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Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society

(Run by the Department of Education, CTA, Dharamsala)

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CASE HISTORY

Name of child: Tenzin Kunphak
Gender: Male
Mother's Name: Jigmet Kunzom
Mother's Profession: Housewife
Place: Bhandara, Norgyeling
Siblings: Nil

Admission no: 1291
D.O.B: 24/07/2013
Father's Name: Jamyang Tsering
Father Profession: Farmer
Class: V²⁴
School: STS Gothangaon



Life History of the child and the reason for sponsorship:

The 1959 occupation of Tibet was followed by the exodus of about 80,000 Tibetans along with their spiritual leader His Holiness The Dalai Lama to neighboring countries like India and Nepal etc., which is where a large part of the current Tibetan Diaspora exists. For a refugee community on a foreign land, education is of key essence, which is why under the guidance of His Holiness and against all odds, Tibetan schools were established to provide proper education to the children in order to make them self reliant, to serve the Tibetan cause and to preserve the Tibetan culture and identity. The Department of Education (DoE), CTA is the apex body, responsible for administration of Tibetan schools in exile. STS Gothangaon is an exile Tibetan school, which was established in the year 1972 soon after the establishment of Tibetan Norgyeling Settlement. On 16th May 1999, DoE formed an organization, namely; Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society (STSS), responsible for managing the schools which were erstwhile managed by DoE directly. STSS persist on providing a holistic education to the underprivileged children, residing at the remotest area, who are bereft of their basic rights.

Tenzin Kunphak is a farmer's son and lives in a very humble household. His mother is a housewife and his father is the breadwinner of the family. The main source of income for the family is from farming rice. Through rice farming, the family is unable to make the ends meet and it is difficult for the parents to provide for Kunphak despite the earnest urge to do so. In case of rice farming, the most important season comes twice a year and every year, one has to live in doubt and constant fear of whether the harvest will be enough for them to generate an income which in turn will help them procure the basic necessities or not. His parents are concerned about Kunphak's higher studies as the future seems very bleak. His family hopes for him to be able to study, achieve his dreams and enjoy a decent living, without the shackles of financial backwardness holding him down.

Kunphak is a very well-mannered boy who thoroughly enjoys reading books. His favorite color is green and his favorite food is a simple meal of rice and dal. His favorite subject is Tibetan and he has a big dream of becoming a good teacher who will be able to educate and facilitate those in need.

On agreeing to the noble cause of sponsoring a child, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society will keep the kind sponsor duly updated on the life and the progress of the child, twice a year. Your kind help will encourage and enable these underprivileged refugee kids in playing an instrumental role in the development of their community. We, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society, are and will always remain indebted to our altruistic sponsors for their generosity in providing education and a decent living to the Tibetan refugee children.

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