

Annexure 1 – Role play Scripts

There is no need to practice together, every group comes and play their part. It is 1-2 dialogues per role.

Narrator (Office Bearer 1): – In this roleplay scenario – school management committee, School HMs, Teachers, Panchayat representative, Parents, school staff are expressing their concerns regarding the Lajpat Nagar government school’s renovation plan. The renovation will take 7 months. Considering possible delays and school readiness checks, 9 months of time for renovation is taken so for entire one academic year school functioning will be impacted for Grade 6-8.

School Management shared a circular to all parents, teachers, staff before taking this decision to get their reactions.

Group 1 – Teachers' group - Two characters

Narrator – (Office Bearer 1): Teachers are discussing their views in staff room.

Teacher 1: While this move to Madhukar school will increase my travel time, it is good they are willing to help and provide us their school space in afternoon shift. Safety of students is crucial.

Teacher 2: While safety is most important, but how will children travel further 2 kms from here. This will lead to increase in absent rates for students.

Teacher 1: This can lead to an increase in dropouts from our school. How will we ensure good results if drop out rate and absenteeism increase with this new shift.

Teacher 2: We will have to find some way to make sure everyone attends the school. Let’s talk to the School Management Committee.

(Note – If the teacher wants to give opportunity to more students, it can be four teachers with one dialogue each)

Group 2- Family and Parents - 3 characters

Narrator – (Office Bearer 2): Some of the family members are discussing their view outside the school gate.

Grandmother of a student: Daily Walk to school will be difficult with new location. I hope the school is thinking of arranging transport. As we will not be able to pay for bus service or public transport.

Father of one student: Also, more time will be spent travelling to school and school timings will also change. My wife and I, both are working, how will we manage this new timing is also concern. This will be very inconvenient.

Mother of another student: It will be inconvenient, but school is thinking about our children's safety, so we support them. Let's talk to the School Management Committee. Hope they will find some convenient way for all of us.

Group 3 – Support staff - 3 characters

Narrator – (Office Bearer 1): School administrative staff is discussing renovation in their room.

Peon – I hear every other person talking about the upcoming renovations. My concern is whether this will be over in this given time. Also, how will my work be divided with the other peons there. I might need to work in both schools and extra time will go.

Administrative Staff – Whatever is decided by school, it's all for children's future, but what about us. How will we manage afternoon shift there and also travel costs? Money for this will need to be allocated, will it be partly from parents, or school will bear it, etc. All these decisions will need to be discussed.

Midday meal preparation Staff – What about us? We will also need to take meals to other school, will we need to supply them in both places? How will we carry all the things required from here to there? Let's talk to the School Management Committee.

Narrator(Office Bearer 2) - All members raised their concerns to the school management and school management decided to call everyone for one meeting to satisfy their queries. Panchayat members were also called to answer some legal questions, if any

Group 4: 5 characters

Lajpat Nagar School HM – As informed to all of you, our school requires major repair as the building's foundation is in poor condition. Earlier we didn't have money for it, but now money is allocated to fix Grade 6-8 building. We are here to discuss the renovation process as per the approval by local authorities (Panchayat). We understand the concerns raised by each one of you and discuss the same today. Let us hear all one by one to find out solutions.

Panchayat representative – We have got permission for allocating building funds for renovation work to Lajpat Nagar school and approved the same to be allocated to school in next 15 days. You need to decide, for one academic year, where the school staff and students for Grade 6-8 students will shift? We suggested option of Madhukar school as it is not more than 3 Kms from your school.

Madhukar School HM – We have received the circular about this development from the Panchayat office and school committee, and we are willing to support it. Due to space limitations, we can't accommodate your students in morning time when our school runs, but we can offer you school premises in afternoon shift. According to Section 22 of the RTE (Right to Education), the School

Management Committee must prepare a School Development Plan (SDP), and as per this renovation is of importance given the safety concerns.

SMC Parent representative - Since Madhukar School is extending support, we parents will support the renovation work by shifting our children to that school, but we would request school to provide bus facility for these days and teachers should accompany them during travel for their safety. We will pick and drop them till Lajpat Nagar school.

School admin staff – Yes, we agree, and we will accompany children in the school time pick and drop. We should also request more fund to Panchayat for school bus facility.

Lajpat Nagar School HM – Great to have all your support. We decided that Mid-day meal will be provided in Madhukar school for these children, so no need to send the meal from here. Let us go ahead with the plan for safety of our children and ensure their education.

