Own Vehicles for BUDS institutions

The details of BUDS, a major project being implemented by Kudumbashree Mission in convergence with the Local Self Government Institutions of Kerala, extending training to the children who are specially abled was explained in Making An Impact Article-30. The first BUDS institution was opened at Venganoor Panchayath of Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala during 2004. Following that, we were able to open more BUDS institutions in association with Local Self Government Institutions.

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Local Self Government Institutions and BRCs are in 144 Local Self Government Institutions. The Local Self Government Institutions manage the expenses for daily activities of the BUDS institutions, the salary of teaching and non-teaching staffs and other expenses.

The difficulties for travel was one of the main issues faces by the students of the BUDS institutions. Kudumbashree has already taken action to resolve this issue. As the LSGIs were unable to bear the expense for buying vehicles for the BUDS institutions, the vehicles were purchased with Kudumbashree a plan funds and were given to the BUDS institutions during the financial year 2010-11. In the following years, from the plan fund received for Kudumbashree, vehicles were procured and were given to the 22 approved BUDS institutions. 13 vehicles were bought during 2012 and 6 vehicles were bought during 2015. As of now, a total of 52 vehicles were bought and were handed over to the BUDS institutions.

The number of students who take admission to the BUDS institutions is increasing as the years pass by. So, at some BUDS institutions, the need of yet another vehicle arose other than the existing vehicle. And we had to arrange vehicles for the newly started BUDS institutions as well. So we made efforts to make provision to purchase vehicles for those institutions. We obtained government approval for buying vehicles worth Rs 4.5 crores (Rs.15 lakhs for buying one vehicle) for 30 BUDS institutions. Once purchase is completed, we would be able to find a solution to the travelling difficulties of students in the BUDS Schools accredited by the Education Department. We hope that this programme which would focus more to resolve the travelling issues of the specially abled students, would be more helpful for them.