

## **MINUTES OF THE 48<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE GRANTS-IN-AID COMMITTEE FOR EXPERIMENTAL AND INNOVATIVE PROJECTS HELD ON 2.12.2004**

The 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee(GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) Projects was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2004 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Kumud Bansal, Secretary, Department of Elementary Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The list of the participants is enclosed. Dr. Deepa Das and Shri Mrinal Miri could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation, as intimated over telephone.

2. JS(EE.II) welcomed the members of the newly constituted GIAC. This was followed by a round of introduction of all the members. JS(EE.II) outlined that the EGS & AIE scheme of SSA and its Innovative & Experimental Education (I&E) component.

JS(EE-II) informed the members that to ensure transparency, the status of the proposals received under I&E scheme are placed on the website of the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy for information. She also explained that according to the procedure, the comments of concerned State Government are sought on the proposal of VA and their replies expected within 3 months. Now, the Education Secretary/SPD SSA of the concerned States are also invited to attend the meeting of the GIAC. NCERT is required to conduct a Desk Appraisal of each proposal, specially to indicate the nature of innovation/experiment, if any, incorporated in the proposal. A Field Inspection Team comprising two eminent experts is appointed for a field visit of the NGO and its activities and gives its recommendations. Thereafter the proposals are placed before the GIAC for consideration.

3. Shri Lalit Pande, Member emphasized the need for the GIAC to consider only those proposals that have an 'innovative' aspect. He suggested that the GIAC should be satisfied about the credibility of the organization and accord a certain time frame for the "Innovations and Experiments" to be tested. Routine proposals for non-formal/alternative schooling should be left to State level GIACs of SSA who can sanction them as per norms.

4. Shri Shamshad Khan, Member felt the GIAC must define what it will consider as an innovation. Ms. Farida Lambey, Member, felt that based on her experience, NGOs taking grants for this purpose must demonstrate the innovations "do ability" and show how it can be replicated by others or scaled up in the Government system. They must have a definite time frame in which to show this, as innovations cannot be forever. They either fail or can be carried forward with scaling up. Chairperson, Secretary (EE&L) directed that the proposals for consideration of GIAC must clearly indicate the "innovative" nature of the project. The NCERT desk appraisal must bring this out clearly.

5. The GIAC then took up the listed Agenda Items for consideration and the following decisions were taken:-

### **Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of GIAC held on 18.5.2004**

JS(EE-II) informed the members that the minutes of the meeting of GIAC held on 18.5.2004 were circulated to all the members of the then committee and no comments have been received from any member. Therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 18.5.2004.

### **Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decision taken in the meeting of GIAC held on 18.5.2004.**

JS (EE-II) apprised the Committee of the Action Taken Report, which was noted by the Committee.

### **Item No. 3(i): Deccan Development Society, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh**

The Committee approved the proposal for one school for 200 children, from the period 1st April, 2005 to 31st March, 2007 with a per child cost of Rs. 3,000/- with the condition that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh would scale up the

innovation of the project to all schools in Medak district of Andhra Pradesh after closure of this project. The Education Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh agreed to this.

**Item No. 3(ii): Disha, Delhi (Project for Bodhgaya District, Bihar)**

The Committee recommended that the VA may be advised to apply under EGS/AIE component of SSA of Bihar, as the proposals are of routine nature and can be funded under the EGS/AIE component of SSA in Bihar.

**Item No. 3(iii): Shrambharti, Khadigram, Jamui, Bihar**

The Committee advised that seeing the nature of the proposal for residential schools for girls, the proposal may be referred to the Government of Bihar, for considering its inclusion in the scheme of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) of the state.

**Item No. 3(iv): Badlao Foundation, District Jamtara, Jharkhand**

Shri A.K. Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of Jharkhand supported the project proposal of the Voluntary Agency (VA) as an NGO with an excellent track record. The Committee approved the proposal for a period of two years from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007 with per child cost of Rs. 2,956/-. The list of centres to be covered by VA should be obtained, and forwarded to the Government of Jharkhand for monitoring the project. The Government of Jharkhand will submit a report after one year to the Central Government about the performance of the Voluntary Agency and the innovative features of the project will be up scaled by Government of Jharkhand in its elementary education programmes. This was agreed to by the Education Secretary, Jharkhand.

**Item No. 3(v): PRATHAM, Mumbai Education Initiative, Mumbai**

The Committee noted that NCERT and FIT have recommended the proposal. Shri J.M. Abhyankar, SPD, Government of Maharashtra supported the credibility of the NGO. The Committee decided to defer the proposal, since the project will be implemented in the States of NCT of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan, the comments of these State Governments be obtained for consideration of GIAC in its next meeting.

**Item No. 3(vi): Animal Welfare Society, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa**

As NCERT did not recommend the proposal on the ground that there are no innovation features mentioned in the proposal. The representative of Government of Orissa, SPD SSA pointed out that the literacy rate in Bhadrak district of Orissa is high compared to other parts of Orissa and there are not too many out of school children in that district. The Committee rejected the proposal.

**Item No. 3(vii): Bharat Sewa Parishad (B.S.P.), District Puri, Orissa**

Seeing that the proposal is essentially for remedial teaching, which is an innovative step, the Committee approved the project for 50 primary and 10 upper primary centres for a period of two years from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007 with the condition that the budget and the unit cost will be reworked in consultation with VA as per recommendation of FIT that 80% of expenditure should be on activities and programme and only 20% be on administration and establishment. Further Mid-Day Meal scheme of the Government be adopted to reduce the cost of lunch etc. The Committee directed that the agency should chart the present baseline level of achievement levels of children in these schools before the start of project, so that subsequent changes in achievements would be measured. The Committee further desired that the State Government of Orissa submit an evaluation report on the

performance of the project after one year. The representative of Government of Orissa agreed to this.

**Item No.3(viii): Bhartiya Agency for Rural Development, Baghiapada, Boudh District, Orissa**

**Item No. 3(ix): Holy Home, Keonjhar, Distt. Keonjhar, Orissa**

**Item No. 3(x): Jyotirmayee Mahila Samiti, Kendrapara, Orissa**

**Item No. 3(xi): Laxminarayan Harijan & Adibasi Backward Development Society, Jajpur, Orissa**

**Item No. 3(xii): Life Voluntary Organisation, Balasore, Orissa**

**Item No. 3(xiv): Netajee Smaraki Pathagar, Cuttack, Orissa**

**Item No. 3(xv): Orissa Media Centre, Nyayapalle, Bhubaneswar**

**Item No. 3(xvi): Students' Welfare Institute, Bhubaneswar, Orissa**

The Grants-in-Aid-Committee (GIAC) considered and noted that the proposals of above mentioned VAs have not been recommended by NCERT and do not have innovative features. The Committee therefore decided that the proposals of these organizations may be referred to the State Government of Orissa.

SPD, OPEPA, SSA, Orissa agreed for considering the projects under the state level GIAC for EGS/AIE component of SSA in that state.

**Item No. 3(xiii): Magdeshwar Club, Orissa**

The Committee took cognizance of the NCERTs and FIT reports, as well as the views of the Government of Orissa's representative in the meeting, who mentioned that under state SSA programme, this NGO had been given 40 centres to run, but had not run them. The GIAC rejected the proposal.

**Item No. 3(xvii): Vivekananda Palli – Aragami Seva Pratisthan, Orissa**

The GIAC noted the comments of NCERT that there are no innovative features in the proposal and the input provided by the representative of Government of Orissa, present in the meeting, that this NGO was given EGS centres by the Orissa GIAC, but its President has run away with the funds, and Government of Orissa has lodged an FIR in the matter. GIAC rejected this proposal.

**Item No. 3(xviii): Indian Mime Theatre, Kolkata**

On the request of the earlier GIAC, the representative of Indian Mime Theatre, Kolkata was called to make a presentation before the present GIAC on their proposals, to enable the Committee to take a view. The Committee found that the proposal of the agency was for joyful learning and had innovative features. The Committee therefore, recommended the proposal for 200 children for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007 @ Rs. 3000/- per child per year. The VA will implement the project in collaboration with the State Project Director of SSA, west Bengal. The SPD, West Bengal will give a report after completion of one year of the project. The SPD, SSA, West Bengal, who was in the meeting agreed to this and supported the proposal.

**Item No. 3(xix) Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group, New Delhi**

During the meeting, a communication dated 25.11.2004, received in the Ministry on

29.11.2004 from the Government of NCT of Delhi, vide which, the State Government had not supported the proposal, was circulated. The representatives of the NCT of Delhi, who were present in the meeting, also did not support the proposal. The proposal was therefore rejected. The Committee however, suggested to the representatives of NCT of Delhi, that since a large number of NGOs are being engaged by them for alternative learning centres, the NGO under discussion may also be appropriately considered by the Directorate of Education, NCT of Delhi for projects under the EGS/AIE component of SSA of the State.

#### 4. ONGOING PROJECTS

##### Item No. 4(i): Bhagvatula Charitable Trust (BCT), Andhra Pradesh

The Committee approved the project for primary and upper primary level for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007 as follows:

I	Primary	2005-2006	2006-2007
	No. of centres	135	144
	No. of children	6750	7200
	Running cost	Rs. 1,07,33,000	Rs. 1,14,48,000
	Cost per child	Rs. 1590	Rs 1590
II	Upper Primary		
	No. of centres	15	16
	No. of children	750	800
	Running cost	Rs. 17,04,000	Rs. 18,16,000
	Cost per child	Rs. 2272	Rs. 2270

The following conditions were also laid down by the Committee after obtaining the concurrence of Secretary, School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh who was present in the meeting:-

- No pre-primary centres have been sanctioned to VA as Government of Andhra Pradesh representative claimed that ICDS is universalized in Andhra Pradesh. The Committee desired that a verification of VAs proposals be done by Education Secretary, Andhra Pradesh, to check if there are any gaps in ICDS coverage in this area
- The VA be asked to furnish the list of villages where the centres are to be run and which will be sent to the School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh for their monitoring and coordination.
- The School Education, Department of Andhra Pradesh will scale up of the innovations of the VA in that district concerned.
- An evaluation will be done after one year by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh of the VAs work and report submitted to GIAC.
- After completion of the two year project period, the children will be mainstreamed by VA and the agency may approach the State Government for further financial assistance, if they desired so, under EGS/AIE component of SSA of the State.

The Committee also allowed Bagvatula Charitable Trust to utilize the unutilized amount of the earlier project of Rs. 12,61,116 (which ended on 31.3.2003) for the financial year 2003-2004. However, the State Government may verify the actual work undertaken by the VA and confirm the utilization of the amount for the purpose of running the centres.

##### Item No. 4(ii) Agragamme, Orissa

The GIAC recommended that as regards extension of the project sanctioned upto 28.2.2003 to 29.2.2004, the details may be forwarded to State Government of Orissa for verification. On receipt of the report from State Government, a decision whether the VA be asked to refund the unspent balance or whether the VA be allowed ex-

post-facto utilization of the amount during the year 2003-2004 can be taken. As regards the date of starting the new project by VA, as approved by the GIAC on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2003, the list of centres and number of children to be covered etc. may be sent to the State Government (SPD, OPEPA) for consideration and his views obtained before the matter is placed in the next meeting of GIAC for taking a decision on the date of starting of the new project.

**Item No. 4(iii) Sankalp, Puri, Orissa**

GIAC noted the period of operation of the previous project as 1.8.2003 to 1.8.2004. Further GIAC extended the project for a period of one year from 1.8.2004 for residential programmes @ Rs. 3,000/- per child for 500 out-of-school children.

**Item No. 4(iv) Vikramshila Education Resource Society, Kolkata**

The GIAC extended the project for one year for 2004-2005 on the basis of last year's budget level i.e. 9,90,700/-. The Committee further directed that in case VA desired to continue the project in future, VA may apply to the SPD, of SSA of West Bengal, for consideration through the state level GIAC of EGS/AIE component.

**Item No. 5: Case of Friends of Tribal Society, Kolkata for the State of Orissa**

The Committee took cognizance of the post GIACs decision and sought the clear views of the representatives of Government of Orissa on the proposal, who did not support the proposal. The GIAC rejected the proposal of the VA.

**Item No. 6: Information on Proposals in process.**

The Committee noted the position.

**Item No. 7: Information on revision/modification of Application form for Innovative & Experimental Scheme**

The Committee noted and approved the revision/modification in the application form for Innovative & Experimental Scheme to include, inter-alia, (a) MOA/Rules of NGO, do not exclude any person or groups of persons from their programmes/activities; (b) of the curriculum and teaching learning materials being used by --NGO are as per State Board/CBSE prescriptions and if they are not then sample be furnished for expert examination and (c) if NGO is proposing publications, then its draft version furnished.

**Tabled Item No. 1: The Enabling Centre, Lady Irwin College, New Delhi**

The GIAC considered the extension of project. JS(EE-II) informed the Committee that as per the directions of the previous GIAC she inspected the project last year and found the project doing commendable work. The Joint Secretary of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, present in the meeting strongly supported the proposal and emphasized that the organization was doing very good work. She also pointed out the per child cost asked for by the organization were well below Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment norms. The representatives of NCT of Delhi also agreed to the proposal of Lady Irwin College in the meeting. The GIAC approved the proposal for two years for 2004-2005 to 2005-2006. The amount approved was Rs. 10,64,275 for 2004-2005 and Rs. 11,70,702 for 2005-2006 as projected by VA. The Committee also decided, that the Enabling Centres of Lady Irwin College be asked to extend the project to larger number of children within the same budget. The Committee also made it clear that after the completion of present proposal in two years, the Enabling Centre, Lady Irwin College should submit their proposal to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for consideration by that Ministry, under

its various schemes.

**Item No. 8: Any other matter**

The representative of Orissa Government, Shri S.K. Sarangi, SPD, SSA proposed that a proforma may be drawn up on which the views of the State Governments, are sought on GIAC proposals, so that relevant and specific responses can be forwarded by the states to the GIAC. This proposal was approved by the GIAC.

At the suggestion of representative of NCERT, the GIAC placed on record its appreciation for the last GIAC in handling its tasks.

meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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