noted that according to the Supreme Court guideline Sexual harassment can be defined as "unwelcome" sexually determined behaviour (whether directly or by implication) as:

- Physical contact and advances
- Demand or request for sexual favours
- Sexually coloured remarks
- Showing derogatory picture
- Other unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature.

### The following is also sexual harassment and is covered by the committee:

- Eve-teasing,
- Unsavoury remarks,
- Jokes causing or likely to cause awkwardness or embarrassment,
- Innuendos and taunts,
- Gender based insults or sexist remarks,
- Touching or brushing against any part of the body and the like,
- Displaying offensive or derogatory pictures, cartoons, pamphlets or sayings,
- Forcible physical touch or molestation and
- Physical confinement against one's will and any other act likely to violate one's privacy.

# Procedure for dealing with complaints:

# 1. Filing of a complaint:

If any associate believes that she/he has been subjected to sexual harassment, such person may file a complaint with any member of the committee.

The committee member on receiving a complaint will intimate the committee convenor. The committee convenor would arrange for a meeting within a week of receipt of the complaint for discussing the complaint raised.

Complaints must be brought within 30 working days of the incident of sexual harassment. Complaints brought after that time period will not be pursued

except some extraordinary circumstances. The determination of whether the complaint was timely or whether extraordinary circumstances exist to extend the complaint period must be made in conjunction with the legal team.

Every attempt will be made to get the complainant to provide the complaint in writing. The complaint shall include the circumstances giving rise to the complaint, the dates of the alleged occurrences and names of witnesses, if any. The complaint shall be signed by the complainant.

## 2. Process of Enquiry:

- The committee will ask the complainant to prepare a detailed statement of incidents/ allegations. The statement of allegation will be shared with the accused.
- The accused will be asked to prepare a response to the statement of allegations and submit to the committee within the given time.
- The statement and other evidence obtained in the inquiry process will be considered confidential.
- The committee will organize verbal hearings with the complainant and the accused.
- The committee will take testimonies of other relevant persons and review the evidence if necessary. The committee should ensure that sufficient care is taken to avoid any retaliation against the witnesses.
- During the enquiry process, the complainant and the accused would be expected to refrain from any form of threat, intimidation or influencing of witnesses.
- The committee will arrive at a decision after carefully and fairly reviewing the circumstances, evidences and relevant statements.
- The committee will ensure confidentiality during the inquiry process and will ensure that in the course of investigation a complaint:
  - (i) Both parties will be given reasonable opportunity to be heard along with witnesses and to produce any other relevant documents.
  - (ii) Upon completion of the investigation, both parties will be informed of the results of the investigation.

The committee will be empowered to do all things necessary to ensure a fair hearing of the complaint including all things necessary to ensure that victims or witnesses are neither victimized nor discriminated against while dealing with a complaint of sexual harassment.

In this regard the committee will also have the discretion to make appropriate interim recommendations in relation to an accused person depending the outcome of a complaint including suspension, transfer, leave, change of work location etc.

- The investigation into a complaint will be conducted in such a way as to maintain confidentiality to the extent practicable under the circumstances.
- The committee will investigate and prepare an enquiry report with recommendation within 4 weeks of the complaint being filed

#### 3. Decision and Action:

Once the investigation is completed, a determination will be made regarding the validity of the harassment allegation. If it is determined that harassment has occurred; prompt, remedial action will be taken. The committee will share the investigation details and the findings and agree on the applicable disciplinary action. This may include some or all of the following

- (i) Restore any lost terms, conditions or benefits of employment to the complainant.
- (ii) Committee will take appropriate disciplinary action, up to, including termination against the accused. All related documents will be maintained in the associate's folder, ensuring confidentiality.

This anti sexual harassment policy shall not, however, be used to raise malicious complaints. If a complaint has been made in bad faith, as demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence, disciplinary action which may include, termination will be taken against the person raising the complaint.

### 1. Policy Implementation and Review:

The policy will be implemented and reviewed by the committee. The school reserves the right to amend, abrogate, modify, rescind / reinstate the entire policy or any part of it at any time.

Principal