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Department of School Education & Literacy

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To

The Secretaries, In-charge of Secondary Education of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Assam, Bihar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Mizoram, Rajasthan, West Bengal, and Tamil Nadu.

Subject:- Seventh meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) held on 23-24 December, 2010 to consider Annual Plan Proposals 2010-11 of States / UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Assam, Bihar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Mizoram, Rajasthan, West Bengal, and Tamil Nadu.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith minutes of the Seventh meeting of PAB for RMSA held on 23-24th December, 2010 to consider Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2010-11 of the above mentioned States / UTs for information and necessary action.

2. It may also be noted that information / documents **sought at para 14 of the minutes** may be sent to the Ministry immediately to enable us to process release of the grant. While preparing bond / resolution etc., the formats available on the website of the MHRD (www.education.nic.in > Department of School Education & Literacy> Secondary Education>RMSA) may be adhered to.

Yours faithfully,

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5. Director, NCERT, New Delhi
6. Chairman NIOS, Noida



Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 23-24 December 2010 to consider the proposals of State/UT Governments under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)

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Sub: Minutes of the Seventh meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) to consider proposals under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan held on 23-24 December 2010.

The seventh meeting of the Project Approval Board for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan to consider annual plan proposals of Bihar, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Goa, Karnataka, Assam, Mizoram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Kerala, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Tamil Nadu was held on 23-24 December 2010 under the chairpersonship of Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary, School Education and Literacy, Government of India. This was the 3rd meeting held during this year to consider proposals for the current financial year (2010-11) and with this meeting proposals of 25 states/UTs have been considered by PAB. A list of participants is **appended.**

RAJASTHAN

3. Rajasthan

3.1 State Project Director RMSA presented the Annual Plan proposal of the State Government for 2010-11. Salient features of the presentation are:

- The GER for secondary stage at 48.61% is one of the lowest in the country.
- Very low Gender Parity Index (GPI) at 0.57%.
- One of the highest drop out rates at secondary level at 59.88%.
- Very low secondary school density with only 3.81 schools available per 100 sq. kilometer.
- High proportion of population of SC (17.2%) and ST (12.6%) communities.
- Sparsely populated habitation and very low population density (165 persons per sq. kilometer).

3.2 It was informed that data entry under SEMIS has been completed upto 2009-10. The GER as per SEMIS 2009-10 was 57.5% indicating a significant improvement over the figure for 2008-09. The transition rate

from elementary to secondary stage was still quite low at 76%. This was partially due to the board examination conducted at class VIII level.

3.3 PAB was informed that a detailed GIS based school mapping exercise has been completed in the state. Given the low density of the population in the state, the norm for opening a new section has been notified as 20 students in place of the usual RMSA norm of 40 students. While appreciating the need of such lower norm in some areas, PAB advised the State Government to follow differential norm for different districts in the state, as all districts do not have low population density as a rule.

3.4 SPD, RMSA submitted that 1882 schools were upgraded in the state after July 2009 and were made functional from the current academic year. Out of these schools, 668 schools also satisfy the norm of GIS mapping, and he requested for sanction of these schools under RMSA. Secretary (SE&L) observed that since these schools had already started functioning from July 2010, they are in effect existing schools and their ex post facto approval under RMSA as new schools is not possible. Principal Secretary (Education), Government of Rajasthan stated that these schools were announced as part of the Chief Minister's budget announcement, and the approval process in the State Government is such that it was not possible to refer the case to the Government of India before inclusion in CM's budget announcement. SPD, RMSA also submitted that the schools have been started in academic year 2010-11 and their approval is also being solicited under the annual plan for 2010-11. He therefore requested for approval of these 668 schools under RMSA.

3.5 PAB felt that post facto approval of new schools is not in order and this has been the consistent position taken by the PAB. Similar requests from other State Governments (such as Madhya Pradesh, Tripura and Rajasthan last year) have not been accepted. However, maximum possible assistance permissible for strengthening of existing schools can be provided

to these schools. SPD, RMSA stated that the practice in the State is that the upper primary school building is taken over by the secondary school after the upgradation, and the primary section is shifted to a new campus. PAB advised the State Government to send a proposal as part of next year's annual plan indicating availability of land for expansion and the gaps required to be filled. The State Government was also advised to obtain prior approval of GOI for any new schools to be opened in the next academic year.

3.6 State Government proposed strengthening of 3085 existing schools. The appraisal team pointed out that a piecemeal approach was followed in respect of these schools. For example, additional classrooms were requested in 1186 schools. The PAB reiterated the need to follow a 'whole school approach' taking up all infrastructure gaps at one go. The State Government was advised to identify all necessary activities in those schools, which require additional classrooms. In view of this, the Principal Secretary offered to have a re-look at the proposal.

3.7 Based on the advice of the PAB, the State Government submitted a revised proposal for strengthening of 951 schools. The appraisal team recommended following interventions for filling up the gaps:

No. of School	951
Additional Class Rooms	1201
Science Lab with lab equipment	687
Computer Lab	951
Art and Craft rooms	881
Library	367
Toilet Blocks	503 (@ ` 1.00 lakh)
Drinking Water facilities	28 (@ ` 0.50 lakh)

3.8 The State Government has proposed major repair in 751 schools. As recommended by the appraisal team, PAB recommended major repair in 428 schools, the total estimated outlay being ` 822.07 lakh.

3.9 School annual grant @ ` 50,000 was approved for 11474 schools, which include 6525 schools existing prior to July 2009, 3067 schools started in July 2009 and 1882 schools starting in the current academic year. Minor repair grant was approved for 6145 schools having its own building (schools stated in July 2009 and July 2010 do not have their own buildings yet)

3.10 In-service training of teachers: The State Government proposed in-service training of 19428 teachers for five days, which was approved. However, in-service training of teachers of new schools was not approved as PAB felt that in-service training to such teachers should be provided only after they were in position. If the State Government so desires, they may propose for induction training for new teachers in future.

3.11 So far as the School Leadership Development (SLD) programme for School Principals is concerned, the State Government was advised to work out a training plan in the State Institute of Public administration or similar institutions and submit the same along with next year's Annual Plan.

3.12 Three day training programme for 496 school librarians @ ` 200 per day per participant was approved.

3.13 The State Government has proposed to organize one literary fest in every district to stimulate interest among students. The PAB suggested that this could be done in the form of book-fairs, where the schools could also be encouraged to purchase books out of the school annual grant. Literary interactions may be organized on the side lines of the book-fairs.

₹ 1.00 lakh per district for 33 districts was approved for this activity. The State Government will draw up a revised plan as per the advice of the PAB.

3.14 Interactive radio programme: This is to be done through the channel currently broadcasting similar programme for SSA. PAB felt that the proposal needed to be tested at a smaller scale initially and therefore approved it as a pilot project for one district (Jaipur), the estimated cost for being ₹ 59.60 lakh.

3.15 The following interventions were also discussed:

(i) Use of EDUSAT in 160 schools with very high PTR: The State Government requested for ₹ 2.35 lakh per school, (₹ 1.45 lakh for hardware, and the remaining ₹ 0.90 lakh for softer elements including content development). PAB felt that development of appropriate content and methods of dissemination were key to the success of such initiatives. These aspects are needed to be spelt out in greater details in the proposal. The State Government was therefore advised to re-submit the proposal next year after taking care of the content part.

(ii) Software for learning enhancement of English: PAB felt that development of appropriate software was crucial for such initiative and advised the State Government to share the evaluation report of the software with the Ministry in the first instance.

3.16. As regards appointment of additional teachers, the State Government was advised to submit a detailed proposal indicating subject-wise short fall and the overall short fall to achieve an overall PTR of 30:1.

3.17. In summary, following activities were approved under the annual plan for 2010-11 in Rajasthan:

- (i) Strengthening of 951 existing secondary schools based on 'whole school approach'
- (ii) Major repair in 428 schools with total sanction outlay of ` 822.07 lakh.
- (iii) Five day in-service training of 19428 teachers @ ` 200 per day per teacher.
- (iv) 3 days training program for 496 librarians @ ` 200 per day per participant.
- (v) Annual school grant for 11474 schools
- (vi) Minor repair grant for 6145 schools
- (vii) Literary fest (book fair) @ ` 1.00 lakh per district for 33 districts.
- (viii) Interactive radio program as a pilot project for Jaipur district with estimated requirement of ` 59.60 lakh.

14. Documents/ information required for release fund: All the State/UT Governments will have to furnish the following documents / information for release of 1st installment of Central Share:

- (i) Provision in the State/UT budget to meet State share;
- (ii) Bond, Resolution, authorization letter in the prescribed format
- (iii) Unspent balance as on 01.04.2010 in respect of the recurring grant released in 2009-10.
- (iv) If these are not received within a week of circulation of the minutes, the entire recurring grant released in 2009-10 will be treated as unspent, and will be adjusted against the recurring grant approved under the annual plan for 2010-11.
- (v) As regards salary of teachers in new schools, generally 12 months' salary for the posts sanctioned under Annual Plan for 2009-10 and 1 month's salary for posts sanctioned under Annual Plan for 2010-11 has been approved. However, the State Governments need to furnish the following information before teachers' salary can be released:
 - Number of teachers appointed under RMSA
 - Date of their appointment
 - Average salary per teacher

15. General issues discussed:

15.1 Whole school approach for strengthening: The PAB again emphasized the importance of following the whole school approach for strengthening of existing schools. Whenever a school is taken up for strengthening/improvement, all gaps should be identified and filled up at one go by availing the facilities admissible under the scheme. Secretary (SE&L) clarified that while PAB would not normally sanction additionalities in a school already taken up for strengthening, State Governments can come back for the same school in case additional classrooms and / or toilet blocks are required due to increase in enrollment. She also advised that clear cut norms for toilets may be issued based on the guidelines of the Rural Sanitation Programme of Central Government.

15.2 Barrier free schools: PAB observed that some of the State Governments are proposing construction of ramp under RMSA. While the RMSA framework emphasizes the need to make schools 100% barrier free, the funding for construction for ramp etc. would come from IEDSS Programme. This activity has therefore been not approved under RMSA. Secretary (SE&L) also pointed out that Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has also been implementing a scheme to make schools barrier free. State Government can also send proposals under the scheme to Ministry of SJ&E, in case the coverage under IEDSS scheme is considered inadequate.

15.3 Assistance to small States in teacher training: Project Director for RMSA in Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli pointed out that small UTs often find it difficult to develop appropriate curriculum for in-service training of teachers in absence of any DIET like institution of their own. Secretary (SE&L) felt that NCERT should adopt such small UTs and directed that an appropriate letter may be sent to them.

15.4 MMER for small States/UTs: Project Directors of several small States/UTs submitted that due to small size of their approved outlay, the MMER fund is so small that it becomes difficult even to manage the State Project Office. Even if it is possible to enhance the MMER fund as a percentage of approved outlay, their problem would still remain. Secretary (SE&L) desired that the possibility of fixing a minimum MMER fund for small States/UTs irrespective of the size of their outlay may be explored.

16. The meeting ended with a word of thanks to the chair.

7th Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) to consider Annual Work Plan and Budget, 2010-11 of RMSA held on 23-24 December, 2010.

List of Participants

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