

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

Subject: Minutes of 50th Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee for Innovative and Experimental Programme held on 26th October, 2005

The 50th meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) Projects was held on 26th October, 2005 under the chairpersonship of Smt.Kumud Bansal, Secretary, Department of Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, in Conference Room No.112, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The list of participants is enclosed. Shri Lalit Pandey and Shri Mrinal Miri could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation.

2. At the outset, 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 26th May, 2005.

JS(EE.II) informed that the minutes of the meeting of GIAC held on 26.5.2005 were circulated to all the participants and no comments have been received from any member. The Committee confirmed minutes of the meeting held on 26.5.2005.

Item No.2: Action taken on the decisions taken in the meeting of GIAC held on 26.5.2005.

JS(EE.II) apprised the Committee about the action taken report on each item of the GIAC meeting held on 26.5.2005, which was noted by the Committee.

Item No. 3(i): Aprajita, Officers Colony Mirchaibari, Katihar, 854105, Bihar

The representative of the Government of Bihar supported the proposal in the meeting. Though NCERT has not recommended the proposal, the field inspection team has recommended the proposal. The Committee approved the proposal for a period of two years w.e.f. 1st April, 2006 for 115 children of sex

workers@ Rs. 3000 per child. Ms. Deepa Das, Member GIAC suggested that since the VA does not appear to have previous experience in Innovative Education, SSA Bihar should give capacity building for the NGOs instructors in pedagogy practices and guide the NGO in steps for mainstreaming of the children. The project will be evaluated after one year. This suggestion was accepted by the GIAC. The payment of first instalment will be made in 2005-06 to facilitate the functioning of the centre from 01.04.06.

Item No. 3(ii): Rupantar, A-26, Surya Apartments, Talab, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

The proposal was deferred as the comments of State Government of Chhattisgarh are awaited. The State Government will be requested to furnish their comments early.

Item No. 3(iii): Utthan, SH-78, Shayadri Complex, Jawaharlal Chowk, Bhopal-462003

As the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has intimated that they have called for some details from the districts to enable them to furnish their comments, the proposal was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 3(iv): Islamic Educational Development Organisation, Sangaikumpham, PO Wangjing – 795148, Manipur

Item No. 3(v): Wangjing Women and Girls Society (WWAGAS) (Rural Development Services, Wangjing, Manipur-795 148

Item No. 4(ii): Rural Development Society, R.D.S. Bhawan, Wangjing Bazar, Wangjing – 795148, Manipur

Shri B. Singh, the Deputy Resident Commissioner, Government of Manipur informed that the State Government had earlier recommended the cases for sanction. However since the State of Manipur is having insurgency problems, the antecedents of the NGOs are required to be rechecked with Ministry of Home Affairs before a decision can be taken. Shri Bimolchand, Additional SPD pointed out that all the three NGOs are situated within 1.5 km radius and there is possibility of duplication. Moreover there is no innovation in their proposals, it may therefore be desirable to transfer these proposals to the State for placing them before the State GIAC, after detailed field verification. GIAC therefore decided that all the three projects may be referred to the SSA Society for consideration in its State level GIAC.

Item No. 3(vi): Adarsh Kalyan Samiti (Adarsh Computer Training Centre), Takana Road, Pithoragarh, Uttaranchal - 262501

The State Government has not supported the proposal. The GIAC therefore resolved that the proposal may be referred to Sabhi Ke Liye Shiksha Pariyojna Uttaranchal for suitable action and placing it for consideration at State level GIAC.

Item No.4(i): Pratham Mumbai Education Initiative, Above Adarsh, Mithai Mandir, 2nd Floor, 309, Tardeo Road, Nana Chowk, Mumbai

The recommendation of SPD Bihar for approving the proposal has been received. Therefore, representative of Bihar present in the meeting, also recommended the proposal. GIAC approved 300 Basti Shiksha Kendra for 45000 children at a cost of Rs. 702 per child. GIAC also approved 1800 summer camps for 45000 children at a cost of Rs. 116 per child. As regards cost of Library, this should include only funds for books and training components. No additional manpower could be provided and the Library be housed in Basti Schools.

The list of learners and centres will be sent by VA to SPD, Bihar.

The project will be for a period of two years starting from 1st April 2006.

Item No. 4(iii): Ashutosh Sewa Sansthan, Ward No.11, Shri Nagar, Jhinhak, Distt. Kanpur Dehat (Akbarpur), U.P.

Item No.4(iv): Maa Gayatri Mahila Avam Bal Kalyan Samiti, Vill & PO Ralpur, Tehsil Lalganj, District, Rai Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

The representative of the State Government did not support the proposal. Therefore, both the proposals were rejected by the GIAC.

Item No.5: Rashtrrothhan Parishat, Bangalore

The GIAC at its meeting held on 26.5.2005 has decided to fund Innovative and Experimental Activities for two years only after which the State SSA programme may support the proposal through the State level GIAC. Therefore, the GIAC decided that the proposal may be referred to the SPD SSA Karnataka for appropriate action at their end.

Item No. 6: Information on proposals in process

The GIAC noted the proposals under consideration at various stages of appraisal, before being put up to GIAC. GIAC desired that the website also include a clear statement that a proposal sanctioned by GIAC could be for 2 years only and would thereafter be continued/upscaled if required, by a decision of the State GIAC of the SSA.

Tabled Item No. 1: Evolvement of Physical Inspection of Voluntary Agencies by the Ministry of HRD.

JS(EE.II) informed the Committee that based on the recommendations of an Inquiry Committee set up by the Ministry, the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy has decided that a sample physical inspection of voluntary agencies be carried out from time to time.

The GIAC deliberated on this item in detail and resolved that the evaluation of each of beneficiary VA's under the I&E component of SSA may be made mandatory after one year of the start of the project. The GIAC further resolved that the Joint Evaluation Team (JET) will consist of one member of GIAC and a representative of the concerned State Government, to be nominated by the SPD, SSA.

The JET review will keep following points in mind:-

- i) whether the objectives of the project sanctioned by Government of India are being met and the progress so far
- ii) whether the children covered are out of school children and are not enrolled in any local government school to check whether there is any duplication of enrolment.
- iii) whether the process of mainstreaming children is being done
- iv) Details of the innovative strategy being used and its effectiveness
- v) Whether various books other publications being used by VA have any objectionable material particularly regarding discrimination on the basis of caste religion sex etc.
- vi) Whether expenditure is being made by the VA as per the norms of the sanction and terms and conditions of the sanction and all financial records are being maintained as per procedure
- vii) Any other points as may be decided by the GIAC or may be deemed fit by the team

The GIAC decided that a list of projects which are completing 1 year now may be drawn up to facilitate constitution of JET.

Joint Secretary (EE-II) also informed the GIAC that based on the same Inquiry Committee, Department of Elementary Education & Literacy has taken a decision that any member of the GIAC, whose own NGO/VA is seeking grants from the I&E component of SSA should abstain from the meeting of the GIAC, when that proposal comes up for decision. This was appreciated and accepted by all GIAC members.

Tabled Item No.2: Proposal of Institute of Psychological and Educational Research, Kolkatta

Tabled Item No.3: Proposal of SANKALP, Orissa

The GIAC at its meeting held on 26.5.2005 has decided to fund Innovative and Experimental Activities for two years only after which the State SSA programme may support the proposal through the State level GIAC. Therefore, the GIAC decided that these two proposals be recommended to States Project Director of SSA for approval in State GIAC.

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