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# **Work an Hour (WAH) Proposal - 2008**

## **Jeevan Sadhana Vidya Niketan**

### **Shanti Sadhana Ashram**

#### **Guwahati, Assam, India**

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# 1. Project Summary

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ASHA-Irvine is nominating Jeevan Sadhana Vidya Niketan (JSVN) project by Shanti Sadhana Ashram for Work an Hour (WAH) 2008 program. The proposed project for WAH 2008 focuses on the construction of two school buildings located in rural Assam. These two schools are located in villages, Uloni and Dikchak, in the district of Kamrup, Assam. The nearest city is Guwahati, the capital of Assam. The school at Uloni was destroyed during the Monsoon in 2006 and the second school at Dikchak needs much needed repair on account of damages due to termites and other natural causes.

Partha Bora from Asha Irvine visited five villages in Kamrup district of Assam in March 2007. A copy of the site visit report is provided in Appendix A. Asha Irvine has been working in collaboration with Asha Detroit on this project for the last one year and Asha Detroit has been funding this project for the last seven years.

Shanti Sadhana Ashram (SSA) runs six schools and each school caters to the children from at least three to four near by villages. These schools follow the system of non-formal education for the children of ages 2 to 12 years. The National Literacy Mission, Govt. of India, recognized the Ashram's contributions to this literacy movement by giving the National Award on Literacy to its Secretary Mr. Hembhai in 1997.

The following sections provide a brief summary of the proposed project, checklist for WAH proposal requirements, background on the proposed project, and information on Asha-Irvine (current steward of this project). In addition, detailed project budget is discussed and some photographs indicating the current status of the school are enclosed.

## 1.1 WAH Proposal Requirements

WAH Requirements	Details
1) FCRA (Y/N)	Yes
2) Registration Number (Y/N):	Yes (020780023) (Date Registration: 04-06-1986)
3) Tax Exemption Certificate Number (Y/N):	Will be provided
4) Exemption End Date	Will be provided
5) Funding Need (1-3)	(3) Very urgent, chapter can't fund on its own
6) Project Eligibility:	a) This proposed project is part of the overall Shanti Sadhana Ashram project, which Asha Detroit and Asha Seattle has been funding since 2001. In addition, Asha Irvine has also started funding this project since March 2007 for construction of new school buildings.

WAH Requirements	Details
	<p>b) This project was not funded in WAH 2006 or WAH 2007</p> <p>c) This project has been reviewed and approved for funding once in March 2007 and February 2008 of this year.</p> <p>d) This is the only project from Asha Irvine that is being submitted for WAH 2008</p> <p>e) This project (construction of school buildings) is located in tribal areas of Kamrup District of Assam.</p> <p>(f) Asha Detroit has been funding Shanti Sadhana Ashram for the past seven years. Shalini Siddhanati was one of the project stewards at Detroit and then she moved to Irvine and has been part of Asha Irvine. Partha Bora from Asha Irvine worked with Asha Detroit and visited them in March 2007. Asha Irvine released funds to Shanti Sadhana Ashram last year.</p>

## 1.2 Organization Description

### 1.2.1 Organization Details

Name of Project	Jeevan Sadhana Vidya Niketan (JSVN) Funding for construction of two schools at Village Uloni and Dikchak in Kamrup District of Assam (see Appendix B for school Photos)
Name of Organization Requesting Funds	Shanti Sadhana Assam (SSA)
Organization Contact Person	Mr. Hembhai Secretary
Organization Contact Person (Optional)	Mr. Hemanta Baruah Project Coordinator
Address	Shanti Sadhana Ashram, Shantivan P.O. Basistha, Guwahati-29 Assam, India
Phone	91-361-2305887/91-91-98541-41203
Email	santisadhan AT yahoo DOT com
Website	<a href="http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=268">http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=268</a>
When was the Organization Established	1989
FCRA Clearance	Yes

Any Religious Affiliation	No
Current and Previous Sponsors of this Organization	CRY (Child Rights and You) Asha (various chapters – see below)
Current and Previous Asha Chapters Funding this Organization	Asha-Detroit Asha-Seattle Asha-Irvine

## 1.2.2 Background

The Shanti Sadhana Ashram (SSA) is located on the outskirts of Guwahati city in Assam. It runs six schools in and around the city of Guwahati for kids from poor socio economic backgrounds. Each school caters to the children from at least 3-4 nearby villages. These schools follow the system of non-formal education for the children of ages 2 to 12 years. The classes fall into 3 categories; Pre-primary, Primary and Upper Primary.

The schools run by SSA are Non Formal Education (NFE) centers that are typically created for children who are unable to attend an entire day of school. Often these centers serve as a stepping stone to more formal education. NFEs are, as their name implies allow non-formal enrollment. Children can join irrespective of their age. Some NFEs tend to be non-formal in content. They can follow varying curriculums. There are bridge schools that offer several years of curriculum in a condensed manner to help the children join a formal education system. Other schools try to get the children comfortable with a subset of the curriculum such as language and basic math and sciences in an attempt to encourage the children to learn further.

## 1.2.3 Purpose and Goals

To make all the children in tribal villages go to government schools after attending the pre-primary level of study through non-formal education.

## 1.2.4 Mission/Aims of the Organization

SSA is one of the pioneer organizations in championing the cause of literacy in the backward districts of Assam, which it started as a "Literacy As a Movement of the People (LAMP)" in 1989. The National Literacy Mission, Govt. of India, recognized the Ashram's contributions to this literacy movement by giving the National Award on Literacy to its Secretary Mr. Hembhai in 1997. Since the beginning of the literacy movement the Ashram had an ardent desire to start some innovative schools for deprived children scattered in the remote areas of many districts.

## 1.2.5 Key Personnel and their Background

Key Personnel Name	Background
Mr. Hem Dutta (Hembhai)	Secretary and founder of Shanti Sadhana Ashram. In the peak period of Assam agitation on foreigners issue, in 1980 Acharya Vinoba Bhave sent a team of his <i>Ashramites</i> to Assam from his Ashram in Pauniar, Wardha, Maharashtra to work for promotion of peace, harmony, amity and brotherhood among different religious, linguistic and ethnic groups of people. A group of young men from Vinobaji's Asram, after studying the situation started three long <i>Padayatras</i> (foot marches) throughout

	<p>the length and breadth of Assam. The <i>Yatras</i> after covering a distance 1800 kilometers finally culminated in Indo-Bangladesh border area, holding twenty peace camps and numerous peace meetings to check infiltration by peaceful means.</p> <p>In the course of this long march, and around the sites where peace camps were held, it was strongly felt that without socio economic development this will be a distant dream, which would never be realized. In the meantime, another important development took place simultaneously, that a group of youths joined the <i>Padayatras</i> and dedicated themselves as lifelong missionaries of peace. Their youthful zeal, however, needed a direction and training and thus in 1982 SHANTI SADHANA ASHRAM came into being.</p> <p>Since then, SHANTI SADHANA ASHRAM has been offering its services in the field of health, education, training, and income generation on the one hand, and peace, harmony, human understanding, national integration and equal respect for all religions and diverse Indian culture and civilization on the other. It has now ten branches spread all over Assam.</p>
Mr. Hemanta Baruah	Project Coordinator and operations manager for the schools run by Shanti Sadhana Ashram.

### 1.2.6 Current Activities Undertaken by the Organization

- Jeevan Sadhana Vidya Niketan: Maintenance of 8 innovative schools in Kamrup and Lakhimpur districts.
- Established 2 libraries for school children in collaboration with Bharti Tele ventures.
- Targeted Intervention of HIV/ AIDs and CSWs in migrant laborers (1000) from Sivasagar district of Assam.
- Provided training on weaving, handicrafts and food processing/ preservation to nearly two thousand beneficiaries in the districts of Sivasagar, Jorhat, Lakhimpur and Kamrup.
- With the support of Social welfare board arranged an Awareness generation Project camp for 30 women representatives of various organizations.

## 2. WAH Project Proposal

The following provides a background on the proposed project:

Information Category	Details
State/Territory	Assam
Location	Rural
Provide a brief description of the project activity to be funded by WAH 2008	The funding would provide cost for building two schools located at Village Uloni and Dikchak in Kamrup District Assam (detailed proposal budget is provided in Appendix B).
Previously funded through Work An Hour? (Specify all years that apply)	None
Community literacy rate	Less than 20%
Describe the socio-economic background of the community.	Schools are in villages inhabited by tribal community (Karbi Anglong). These communities are below poverty line. Most of the livelihood is through daily wage earners working as day laborers or tea gardens.
Type of Education Provided	<b>Pre-primary:</b> Activities related to physical, mental & social developments have been conducted by using learning materials available from easy or local resource. Specifically, the focus is on body parts movement, sensorial development, object identification, color identification, vocabulary development, number counting etc. etc. for the children below 4½ yrs. and number, letter writing practices for the children of 4½ years above.
If the project runs schools, please list the school name(s) and locations (if applicable)	The SSA runs other schools in two districts of Assam (Kamrup and Lakhimpur). They run a total of 6 schools in Kamrup and 2 in Lakhimpur.
Who Own These Schools?	SSA
Are there any admission criteria? Have students been turned away? If so, why?	No
Total number of students *	Uloni – 44 Dikchak - 22
Number of part-time students	None
Total number of teachers	Uloni – 2 Dikchak - 2
Number of part-time teachers	None
Number of staff *	None
Admission fees?	None
Age group of children	3 – 5 years

Information Category	Details
Average distance children travel to school:	2 – 3 KM
<p>Does the School have the following?</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Building</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Toilets</p> <p style="padding-left: 50px;">Chairs and Table</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Playground</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Toys</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Blackboard</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Library</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Computer</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Electricity</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Drinking water</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Some</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>
What other benefits does the project provide to the children (ex. health care, food, clothing etc?)	None
How many children have gone through the project in the last 5 years, and what are they currently doing? Please tell us about their future education and employment possibilities.	Children from these schools go to the local elementary school once they graduate.
Does the project help the students with their future after they pass out? Describe how, if yes	None identified so far
Do the students who have passed out come back to help the group and/or students?	Not indicated
List other schools in the area, including government schools, and the range of classes they offer?	Local elementary and primary schools in the surrounding villages.
If there are government schools nearby, are these students attending them? If not, why?	None (areas are too remote)
Is there parents' involvement in running the school? If so, how?	None
Is there a government involvement in the project? If yes, explain how	None

### 3. Project Budget

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This section provides a brief overview of the project budget. The original budget as submitted by SSA is provided in Appendix C. This estimate is for building two schools (including an office and urinal) with the following dimensions:

- Size of school building 14 ft x 24 ft = 336 sq. ft  
Veranda 7 ft x 24 ft = 168 ft  
Total square footage = 504 sq ft.
- Size of Urinal (UNICEF Model) 7 ft x 4 ft = 28 sq ft
- Size of Office Building 9 ft x 10 ft = 90 sq ft

Project Cost Detail		No. of Units	Total Cost (\$)*
<b>School Building</b>			
	Raw Materials	2	5,372.65
<b>Urinal</b>			
	Raw Materials	2	420.00
<b>School Building and Urinal</b>			
	Labor	2	1,725.00
	Misc	2	200.00
<b>Office Building</b>			
	Raw Materials	2	906.85
	Labor	2	195.50
	Misc	2	75.00
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>8,895</b>

**Note:**

Assumed \$1 = Rs. 40

Asha-Irvine has allocated \$2,000 last year for this project and has approved an additional amount of \$2,000 for this year.

# Appendix A

## Site Visit Report (March 2007)

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## Appendix B

# Photographs (Uloni and Dikchak School)

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**Photo 1:** Uloni Pre-Primary School – Children at a temporary house that is being used as a school. School building was destroyed during the monsoons.



**Photo 2:** Uloni Pre-Primary School – Children at a temporary house that is being used as a school. School building was destroyed during the monsoons.



**Photo 3:**Dikchak Pre-Primary School – Current building is in urgent need of repair or replacement



**Photo 4:** Dikchak Pre-Primary School – View of the inside of the school building

# Appendix C

## Proposed Construction Budget

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**Revised Estimated Cost for Construction of School Buildings**  
**Jeevan Sadhana Vidya Niketan (JSVN)**  
**Shanti Sadhana Ashram**  
**Shantivan, P.O. Basistha, Guwahati-29, Assam, India**

A. The estimated cost for construction of 2(two) school buildings of size 14 ft. x 24 ft. = 336 sq. ft. with 7 ft. x 24 ft. = 168 sq. ft veranda i.e. (336+168) = 504 sq. ft. is envisaged as follows:

**1. Estimated cost of Raw-materials for concrete foundation & full-wall construction:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Quantity	Rate	Amount
1.	Bricks (No- 1)- for foundation & walls	8000 nos.	3500.00/ 1000 nos.	28000.00
2.	Bricks (Ordinary)- for floor	1 truck	4000/- per truck	4000.00
3.	Steel Rod (10 mm)	125 kg.	30.00 per kg.	3750.00
	Steel Rod (8 mm)	60 kg.	30.00 per kg.	1800.00
	Steel Coil (6 mm)	35 kg.	40.00 per kg.	1400.00
4.	Cement (Good Quality)	70 bags	280.00 per bag	19600.00
5.	Chips ½ "	5 cm <sup>3</sup>	1000.00 per cm	5000.00
6.	Sand	4 truck	3500.00 per truck	14000.00
7.	Accessories (Lock, bolts, nail, black wire, black oil, rope. GCI sheet Screw etc.)	-	-	3000.00
8.	G.C.I Sheet – 10 ft. size (Good Quality)	26 pcs.	250.00 per pc.	6500.00
	G.C.I Sheet – 8 ft. size	13 pcs.	250.00 per pc.	3250.00
9.	Raging – 8 ft. size	4 pcs.	150.00 per pc.	600.00
10.	Concrete Ventilation	10 pcs.	130.00 per pc.	1300.00
<b>Total Rs.</b>				<b>92200.00</b>

**2. Estimated cost for Timbers for Building Roof, Doors and Windows:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Quantity	Rate	Amount
1.	Timbers for building roof	26.5 cft.	250.00 per cft.	6625.00
2.	Timbers for veranda roof	12.9 cft.	250.00 per cft.	3225.00
3.	Timbers for Doors & Windows	28.51 cft.	250.00 per cft.	7128.00
4.	Miscellaneous- Locks, Screw, L-drop, Kobja etc.	-	-	1500.00
<b>Sub- Total Rs.</b>				<b>18478.00</b>
<b>Less Community Contribution (Cost of Timber for veranda roof)</b>				<b>- 3225.00</b>
<b>Total Rs.</b>				<b>15253.00</b>

Total cost of Raw Materials for one School Building:

Rs. 92200.00+Rs. 15253.00 = Rs. 107453.00

Thus, for 2 (two) school buildings amount comes: Rs. 107453.00 x 2 nos. = **Rs. 214906.00**

**Sub-Total (A) = Rs. 214906.00**

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 Shanti Sadhana Ashram  
 Guwahati - 29

B. The estimated cost for construction of 2(two) Urinal cum Latrine (UNICEF Model) of size 7ft. x 4 ft. = 28 sq. ft. is envisaged as follows:

**1. Estimated cost of Raw-materials for concrete foundation & full-wall construction:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Quantity	Rate	Amount
1.	Bricks (No- 1)- for foundation & walls	2000 nos.	3500.00/ 1000 nos.	7000.00
2.	Steel Rod (10 mm)	40 kg.	30.00 per kg.	1200.00
3.	Cement (Good Quality)	10 bags	280.00 per bag	2800.00
4.	Chips ½ "	½ cm.	500.00 per cm	500.00
5.	Sand	½ Truck	3500.00 per truck	1750.00
6.	Steel Coil	10 kg	30.00 per kg.	300.00
7.	G.C.I. Sheet – 7 ft size	4 pcs.	250.00 per pc.	1000.00
8.	UNICEF Model Pan Plate for Latrine	2 pcs.	150.00 per pc.	300.00
<b>Sub-Total Rs.</b>				<b>14850.00</b>

**2. Estimated cost for Timbers for Roof and Doors:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Quantity	Rate	Amount
1.	Timbers for roof	4.5 cft.	250.00 per cft.	1125.00
2.	Timbers for Doors	6.6 cft.	250.00 per cft.	1650.00
4.	Miscellaneous- Locks, Screw, L-drop, Kobja etc.	-	-	300.00
<b>Sub- Total Rs.</b>				<b>3075.00</b>
<b>Less Community Contribution (Cost of Timber for roof)</b>				<b>- 1125.00</b>
<b>Total Rs.</b>				<b>1950.00</b>

The cost of Raw Materials for construction of 2 (two) Urinal cum Latrine- (One in each School) = Rs. 14850.00 + 1950.00 = Rs. 16800.00

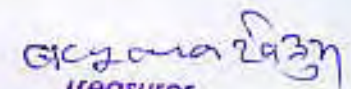
**Sub-Total (B) = Rs. 16800.00**

**C. Labour Charges:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Numbers	Days	Rate	Amount
1.	Mason	2 nos.	60 days	150.00 per day	18000.00
2.	Labour with mason	3 nos.	60 days	80.00 per day	14400.00
3.	Carpenter	1 no.	30 days	150.00 per day	4500.00
4.	Labour with carpenter	2 nos.	30 days	80.00 per day	4800.00
5.	Labour charges for earth filling	4 nos.	7 days	80.00 per day	2240.00
<b>Sub- Total Rs.</b>					<b>43940.00</b>
<b>Less Community Contribution on Labour charges</b>					<b>- 9440.00</b>
(One labour each with Mason and Carpenter and 4 labours in earth filling- Rs. 80/- x 1 no. x 60 days= 4800/- Rs. 80/- x 1 no. x 30 days= 2400/- Rs. 80/- x 4 nos. x 7 days= 2240/- Rs. 9440/-					
<b>Total Rs.</b>					<b>34500.00</b>

Total Labour Charges for two School Buildings = Rs. 34500.00 x 2 = Rs. 69000.00

**Sub-Total (C) = Rs. 69000.00**

  
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 Anil Sadhana Ashram  
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Thus, the total cost of construction comes to:

Sub-Total (A)	=	Rs. 214906.00
Sub-Total (B)	=	Rs. 16800.00
Sub-Total (C)	=	Rs. 69000.00
+ (Add) Misc. (Hike of prices in some items, Contingencies etc. @Rs. 4000/- x 2	=	Rs. 8000.00

**Total Rs. 308706.00**

D. Additional estimated cost for extension of 2(two) Office Room of size 9ft. x 10 ft. = 90 sq. ft. along with the veranda is envisaged as follows:

**Raw Materials for Construction:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Quantity	Rate	Amount
1.	Bricks (No- 1)- for foundation & walls	1500 nos.	3500.00/ 1000 nos.	5250.00
2.	Sand	½ truck	3500.00/truck	1750.00
3.	Cement (Good Quality)	15 bags	280.00/bag	4200.00
4.	Steel Rod - 8 mm	20 kg	30.00/kg	600.00
	Steel Rod - 6 mm	10 kg	40.00/kg	400.00
5.	Chips	4 tins	35.00/tin	140.00
6.	GCI Sheet- 10 ft Size	6 pcs.	250.00/pc.	1500.00
7.	Concrete Ventilation	4 pcs.	130.00/pc.	520.00
8.	Timbers for Door and Windows Panel	5.11 cft.	250.00/cft.	1277.00
9.	Timbers for Door and Windows Board	6 cft.	250.00/cft.	1500.00
10.	Accessories- Lock, Bolt, Nail, Black wire, L- Drop etc.)			1000.00
<b>Total Rs.</b>				<b>18137.00</b>

**Labour Charges:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Numbers	Days	Rate	Amount
1.	Mason	1 no.	10 days	150.00 per day	1500.00
2.	Labour with mason	1 no.	10 days	80.00 per day	800.00
3.	Carpenter	1 no.	7 days	150.00 per day	1050.00
4.	Labour with carpenter	1 no.	7 days	80.00 per day	560.00
<b>Total Rs.</b>					<b>3910.00</b>

Thus, the total cost for extension comes to-

Raw Materials for construction	=	Rs. 18137.00
Labour charges	=	Rs. 3910.00
Misc. (Hike of prices in some items, Contingencies etc.)	=	Rs. 1500.00

Total = Rs. 23547.00

Total cost for extension in 2 (two) school buildings = Rs. 23547.00 x 2 = Rs. 47094.00

**Sub-Total (D) = Rs. 47094.00**

**The Total Grant Required (Grand Total) = Rs. 308706.00 + 47094.00  
= Rs. 355800.00**

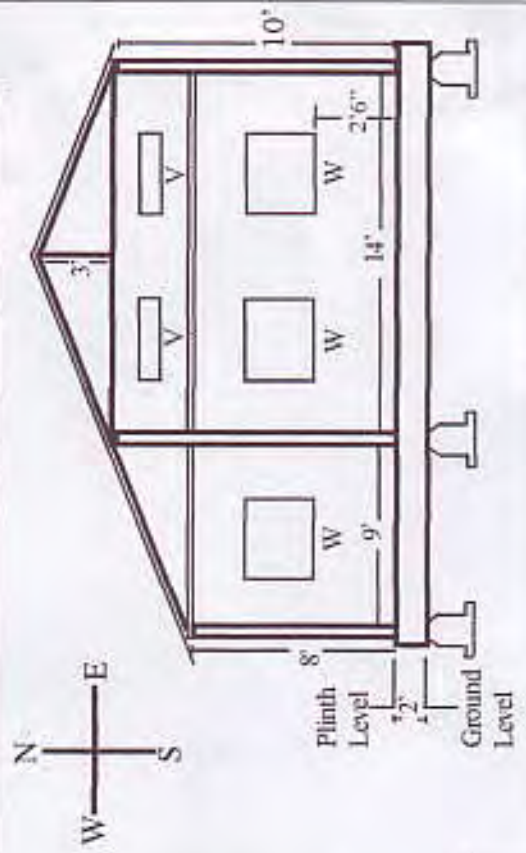
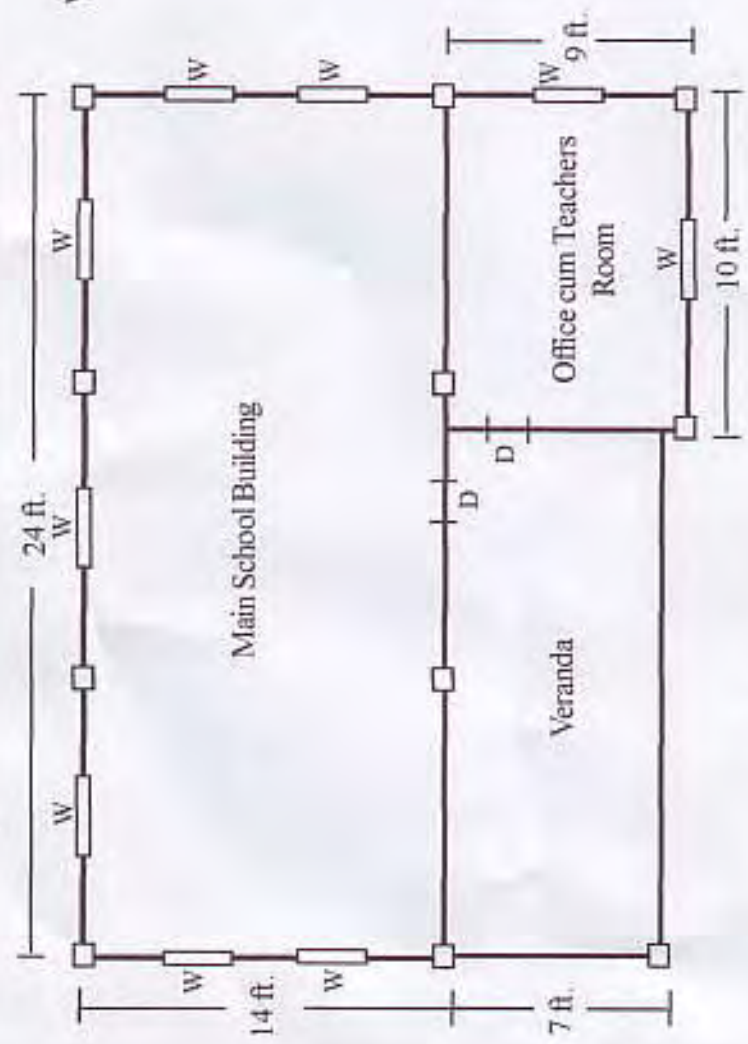
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Treasurer  
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To Guwahati

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To Dibrugarh



**Sketch of the Proposed School Buildings at Dikchak Village and Dharbam Village of Dimoria Development Block, Kamrup District, Assam, India**

Submitted by- **Shanti Sadhana Ashram**  
 Basistha, Guwahati, Assam, India

**Specifications:**

1. Main School Building - 24'x14'
  - Full wall 5 inch brick construction up to Roof Level
2. Office cum Teachers Room - 9'x10'
  - Full wall 5 inch brick construction up to Roof Level
3. Post- 6"x6"x14' - RCC work in 1:2:3 - reinforced with 4 nos. 10 mm MS Rod from Base to Roof Level, 6 mm MS link at 9" intervals and 3/4" cover.
  - Above Ground Level - Height - 6"x6"x12'
  - Below Ground Level - Height - 8"x8"x2'
4. Foundation - 10"x1'6" - brick construction up to Ground Level.
5. Plinth Area - 5"x2' - brick construction above Ground Level.
6. Windows - 4'x3'x9 nos. - with Local Wood
7. Doors - 3'6"x6'6"x2 nos. - with Local Wood



Structure of Post

*Shanti Sadhana Ashram*

Measurer

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