

**Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Elementary Education & Literacy)**

Subject: Minutes of 49th Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee for Innovative and Experimental Projects held on 26th May, 2005.

The 49th Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) Projects was held on 26th May, 2005 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Kumud Bansal, Secretary, Department of Elementary Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The list of the participants is enclosed. Ms. Farida Lambay and Dr. Mrinal Miri could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation.

2. JS(EE.II) welcomed the members of the GIAC, which was followed by a round of introduction of all the participants.

3. The GIAC then took up the agenda items for consideration and the following decisions were taken:-

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of GIAC held on 2.12.2004

JS(EE.II) informed the members that the minutes of the meeting of GIAC held on 2.12.2004 were circulated to all the members of the GIAC and no comments have been received from any member. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 2.12.2004.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the meeting of GIAC held on 2.12.2004.

JS(EE.II) apprised the Committee about the Action Taken Report on each item of the meeting held on 2.12.2004, which was noted by the Committee.

Item No.3(i): MV Foundation, Secunderabad for the project Retention of First Generation Learners in Ranga Reddy District.

The Committee noted that the issue of settlement of budget of the project of the VA approved for the year 2001-2002 has not been resolved yet. The Committee considered the present project proposal for Retention of First Generation Learners covering 7500 children in the age group of 5-14 years in schools through Gram Panchayat and School Education Committees in Ranga Reddy District. It was observed that the present proposals is similar to the earlier proposal and therefore recommended that the proposal may be referred to the SSA State Implementation Society to consider the proposal in the State level GIAC.

Item No. 3(ii) Seeking Modern Applications for Real Transformation (SMART) for Extension and Enhancement of the Project in Mewat , Haryana.

SPD, Haryana said that there is a need for NGO's to work in Mewat region. However he felt that there should be parity on cost per child between different VAs operating in the State. He suggested that SMART may be requested to operate 20 centres @ Rs. 1500 per child with 35 children per centre for children of 11-14 years of age group for two years w.e.f. 1.7.2005. The centres be set up by VA in consultation with the SPD, Haryana. The Committee approved the recommendation of SPD, Haryana.. The Committee further decided that if continuation of two years was needed then the VA should approach the State SSA programme of Haryana.

Item No.3(iii) Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation for the project peace Education

The proposal submitted by VA to cover 45 schools in 6 districts in Kashmir and 3 districts in Jammu Region was considered by the Committee. The representative of the Jammu and Kashmir supported the proposal in the meeting. The Committee felt that this is a welcome and innovative proposal and therefore, the Committee approved the project for peace education in 45 schools in J&K covering 4050 children with a budget of Rs. 11,04,840 for a period of eight months beginning from 1.7.05.

Item No. 3(iv):- Social Welfare of India Organisation, Sainik Colony, Nerwal, Jammu & Kashmir for setting up of Innovative Programme.

The representative of the State Government of J&K intimated that the State tried to contact the NGO but failed to contact any reliable office bearer of the organization. The whereabouts of the Head of the VA could not be ascertained either . The proposal was found to be of routine nature. The Committee decided that the proposal of VA may be sent to the SSA programme of J&K to consider the project by their State level GIAC.

Item No. 3(v):- Deen Dayal Research Institute, Chitrakut, Madhya Pradesh for the Project on 'Software of Rural Education'.

The representative of Madhya Pradesh intimated that this is not an innovative proposal, as the State Government is already undertaking similar activities under its 'Head Start' programme. The Committee therefore did not approve extension of the programme .

Item No. 3(vi):- Pratham Mumbai Education Initiative, Mumbai for Innovative programme for Enrolment, Retention and Learning

The GIAC considered the proposals for the States of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. The decisions taken by GIAC are as under:-

NCT of Delhi: The Secretary (Education), NCT of Delhi informed the Committee that Pratham is already working in Delhi and the proposal is welcome but it should be ensured that the activities should not duplicate what other NGOs are working on already. She felt that the VA be allowed to work in areas of Western and Northern Delhi where child labour in organized industry is high. The Committee approved the proposal for running Basti Shiksha Kendra, Library and Summer Camps in Delhi. GIAC also decided that Government of NCT, Delhi should workout the proposed locations of Basti Schools and Library, location of Summer Camps and the number of children to be covered within 10 days under this project and intimate it to Department of Elementary Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Pratham. The GIAC also decided that the cost for Summer Camps be fixed at Rs. 819/- per child and that of Basti School at be Rs. 845/- per child per annum. As regards, cost of the Library this should include only funds for books and the training component. No additional manpower could be provided for the library, as the Basti School instructor can handle this task. The library will be housed in the Basti School The Secretary NCT of Delhi agreed that after 2 years the children and the innovative approach would be mainstreamed in the normal elementary education system of Delhi. Sanction period 1.7.2005 for two years upto 30.8.2007.

Uttar Pradesh:- In the light of the written comments of SPD, UP, it was decided that the SPD, UP may identify the location of Basti Shiksha Kendra /Library and Summer Camps and the number of children to be covered and convey the same to Pratham and Department of Elementary Education & Literacy. The cost per centre will be decided after ascertaining from SPD, UP so as to maintain parity with other NGOs working in the State for such purposes. . As regards, cost of the Library this should include only funds for books and the training component. No additional manpower could be provided for the library, as the Basti School instructor can handle this task. The library will be housed in the Basti School . Sanction period from 1.7.2005 for two years upto 30.8.2007.

Bihar: JS(EE.II) informed the GIAC that the State Government of Bihar had telephonically conveyed their comments which was to have a presentation by the VA to understand their project properly. This was noted by GIAC. VA may be informed to get in touch with Education Secretary and SPD, SSA, Bihar.

Rajasthan:- The Secretary (Education) Rajasthan intimated that the State Government is not in favour of the proposal as the State desired proposals for rural areas while the proposal of VA is for urban areas only. He also informed the Committee that the building constructed by VA under the Janshala project collapsed and when the State Government decide to set up 110 regular schools in Jaipur, by upgrading centres run by the VA under Janshala, their staff created a hue & cry against the step. GIAC therefore did not approve the proposal for Rajasthan.

Maharashtra(Additional Item) :- SPD, Maharashtra who was present in the meeting, did not agree with the proposal of Pratham to run Basti Shiksha Kendra for child labourers involved in Zari Industries in Mumbai. He disputed that there are 2000 such children in Mumbai. In any case he stated that the State Government is already addressing the issue. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the proposal for Maharashtra.

Item No 3(vii):- Rural Development Society, Wangjing, Manipur for Educational Development and Health Education Development services project.

It was decided to await the comments of the State Government and therefore the Committee deferred the proposal.

Item No. 3(viii):- Social Awareness and Development Organisation for Women (SAADOW) for Innovative Education & Experimental Education:-

The representative of the State Government of Tamil Nadu informed the Committee that Tamil Nadu did not recommend the proposal as the State GIAC had sanctioned 20 centres for this VA but the VA started only 8 of them and also that not a single child has been mainstreamed into regular schools so far. The Committee, therefore, rejected the proposal.

Item No. 3(ix): - Ashutosh Seva Sansthan, Jhinhak, District Kanpur Bihar., U.P. for Ucha Pratham + Anusandhan Vidyapith.

Item No. 3(x): Maa Gayatri Mahila avam Bal Kalyan Samiti, Rae Bareilly, U.P. for EGS & AIE centres.

The representative from Uttar Pradesh desired to defer the proposal as the Basic Education Secretary and SPD had requested for 4 weeks time for studying the proposal before offering comments.. Therefore, the proposal was deferred.

Item No. 3(xi): SAAKSHI, Delhi for Innovative & Experimental Scheme.

As the proposal of SAAKSHI was not recommended by NCT of Delhi, Field Inspection Team and NCERT, the proposal was rejected by the Committee.

Item 4(i): Bhagvatula Charitable Trust, Andhra Pradesh

The proposal of Bhagvatula Charitable Trust, Andhra Pradesh for revision of rate of financial assistance per child to Rs. 1993/- for 2005-06 and Rs. 2012 for 2006-07 both for Primary and Upper Primary Centres was approved by the GIAC. The rest of the parameters would remain as per GIAC decision of 2.12.2004.

Item No. 4(ii): Agramee, Orissa

The Committee felt that the VA should not have continued the project on their own. The Committee however approved the extension of the project from 28.02.2003 to 29.02.2004 by utilizing the unspent balance of Rs.13,04,679 provided overlapping with EGS centres of Government of Orissa in the 14 cases as indicated in OPEPA report, would not be considered as part of the extended project of Agramme. The Committee also made it clear that the VA should be clearly told that any liabilities after 29.2.2004 were their own and not Govt. of India's.

The GIAC also recommended that the new proposal of the VA be referred to the SSA Programme of Orissa for consideration by their State level GIAC.

Item No. 5: Information on proposals in process

The GIAC was apprised about the status of the new proposals, received by the Department of EE&L. The Committee was informed that this information is also available on the website of the MHRD. The Committee noted the matter.

Item No. 6: Schedule for processing the proposals under Alternative and Innovative Scheme

To streamline the procedure for processing the proposals under the Innovative and Experimental Scheme, the following guiding time frame was approved by the GIAC.

Sl.No.	Duration for the specific work	Name of the work to be completed
1.	3 weeks from the date of receipt of the proposal	Screening of each proposal in the light of checklist taking a view whether the proposal has any innovative features and warrants support under the I&E component. If not, then it be sent to State Project Director of SSA for consideration under the States EGS/AIE and the States GIAC. If yes, then desk review by NCERT, comments of State Government/SSA Office, Field Appraisal of NGO by a two members team and comments of IFD would be undertaken
2.	3 months	For receipt of FIT report/State Government/State SSA programme comments/NCERT report and IFD's

		written comments
3.	GIAC Committee meeting	Case be put up for decision if all formalities are complete and if not then status be reported
4.	15 days of GIAC decision	Information to be given to the concerned NGOs about the decision taken by the GIAC
5.	1 month from GIAC meeting	Release of 1 st installment from the date of GIAC decision.
6.	6 months from release of first installment	Second Installment to be released.
7.	4 months after closure of financial year	Audited Accounts and UC .to be received from VA.

Supplementary Agenda:

Tabled Item No. 1: Navjyoti Delhi Police Foundation, New Delhi

Secretary (Education) NCT of Delhi informed that the VA is very well known, has high credibility and will be working for children who have been recently displaced due to shifting from the Yamuna Pushta area. This is a difficult group to work for and Government of Delhi has not been able to reach out to these children. The project needs to be encouraged.

The GIAC approved the proposal for 200 Gali Schools for 6000 street and working children @ Rs. 850 per child per year for 2 years w.e.f. 1.7.2005 with the condition that after two years, the State level GIAC of Delhi will consider the matter for continuation or otherwise.

Tabled Item No. 2: Sarva Daliye Manav Vikas Kendra, Behjoi, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh

The GIAC noted the evaluation report submitted by Shri Shamshad Khan, Member of the GIAC on the working of VA.

Any other items:_

- (1) GIAC member Shri Lalit Pande raised the issue that in some cases more than 2 years work by VA's is required to make a difference, in the projects taken up. Therefore, for the GIAC to support projects only for 2 years may not be serving the purpose. JS(E.E.II) reminded the member that in the first meeting of this reconstituted GIAC, it had been decided that under the I&E Scheme only "Innovative" projects would be supported which after 2 years may be mainstreamed /scaled up by the State Govt./SSA programme or discontinued for lack of efficiency.

The GIAC considered the matter and took the view that Government of India would only support for 2 years under the I&E component, but after that the SSA State level GIAC could be approached by VA to continue assistance in case a longer duration was required.

- (2) Shri Pande also raised the issue that referring cases to State level GIACs after VA's have had Government of India's support for two years. States should give priority to such NGOs, as they are already tried and tested. The GIAC agreed with this.
- (3) Members desired that some meetings of GIAC be held outside Delhi to maintain the national character of GIAC and give the members a chance to visit Innovative centres in nearby places. The GIAC accepted this proposal.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

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