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After the implementation of the Right to Education Act, 2009, the parents' associations of the schools were replaced by the management committees, the general bodies representing the stakeholders of the schools having members of the local self-government, elected representatives of the parents as well as teachers.

However, the committees are lying defunct in almost all the schools. The MHRD has directed UT to incentivise the nominated parents for attending the committee meetings regularly, besides uploading reports of these meetings on the portal provided by the MHRD. A mobile application is also being developed by the ministry for the schools to upload the reports.

The matter was discussed in the project approval board meeting held in May 2019, the minutes of which were released recently.

The minutes read, "Four quarterly meetings of the committees will be held in a year on the dates to be notified by the UT."

MHRD stresses on the committees because they help schools in "self-evaluation by internal and external agencies, which gives them a chance to assess the exact position of their infrastructure, classroom teaching-learning process, learning level of students and so on."

THEY SAY

A principal of a government school, on the condition of anonymity, said, "The committees in most of the schools are non-functional. The handful of schools having the committees hardly hold any meeting."

Raj Kamal Sandhu, parent of a government school student, added, "There is a difference between parent-teacher meeting and a parents' association. In schools, the parent-teacher meeting is held but there is no democratic representation of parents and their concerns."

District education officer Anujit Kaur said she was unable to comment on the matter.