

## PAVANKUMAR

9 year old Pavan Kumar was identified by an ROH field worker as hearing impaired. Pavan's father was a Priest and his mother, a daily wage worker.



He was a neglected child, living in unhygienic conditions, playing at drainages, wearing dirty clothes, and taking bath only occasionally. He had dropped out of school a long time back, as the teachers found him "uninteresting."

The ROH field worker intervened in this condition and counselled the parents. She stressed the importance of cleanliness, personal hygiene, education and other services given by ROH. Pavan was checked up medically and provided with a Medical certificate, and applied for pension. He was trained in hearing aid usage and given an aid on the advice of a doctor. His primary education was resumed. He was admitted into the rehabilitation centre and is now doing well in learning skills of special education for the hearing impaired.

Pavan has learned sign language with the help of the specially trained teachers. His parents feel good for him now, and hope for his bright future.

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