



Department of School & Mass Education Government of Orissa

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From
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Commissioner-cum-Secretary

To
The Commissioner-cum-Secretary,
Women & Child Development Department
Govt. of Orissa

Sub : ORISSA CHILD CENSUS 2005



Sir,

The SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan) envisages Universal enrolment, Universal retention and Quality Education for eight years of elementary education. Despite our best efforts, we have not been able to bring every child to the school. "Hard to Reach" Children continue to be out of the school system. Till date we do not have a comprehensive village wise list for these children. Secondly, the children who would enter the school at 5+ need to be targeted much before the next academic session begins. Thirdly, there is this problem of duplication of enrolment in various institutions. To have a comprehensive data base of children from 0-14 years, we have planned to conduct a child census, this year, from 1st-10th October 2005.

The "ORISSA CHILD CENSUS 2005" will cover each & every household of the state. A database of all the children of 0-14years, with their name, age, sex, caste, educational status and the reasons for out of school will be built up by the end of October 2005, using the ICR technology. This database will also be extremely useful for the interventions of your department. It will also be useful for tracking each and every child at any stage. We require the cooperation of your department for the above exercise. We need the assistance of your field staff, i.e. the DSWO, CDPO & AW Supervisors for supervision. The AW Workers will be part of the team that will conduct the census.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly send necessary orders to your field staff. I am also directing my DPCs/DIs to contact your DSWO/ CDPOs in this regard.

Yours faithfully,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary