

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

Sub: Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee for Innovative and Experimental Programme held on 30th April 2007

The 53rd Meeting of the re-constituted Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative & Experimental (I&E) Projects was held on 30th April 2007 at 3.00 P.M. in the Conference Room No. 112, Shastri Bhavan, under the Chairmanship of Shri Champak Chatterji, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The list of the participants is enclosed. Shri Lalit Pande, Prof. Mrinal Miri and Ms. Deepa Das could not attend the meeting.

The meeting started with a round of introduction.

2. At the outset JS (EE-II) welcomed the members of the re-constituted GIAC and informed the GIAC that this Committee considers innovative proposals submitted by NGOs after the proposals are scrutinized by NCERT; by a Field Inspection Team and the State Govt. The State Project Director of the concerned State/UT is also invited to attend the meeting of GIAC to give his views in the meeting itself when the proposal covering children of a particular States comes up before GIAC. The approved Projects are run for 2 years with the assistance of grants from GOI. Thereafter the State Govt. may consider supporting or upscaling through their State GIACs. After completion of one year, the Projects are also evaluated by a Joint Evaluation Team. The JET consists of one member of GIAC, one representative from State concerned and one Under Secretary from EE-II Bureau.

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

- (i) **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of GIAC held on 10th October 2006.**

Director (EE-II) informed the Committee that the Minutes of the meeting of GIAC held on 10th October 2006 were circulated to all the participants and no

comments have been received from any member. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2006.

(ii) **Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the meeting of GIAC held on 10th October 2006.**

Arising out of Action Taken Report on the minutes of GIAC meeting held on 10.10.2006 the following items were discussed and decisions were taken as under: -

(a) **Proposal of CREDA**

(Shri Shamshad Khan, Member of GIAC and Secretary of CREDA left the meeting when this was taken up for discussion).

The original proposal of CREDA was for covering 48 thousand deprived children under the I&E Project in Sonbadhra and Mirzapur districts of UP. The GIAC in its meeting held on 2.3.06 decided that VA may operate the project covering OOSC identified by the house hold survey of SSA, UP and the VA was to work out the number of centres, number of children to be covered and the cost per child, in consultation with SPD, SSA, UP and intimate the same to GOI. However, SPD, UP and CREDA have not been able to finalise the details. The Additional Director, SPO of SSA, UP who was present in the meeting was advised that keeping the factor of reliability of hhs in mind, the SSA, UP may hold a meeting with VA and mutually decide the number of children to be covered, the number centres, the places where they would be run and also the cost per child. There should not be duplication of efforts. He agreed to complete this exercise in a month's time and write to GOI.

(b) **Proposal of Doorstep School, Mumbai:**

The GIAC in its meeting held on 10.10.06 approved the proposal to run 25 centres covering 500 children in Pune and 75 centres covering

1000 children in Mumbai. However, the VA was advised to minimize funds on salary component and work out a revised Budget.

SPD, SSA, Maharashtra, informed the meeting that the NGO is working in slum areas and most of the children covered by NGO are working children and deserve the intervention. He informed that the VA was contacted and it was agreed that the VA will run centres for 1300 children in Mumbai and for 200 children in Pune. The agreed cost per child is Rs. 2266/-. As the cost per child and number of centres has been recommended by SPD, Mumbai, the Grants-in-Aid Committee approved the proposal. Ms. Farida Lambay felt that the Doorstep School may not be able to run the project with this budget. It was decided that the above proposal be approved and the Chairman, GIAC be authorized to take a decision on the break up of the budget, furnished by the VA, in the final instance.

Ms. Farida Lambey also pointed out that NGOs are getting needed support in Maharashtra except for projects in Mumbai, this needs to be rectified. SPD, Maharashtra informed that the position in Mumbai is improving and that the status is being reviewed by SPD, himself to remove the bottlenecks if any.

(c) Proposal of JANARTH Aurangabad:

The proposal is to run AIE Centres for migrating children of workers in sugar factories in the District of Aurangabad, Pune, Satara, Kholapur, Ahmed Nagar, Belgaum and Nasik. The FIT had recommended the proposal for 7000 children. The GIAC in its meeting held on 10.10.2006 requested SPD, Maharashtra to explore the possibility of funding the project under AIE Component of SSA, Maharashtra. Meanwhile the meeting of the Project Approval Board of SSA, Maharashtra for their annual plan & budget for 2007-08 for districts under SSA was also held on 18.04.07 and AIE intervention for these districts for this category of children have also been included in

the approvals. Therefore, Janarath could be funded under the AIE component approved for the purpose, covering sakar shalas

The State Project Director, Maharashtra present in the meeting, informed the committee that he had a meeting with the representative of Janrath and it was agreed that the proposal could be cleared within the financial limit of support to AIE proposals in the state of Maharashtra.

GIAC decided to accept the suggestion of SPD, Maharashtra and requested him to sanction the project early.

(d) Proposal of Santulan:

The proposal is to cover 1200 children of migrating workers of Stone queries in Pune, Satara, Ahmed Nagar and Kholapur. GIAC in its meeting held on 10.10.2006 requested SPD, Maharashtra to explore the possibility of funding the project under AIE Component of SSA, Maharashtra. Meanwhile the meeting of the Project Approval Board of SSA, Maharashtra to approve their annual plan & budget 2007-08 for districts under SSA was also held on 18.04.07 and AIE intervention for these districts, for this category of children have also been included in the approvals. Therefore, Santulan would be funded under the respective district plans under the AIE component.

The State Project Director, Maharashtra present in the meeting, informed the Committee, he had a meeting with the representative of Santulan and that the NGOs projection of per child cost could be accommodated within the financial limit of support to AIE projects in SSA Maharashtra.

GIAC decided to accept the suggestion and requested SPD, Maharashtra to sanction the project early.

JS (EE-II) suggested to him that since PAB's approval for AIE intervention in these districts is available, the State should workout the per child cost for these categories of children within the limit of Rs. 3000/- and obtain approval of EC. Thereafter, the GIAC of SSA Maharashtra could award NGOs projects to cover the category of migrating children and children in quarries. However, this needs to be done very expeditiously, so that NGOs can work upon these issues forthwith.

(iii) Proposal of ADITHI, Patna:

GIAC noted that the proposal is for running 106 Centres in five Blocks of Dumka District of Jharkhand State. NCERT recommended the proposal with a few suggestions. The one member FIT has not recommended the proposal.

SPD, Jharkhand present in the meeting, informed the Committee that the head of this NGO had expired and the NGO is now defunct. However, since the proposal is for running centres which are non residential, such children could be enrolled in EGS Centres and primary schools run by SSA, Jharkhand. The State therefore, is not recommending the proposal for approval.

The GIAC therefore, rejected the proposal.

(iv) Proposal Mahila Development Centre, Muzaffarpur:

The GIAC noted that NCERT and a one member Field Inspection Team have not recommended the proposal of Mahila Development Centre. The proposal has been forwarded by SPD, Bihar with the comment of DPO of West Champaran District.

SPD, Bihar, present in the meeting, informed the Committee that Vidyalaya Shiksha Samiti has been running 3 AIE Centres in the area and lot many EGS Centres, therefore there is no need to sanction the project to the NGO.

Chairman, GIAC advised the SPD, Bihar to ensure that children of sex workers are covered by SSA in Bihar schools and no discrimination is allowed. SPD assured of the same.

The proposal was thereafter rejected.

(v) Representation of Navjyoti Delhi Police Foundation for reconsidering the decision of GIAC held on 10.10.06:

GIAC was informed that Navjyoti, Delhi Police Foundation was sanctioned a project to run 200 Gali Schools covering 6000 street and working children for a period of 2 years with effect from 1.7.05. As per the practice, the Project was evaluated by Joint Evaluation Team after a year. JET reported that in the Centres run by the NGO, no street children were found and the age group of children being served through Gali schools was 3 - 6 yrs. The VA was charging Rs.5 to Rs. 7 per child and 88% of funds were utilized for payment of salary. The teachers were not trained to handle the children in the age group of 3 to 6. The GIAC in its meeting held on 10.10.06 had accepted the report of the JET and decided to discontinue the project and not to release further grant. The decision of the GIAC was communicated to the VA.

The VA then submitted a representation vide letter dated 19.2.07 for reconsideration of the decision.

GIAC noted that in the representation Navjyoti has accepted that there is a lot of scope of improvement in the quality of the project and improvement of skills of the teachers/supervisors. The VA had furnished details of the age profile of the children covered, to MHRD vide their letter dated 16.02.06 and no objection was raised. Navjyoti has stated that since evaluation of their project was done only after completion of one year and they have already incurred expenditure to the tune of Rs. 12 lakhs for 2nd half of the first year of the project, therefore the release of the 2nd instalment of the first year of the project, should be accorded to them.

GIAC considered this matter in detail and decided to stick to the earlier decision of not continuing the project. However it was felt that there is some

merit in the claim of the VA that since they have incurred the expenditure for the 2nd half of 1st year before the visit of JET, the 2nd instalment for the first year, be released to the VA. Accordingly, it was decided to release the 2nd instalment of 1st year of the project. GIAC also decided to issue a speaking order to VA in this regard.

- (vi) Ractification of decision on allowing PRATHAM to utilize the funds sanctioned for running of Basti Shiksha Kendra and Community Library for organizing summer camps in the State of Uttar Pradesh.**

The Committee ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, GIAC.

- (vii) Ratification of decision on extension of project period of the VA – Science Communicator Forum, Kolkatta.**

The Committee ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, GIAC to treat the second year of the project as 2006-07.

- (viii) Ratification of decision on extension of the project period of the I&E project implemented by Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation, Gurgaon in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.**

The Committee ratified the decision taken by Chairman, GIAC to treat the project period as 1.8.05 to 31.3.06 and extended period as 1.4.06 to 31.1.07.

- (ix) Information on proposals in process:**

The list of three pending cases was placed before the GIAC.

In respect of the proposal of Ashray which is pending from September, 2005, Dir(EE-II) informed the committee that on receipt of the proposal the VA was requested to submit 10 copies of proposal but there was no response. Required copies were prepared by the office and sent to SPD, Orissa NCERT and FIT members. SPD, Orissa and FIT member reported that despite all efforts by them VA is not responding. MHRD also wrote to VA by Regd Post

to their Regd office at Banki, Cuttack district and Head Office at Bhubaneswar. Both the letters came back with remarks 'Not Known'.

In view of these circumstance, the GIAC decided to drop the proposal from the list pending proposals and no further action is to be taken on the proposal.

The other two proposals were noted for information.

(x) Definition of Innovation and Time Frame:

In pursuance of the decision taken at its 52nd meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee held on 10.10.06 the comments of all GIAC members were sought on the definition of innovative projects, as worked out by the NCERT. Shri Lalit Pandey, Ms. Deepa Das, Father Thoman Felix and Shri Shamsad Khan had submitted their comments on the definition of Innovation and its, time frame. The GIAC discussed this matter in detail and decided as under: -

1. Definition of Innovation: Educational innovation refers to an idea or practice new to a specific educational context that meets unsatisfied needs. It is the introduction or promotion of new ideas and methods that are devised in education and or school practices which have a substantial effect on changing the existing patterns of behaviour of a group or groups involved. Innovative strategies imply the development of new ideas which are disseminated and utilized; they usually occur in response to particular problems.

2. Time Frame: Existing period of two years will continue.

(xi) Constitution of Joint Evaluation Team (JET) in respect of project completed/will be completing 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:

- (i) PRATHAM, Mumbai for project in State of Uttar Pradesh – Shri Lalit Pande.
- (ii) PRATHAM, Mumbai for project State of Bihar – Father Thomas Felix
- (iii) APRAJITA, Katikar for project in State of Bihar – Father Thomas Felix
- (iv) UTTHAN, Bhopal for project in Madhya Pradesh – Ms. Farida Lambay.
- (v) ROOPANTAR, Raipur for project in Chhattisgarh – Ms. Deepa Das
- (vi) Gajapati Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Bhubaneswar – Shri Shamshad Khan. It was also decided that Shri Narendra Kawde, SPD, SSA, Maharashtra will be the nominee of Government of India for the project.

The Joint Evaluation Teams will submit their evaluation report to MHRD within 60 days.

(xii) JET report on Deccan Development Society, Hyderabad:

The GIAC noted the findings of the Joint Evaluation Team in respect of Deccan Development Society, Andhra Pradesh and approved its continuation for the 2nd year.

4. With the permission of the Chair the following items were taken up as additional items for discussion:-

(i) Proposal of Indian Institute for Social Development (IISD), New Delhi:

JS (EE-II) and Dir (EE-II) informed the members that of the GIAC in its meeting held on 10.10.2006 considered the proposal of IISD to run I&E Centres for 2000 children and rejected it as SPD, SSA, Assam observed that 60% of the children reported to be out of school were found in the school. This decision was conveyed to the VA. In reply vide their letter dated 12.12.2006, IISD submitted a fresh list of children in the same district and requested for sanction of grant on the basis of fresh list. SSA, Assam was requested to verify the new list of children and submit their revised comments. SPD, Assam vide letter dated 2nd April 2007 has now intimated that a team of three officials were deputed for reverification of the list. The team visited 65 schools, 5 EGS centres 1 AIE Centre in addition to a number of house holds. The team found 89% of the listed children are

already studying in schools. A few out of school children are either overage or underage or have shifted to other places. SPD, Assam has therefore not recommended the proposal as most of the children proposed to be covered by IISD are already enrolled in schools/EGS centres. IISD also submitted a representation on 23.4.2007 seeking the financial assistance @ Rs. 3000 per child per annum for 2000 out of school children or atleast 1372 children, as according to them they were the out of school children. Copies of the letter of IISD dated 23.04.07 and SPDs letter of 2.04.07 were placed before the GIAC for its decision.

GIAC considered this matter in detail and in view of the detailed verification of number of OOSC by the State and in the light of comments of SPD, Assam, GIAC rejected the proposal. It was decided that a speaking order may be issued to VA.

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

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE GRANTS-IN-AID COMMITTEE FOR
INNOVATIVE AND EXPERIMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECTS HELD ON
30.4.2007**

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