Re: Meeting with the Parents dated 1st April 2016 and the representation submitted by some of the guardians.

Sir/Madam,

The point wise replies to the issue raised are as under:

 ISSUE No. 1 [Commitment of definite time frame as to when the school infrastructure [building and other facilities] would come into being [start of construction and end of construction]. This should be clearly reflected in reply notice / Website and at the construction site]:

From the very beginning since the inception of the school in 2010, the Usha Martin School was in the process of acquiring a suitable piece of land for shifting the School building from the present rented campus. For this a suitable piece of land measuring a little more than 2 acres in District Howrah, Mouja Joypur Bill, P.S. Lilua was purchased in 2012. The mutation process of this plot of land was completed by May 2013. The application for conversion of the nature of the land from agricultural i.e. “shali” to “bastu” was filed with the Bally Jogachha BL&LR office in the month of May 2013 itself. However, the conversion of the land from “shali” to “bastu” was stopped by ADM & LR office, Howrah, as a PIL (WP No.461 of 2013) was filed by a consortium of NGOs with the Hon’ble Kolkata High Court alleging that the total area is an undisclosed wetland. The ADM & LR office had intimated that the conversion of the land can be done once the clearance is given by the High Power Committee formed by Hon’ble High Court of Kolkata. The school pursued the matter with High Power Committee and the Committee confirmed that the Joypur Bill Mouja, where the plot for school is situated is not under their study for wetland. On the basis of this report finally ADM& LR office, Howrah finally converted the plot of land from Shali to Bastu for school purpose vide ADM & LR office, Howrah letter No. Conv.67/Bally- 13/3824/LR dated 30.10.2014.

Thereafter, the school Trust got the building plan sanctioned from the Zila Parishad, Howrah, vide their letter No. 135/032/HZP/EP dated 16.06.2015. Still the approval for the Electricity connection, water connection and permission to construct culvert on the adjacent canal / rain water drain is pending with the concerned authorities. Apart, from this the issue of bank loan for the construction is also to be sanctioned by the bank where application has already been made for the same.

Thus it is explicable that since the purchase of the said land, several legal hurdles had cropped up and the management has been successful in overcoming most of such hurdles, with great effort and sincerity. As of date, without the above said clearances, it is not possible to start the construction work of the new school building. As the elections in the State of West Bengal are ensuing, we understand that no work/service would be possible to be obtained from the Government Departments before the end of May, 2016. As we have no idea as to when the three/four factors mentioned supra, would be sorted out, it is almost impossible for the management to specify any date or time frame as to when the construction work shall commence and/or be finished.
ISSUE No. 2 (Time as to when the school would receive its CBSE affiliation):

This issue is directly connected with the Issue No. 1 and as such, it is not possible for the management to specifically state or provide any time frame within which the affiliation would be obtained from the CBSE Board.

ISSUE No. 3 (Steps that would be taken if the dead line fails, regarding admission in other schools and refund/ payment of admission fee):

The management has been running the school and shall make all endeavours to run the school for the betterment and the larger interest of the students. On several earlier occasions the management has given offer of reimbursement of admission fees for those students who opted to shift to other schools of their choice, within the options provided by the Usha Martin School management and such reimbursement has also been done by the management. As done in the previous session, even in the current session all the student of Class VIII who are shifting to some other school in the vicinity of Howrah District for taking admission in Class IX, the management is reimbursing such admission fees.

Kindly note that such offer is not be available to the students of other classes as of date.

ISSUE No. 4 (Admission to remain suspended till a definite reply is received / Admission to continue sans readmission fee [Tuition fee to be paid] without penalty):

It is not possible for the management to accept any admission/readmission without the requisite fees. It is also not possible for the management to suspend such admission/readmission as has been requested in the said representation. However the admission/readmission shall be allowed without charging any penalty till 11th April 2016 as a special case.

ISSUE No. 5 (Guardians to aid/facilitate problems faced by the school regarding construction [Electricity & water connection] if needed):

The guardians who are willing to facilitate and/or assist the school authorities regarding any of the issues mentioned supra utilising their own contacts, are requested to provide their names with the respective phone numbers to the principal of Usha Martin School, Dankuni so that the management can contact them and seek necessary assistance as and when required.

ISSUE No. 6 (Monthly official update of status of progress of construction of the school building in the website and of other issues, Parents to be informed regarding progress SMS / Mail):

As and when the construction starts the necessary updates shall definitely be posted in the website of the school.
ISSUE No. 7 (School to run as usual from 05th April 2016 till the issues are addressed properly):

The school shall run as usual from 6th April, 2016 with those students who have already taken admission and those who shall take admission/redmission within 11th April 2016, by depositing the requisite fees. There cannot be any relaxation regarding payment/deposit of readmission fees at all after 11th April, 2016 and the prevailing rules of the School shall apply to the defaulting students.

We appreciate the anxiety of the guardians of the students of our School and will do our best to mitigate / resolve the issues.

With regards

Principal
Usha Martin School, Dankuni

Dated: April 05, 2016