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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 Tsulden **Admission no:** 1304
Gender: Female **D.O.B:** 18/09/2015
Mother's Name: Tenzin Lhamo **Father's Name:** Lobsang Samten
Mother's Profession: Housewife **Father Profession:** Army
Place: Bhandara, Norgyeling **Class:** III'24
Siblings: 1 **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 Tsulden lives in a joint family where her father is the sole breadwinner of the family. Her mother is a housewife and her father is an army in the Special Frontier Force (SFF) which comes under the jurisdiction of the Indian army. Despite doing a life threatening job, he is paid less compared to an actual Indian citizen due to his refugee status. The salary he gets is not sufficient enough for their livelihood and he fears for the future of Tsulden who has high aims. Her family hopes for her to study further and live her dream without the refugee status obstructing her path to a bright future.

Tsulden is a very well-mannered girl who enjoys playing different games when she gets free time. Her favorite subject is Tibetan and her favorite color is red. Her favorite food is momo (Tibetan dumpling). She aspires to become a good doctor one day and wishes to be of service to the people and she is determined to make their life happier.

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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