

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

Subject: Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee for Innovative and Experimental Programme held on 2nd March, 2006 at 11.00A.M.

The 51st Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) projects was held on 2nd March, 2006 at 11.00 A.M. under the Chairpersonship of Smt.Kumud Bansal, Secretary, Department of Elementary Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, in Conference Room No. 112, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The list of participants is enclosed. Ms. Farida Lambay, could not attend the meeting as she was unwell.

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 the agenda item for consideration and the following decisions were taken :-

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of GIAC held on 26th October, 2005.

JS(EE.II) informed the members that the minutes of the meeting of GIAC held on 26th October, 2005 were circulated on 14th November, 2005 to all the participants and no comments have been received from any member. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October, 2005.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the meeting of GIAC held on 26th October, 2005

JS(EE.II) apprised the Committee about the Action Taken Report on the minutes of GIAC meeting held on 26th October, 2005, which was noted by the Committee.

Item No. 3(i): Proposal of Utthan, Bhopal.

It was reported by SPD,MP that they have written to the Voluntary Agency to furnish information on their activities in July 05, September 05, November 05 and in February 06 but there has been no response from the VA. NCERT representative felt that the VA may be given some centres on experimental basis. The proposal of giving vocational education to children in the upper primary age was considered good. Shri Mrinal Miri felt that VA not furnishing information to the State showed a

lack of interest on the part of VA in entering into a dialogue with the State Project office. SPD Madhya Pradesh recommended that the project ..may be sanctioned in two Blocks of Panna District and three Blocks of Tikkamgarh. The GIAC felt that the innovation would encourage retention pfchildren in Schools. It was decided that there could be 20 centres of Upper Primary in each of the five Blocks with 25 children in each centre. In each of the Block there will be one centre for Skill Development. The cost approved was @ Rs. 1438 per child for 2500 children (5x20x25) for Upper primary centres and @ Rs. 1000 for 125 (5x25) children for Skill Development. The total cost of the Project is Rs. 37.20 lakhs per annum. The VA will decide the location of the centres in consultation with the State Project Director. The project was sanctioned from 1st July, 2006 for two years i.e. upto 2008.

Item No. 3(ii): Proposal of Rupantar, Chhatisgarh

It was noted that the proposal was not earlier recommended by the NCERT. However, on reconsideration with inputs from the State Government and FIT, the NCERT representative, present in the meeting, supported the proposal. The Committee also noted that the State Government of Chhatisgarh has supported the proposal . The GIAC approved the proposal for 28 centres in the slum areas of Raipur district covering 1017 children at the cost of Rs. 12.15 lakhs per year. The proposal for the purchase of vehicle was not approved. The centres will be opened by the VA in consultation with the SPD, SSA, Chhatisgarh. The project duration will be from 1st July, 2006 for two years, i.e. upto 30th June, 2008.

Item No.4(i) PRAYAS, New Delhi.

The representatives of UEE Mission, UT of Delhi opined that the Prayas is a good organization. Their proposal is for remedial coaching. The UEE Delhi has already put in a plan by making the Head of the School responsible for performance of teachers and improving the achievement of students. This arrangement includes remedial teaching responsibilities. Thereafter, the representative of UEE Delhi suggested that the NGO may be advised to discuss the proposal with UEE of Delhi. The proposal of Prayas was not accepted in view of the comments of representative of UEE, Delhi. However, the GIAC felt that Government of Delhi should identify children with weak learning outcomes and help them under SSA, so that their levels of learning improve.

Item No.4 (ii) Gajapati Samaj Kalyan Samiti, District Gajapati

The State Project Director, SSA, Orissa had recommended the proposal. The GIAC approved the proposal for 20 centres in Gumma Block of Gajapati District for 20 children per centre at a cost of Rs.1454 per child with a total budget of Rs.5,81,600 per year for a period of two years w.e.f.1.7.2006 . The centres will be opened in consultation with the SPD, SSA, Orissa.

Item No.4(iii): Proposal of Centre for Rural Education and Development Action (CREDA), Mirzapur, UP

(Shri Shamshad Khan, Member, GIAC, who is associated with this organization left the meeting with the permission of the Chairperson when this item was taken up for discussion)

The State Project Director SSA, UP has in his comments stated that the NGO should open centres based on out of school/dropout children identified through house hold survey conducted by the State Education Department. The number of children proposed to be covered by the NGO are not based on any survey. NCERT pointed out that the budget needs to be rationalized.

The GIAC also felt that the proposal of the VA for 150 remedial class centres cannot be approved as this is the inherent task of teachers themselves in the schools. Also no administrative costs can be budgeted separately in the scheme. In respect of bridge courses and Balika Shikshan Kendras, the VA may be asked to workout the number of centres and number of children to be covered in each centre on the basis of the States house hold survey and in consultation with SPD, SSA, UP. The cost per child may also be worked out in consultation with SPD, UP.

The Chairman GIAC was authorised to take a final decision on the proposal on receipt of information as above, in consultation with IFD.

(Shri Shamshad Khan rejoined the Committee after discussion on this proposal)

Item No.4(iv): Proposal of BICs INFOTECH, Yelnagiri Hills, Tamil Nadu

The representative of the State Government of Tamil Nadu reiterated the comments sent by the SPD, SSA, Tamil Nadu that the State Government is already working in the area, where computers and software for schools have been made available. Therefore, the proposal was not supported by the representative of Tamil Nadu. The GIAC therefore rejected the proposal as there would be duplication.

Item No. 4(v): National Youth Project Trust (NYPT), New Delhi.

The GIAC noted that FIT members have not supported the proposal. NCERT has also not recommended the proposal. SPD, Gujarat informed that she met the NGO who failed to reveal a strategy, list of children to be targeted and found discrepancies in the NGO's registration certificates etc. SPD, Madhya Pradesh informed that the NGOs did not furnish the information called for including bye laws of the societies etc. The Jharkhand representative informed that the field appraisal of the NGO's has not been done yet and therefore the SPD cannot send his comments yet. The Rajasthan representative felt that the blocks

identified by the NGO are not backward and no survey has been done, therefore the proposal is not recommended. The Delhi representative did not recommend the proposal. UP SPD also has not recommended the proposal. Karnataka SPD has sent a communication that the proposal may be relevant to some blocks in Districts Gulbarga and Yadgir, Orissa representative informed that they are in the process of consultation with the District Collectors. As per information available in Orissa, in one case the NGO is non existent, in case of another NGO it is not feasible to undertake this work and in case of few others it is feasible. He requested that the proposal in respect of Orissa may be deferred. The SPD Maharashtra supported the proposal as good work is being done in Wardha by Chetna Vikas Sangha and felt that this proposal should be approved for Wardha & Deoli blocks.

The GIAC decided that (i) the proposal in respect of Orissa be deferred for the next meeting when the States' full comments are available. (ii) the VA may be informed to get in touch with SPD, Karnataka for reframing the proposal as per the needs of the State in Gulbarga and Yadgir districts and (iii) in respect of Maharashtra, the SPD, Maharashtra could sanction the VA's proposal for the blocks concerned, through the State level GIAC and State SSA programme funds. As the other States' representatives did not recommend the proposal of NYP, the GIAC did not approve the project for these States.

Item No. 5: Constitution of Joint Evaluation Team in respect of projects completed/will be completed in one year.

The GIAC considered the proposal for evaluation of ongoing Innovative and Experimental Projects which have been completed/will be completing one year. The GIAC decided a Committee of three members, consisting of one member of GIAC, a nominee of State Project Director concerned and a representative of Ministry of Human Resource Development should evaluate the project of the following voluntary organizations as indicated below :

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| 1. | Bharat Seva Parishad, Puri, Orissa. | - Shri Shamshad Khan |
| 2. | Indian Mine Theatre, Kolkotta | - Father Thomas Felix |
| 3. | Deccan Development Society, Hyderabad | - Father Thomas Felix |
| 4. | SMART, Lucknow for Mewat, Haryana | - Ms. Deepa Das |
| 5. | Bhagwatulla Cheritable Trust,
Andhra Pradesh | - Dr. Kiran Devendera |
| 6. | Navjyoti Delhi Police Foundation,
New Delhi | - Dr.Vashisht or
his nominee |
| 7. | Badlao Foundation, Jamatra, Jharkhand | - Dr. Kiran Devendra. |

The respective State Project Directors will organize the visits. The Committee will submit its evaluation report to the Ministry within three months.

Item No. 6: List of fresh proposals for reporting to the GIAC which are not ripe for consideration at this stage

The position was noted by the Committee. The GIAC requested the State Project Director of Maharashtra to get the field inspection done in respect of proposal of Door step school, Mumbai, as the matter has been pending due to lack of a field inspection by the persons nominated/renominated for the task for over a year.

Supplementary Agenda Item No.1: Revision of date of Implementation of I&E Project by PRATHAM in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The GIAC in its meeting held on 26.05.05 had approved the project of Pratham for UP for a period of two years from 1.7.05 to 30.6.07. The funds for the purpose could however be released only in March 2006. The project has not yet started. In view of this, the GIAC approved that the project may start on 1.4.2006 for a period of two years, instead of 1.7.2005.

Other matters:

Shri Lalit Pande raised the issue of definitions of 'pilot' or 'innovations' and the duration of Government of India support for the same. He felt that the State Government may not be in a position to sustain such initiatives. A large number of persons whose capacity building has taken place in I&E projects may go waste once the GOI funding stops. He also raised the point whether some norms for number of centres/number of children to be covered under I&E projects is required for the innovation to be 'established'. Further he felt that with more and more children joining schools, the number of out of school children are reducing, so where will the space be left for NGO's to run I&E projects?

Shri Mrinal Miri felt that innovations should be supported for the period that is necessary for the innovation to show results.

Father Felix said that NCERT as a national organization is expected to evaluate the proposals for innovations professionally.

Shri Shamshad Khan said that innovations cannot be continued for all time and they are required to be scaled up, for optimizing the benefits. The innovations are transitory phenomenon.

JS(EE.II) clarified that the State SSA programmes have adequate funds to sustain innovations which need to be taken to scale/continued after two years.

Several States are doing it after the central GIAC has sent cases to them. The out of school children need to be identified in consultation with State Government as duplication of effort needs to be avoided and mainstreaming of children to regular schools is facilitated. She made it clear that continued employment of volunteers is not the objective of the I&E scheme. Presently the scheme is catering to deprived children and children who are not integrated into the school system. Therefore, the proposals are looked at on a case by case basis.

After discussions, the GIAC decided that the NCERT workout a model unit of operation for the 'innovation' to show results and submit the same in the next meeting.

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

ANNEXURE

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING OF GIAC ON I&E HELD
ON 2.3.2006**

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20. Copy to all members of GIAC, who have not have attended the meeting.

