

Minutes of the meeting of Project Approval Board held on 8.3.2006 to consider AWP&B for 2006-07 of the State of Uttaranchal for SSA and NPEGEL.

The PAB meeting for Uttaranchal's AWP&B for SSA and NPEGEL was held on 8.3.2006 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (EE&L).

2. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed(Annexure - I.)

3. **Status:**

The State made a brief presentation on the progress of SSA programme. The State informed that the progress of expenditure till February 2006 against the outlay is 80.50%. The State anticipates an expenditure of 92% of the outlay by 31.03.06. Out of the total habitations of 23,155; 22,246 habitations have primary school facility. Of the remaining 909 habitations without primary schools, 223 are eligible for primary schools as per the norms of the State Govt. for which provisions have been made in the year 2006-07. The remaining habitations are covered either by EGS or AIE interventions. The ratio of upper primary schools to primary schools is 1: 2.64. SC & ST children enrolled are 99.75% and 99.56% respectively. The girls' enrolment is 99.61%. The total enrolment of children is 99.7%. The drop out has reduced from 15% to less than 2%. The achievement level has increased by 16% from the base line of 2002. The PTR has come down from 1:43 to 1:30. The transition rate from PS to UPS is 98.2%. The State has developed GIS system for schools and habitations for better programme management. The monitoring structures have been equipped with IT facilities till BRC level.

4. **Gist of Proposals for 2006-07:**

For the year 2006-07 the State proposed opening of 223 primary schools (including up gradation of 84 EGS centres); 253 upper primary schools; 1641 additional classrooms; IED interventions for 12049 children and remedial teaching for 58500 children. As per the State's assessment there are 32062 out of school children (5612 never enrolled and 26450 drop outs). The State proposed to cover all the children who are out of school by different interventions during 2006-07. The State also proposed 2874 new teachers and training for 47736 teachers.

The outlay sought was Rs. 291.89 crores. The State Govt. budget allocation for 2006-07 is Rs. 62.50 crores.

5. **Approvals:**

After a detailed discussion, the PAB approved the following interventions for Uttaranchal 2006-2007: -

(i) **New Schools:** 223 primary schools were sanctioned which included up gradation of 84 EGS Centres. 253 upper primary schools were sanctioned. **The State has confirmed that with these approvals they have covered all eligible habitations as per the norms of the State Government. No additional schools would be required in the coming years as per the existing norms.**

(ii) **Civil Works:** The following civil works were approved: -

Activity	Spillover	Fresh	Total	Financial Outlay (Rs. in Crores)
New Schools (Primary)	Nil	223	223	8.43
New Schools (U Primary)	Nil	253	253	15.18
Reconstruction (Primary)	Nil	358	358	13.53
Reconstruction (U Primary)	Nil	92	92	5.52
Additional Classrooms (P)	Nil	1125	1125	15.18
Additional Classrooms (UP)	Nil	516	516	6.96
Construction of boundary walls	Nil	2973	2973	11.89
Construction of Separation wall	Nil	790	790	3.95
Construction of BRC	6	Nil	6	0.36
CRC	Nil	120	120	2.40
Electrification	Nil	623	623	1.24
Child friendly (for new schools)	Nil	476	476	0.95
			Total:	85.61 Crores

With these sanctions the State has reached the saturation point in respect of new schools, additional classrooms, re-construction of schools, BRC and CRCs. There would be no further requirement of civil works on account of this.

(iii)**Out of School:** To cover 32062 out of school children and to continue existing interventions in respect of habitations not eligible for PS as per norms of the state, the following strategies have been adopted: -

Strategies	Never Enrolled Children	Drop Out	Continuing Children	Total
Mainstreaming	931	0	0	931
EGS (PS)	1996	0	37465	39461
EGS (UPS)	0	0	6499	6499
AIE (PS)	0	0	8326	8326
AIE (UPS)	0	0	1034	1034
NRBC	835	13637	0	14472
RBC	278	12813	0	13091
Back to School Camps/Madarsa	1572	0	3915	5487
Total	5612	26450	57239	89301

The cost of these interventions is Rs. 18.91 crores.

(iv)**Remedial Teaching:** Remedial teaching of 58500 children was also approved at a cost of 4.38 Cr.

(v)**New Teachers:** For the 223 new primary schools @ 2 teachers per school, 446 primary teachers were approved. For the 253 upper primary schools @ 3 teachers per schools, 759 upper primary teachers were approved. In all, sanctions were accorded for 1205 teachers at a cost of Rs. 17.57 crores. No additional teachers were sanctioned, as the PTR is satisfactory.

For the 3326 Teachers recruited in the previous years, an expenditure of 46.32 crores was approved towards their salary.

(vi)**Teacher Training:** The following teachers' training programmes were approved:

I Primary Teacher

Activity	No. of Teachers
a) In Service 10 days training on hard spots.	24419
b) In service 10 days training on sensitization, evaluation and school environment	24419

A total of 24419 primary teachers will be given 20 days training in service during 2006-07 as above.

II. Upper Primary Teachers.

Activity	No. of Teachers
a) In service 10 days training on hard spots	18186
b) In service 10 days training on sensitization, evaluation and school environment	18186

A total of 18186 upper primary teachers will be given 20 days training as above during 2006-07.

III. Shiksha Mitras 15 days training for 3757 Shiksha Mitras was approved.

The total number of teachers to be trained thus (including Shiksha Mitras) is 46362 at a cost of Rs. 6.36 crores.

(vii) TLE: Teaching-learning equipment was sanctioned for 223 new primary schools, 253 new upper primary schools and 71 upper primary schools (not covered under OBB) at a cost of Rs. 1.84 crores.

(viii) School Grants: School improvement grants were sanctioned to 11927 primary schools and 4403 upper primary schools at a cost of Rs. 3.26 crores.

(ix) Maintenance Grants: Maintenance grants was sanctioned to 10426 primary schools 3463 upper primary schools at a cost of Rs. 6.94 crores.

(x) TLM: TLM grant was sanctioned to 26713 primary teachers and 18204 upper primary teachers at a cost of Rs. 2.24 crores.

(xi)**Free Text-Book:** Free text-books were approved for 5,91,464 primary school children and 2,95,181 upper primary school children at a cost of Rs. 13.30 crores.

(xii)**IED:** Under IED the State proposes to hold district level workshops, capacity building and bridge courses, assessment camps in each staff, educational tours, district resource group meetings. 3 days training for one teacher from each primary and upper primary school and intensive training for 2 teachers from each CD Block and aids and appliances for children. The total number of children to be covered is 12049 at a cost of Rs. 1.44 crores.

(xiii)**Innovative Activities: -**

(a) **CAL:** In all 249 upper primary schools have been covered under CAL and the State's proposals to cover another 150 upper primary schools in the current year is approved at a cost of Rs. 1.95 crores.

(b) **ECCE:** No new ECCE Centre was approved. Sanction was accorded for continuing 2572 existing ECCE Centres at a cost of Rs. 1.81 crores.

(c) **Girl's education:** District-wise activities which included sewing, painting, food preservation, bal malas, book binding, preparation of soft toys, self defense, mountaineering, Para gliding, was approved for an amount of Rs. 1.42 crores.

(d) **SC/ST:** Activities like holding summer camps; vocational activities special session for remedial teaching and profiling of each SC/ST minority child was approved at a cost of Rs. 1.10 crores.

(xiv)**VEC:** Training of 59570 VEC members at a cost of Rs. 0.35 crores was approved.

(xv)**REM:** Printing of DIES format, house-hold survey, analysis and dissemination, capacity building and Research on impact of teacher training, research on impact of school grading system and action research were approved at a cost of Rs. 1.48 crores.

(xvi)**NPEGEL:** NPEGEL activities were approved for 398 clusters in 42 blocks at a cost of Rs. 3.50 crores.

(xvii)**SIEMAT:** The State has acquired the land for SIEMAT and the construction has been started. The process for selection of faculty is also in progress. An amount of Rs. 0.50 crores was sanctioned during 2005-06 and the remaining amount of Rs. 2.50 crores is sanctioned for 2006-07. **Thus, the total admissible amount of Rs. 3 crores has been made available.**

(xviii) **KGBV**: The number of KGBV Centres sanctioned in the State is 13 and all of them are functioning.

(xix) **Special Focus Districts**: There are 2 special focus districts, viz., Bageshwar (SC district) and Hardwar (minority district). The total outlay for the district of Bageshwar is Rs. 8.98 crores and for Hardwar is Rs. 15.21 crores. The details of the approved interventions annexed. (Annexure – III)

6. The Fact sheet of the State is enclosed. (Annexure – II)

7. **PAB Observation:**

The Project Approval Board emphasized on the following issues for implementation by the State Government: -

- (i) In view of the data discrepancies in the out of school and drop out children the State should re-look at various data sources and improve the data quality.
- (ii) Out of the existing 1562 EGS centres only 84 are being upgraded during 06-07. Therefore, a review of the policy of up gradation of the EGS by the State may be undertaken.
- (iii) Children eligible for remedial teaching identified through School Gradation tool and be given remedial teaching in a time bound schedule.
- (iv) The state will submit their observations on the IMRB studies separately so that the matter could be taken up with IMRB.
- (v) The method of preparation of District Plan and their integration with the State Plan needs to be streamlined.
- (vi) The State must put in systems for accountability of BRC & CRC Coordinators and personnel.

8. **Commitments:**

The State Government gave the following commitments to improve the implementation of SSA at the time of the PAB meeting: -

- (i) All out of school children will be covered during the year 2006-07. Special focus will be on girls retention and enrolment.
- (ii) Greater focus will be given to drop out children. The data on the drop out children will be rechecked and the State will conduct preparatory camps, bridge camps, and remedial camps to ensure that there are no dropouts during the year 2006-07.

- (iii) As per the IMRB study the State has 1,16,680 out of school children while the assessment of the State is only 32,062. A detailed household survey will be conducted by the State for a more informed picture. Independent agencies will conduct this survey in urban areas and districts. The data will be crosschecked with community members. Two sample surveys by independent agencies will also be conducted during 2006-07.
- (iv) There will be no single teacher schools. The State will review the position regarding 584 single teacher primary schools and 38 single teacher upper primary schools as reported and take action to rectify the situation.
- (v) The State will take comprehensive steps to check teacher absenteeism and define outcomes of teacher training.
- (vi) Construction of 6 BRCs (spill over work of 05-06) will be completed in 6 months time.
- (vii) Quarterly pupil evaluation outcomes to be measured and reported in NCERT monitoring tools by July 2006.
- (viii) Comprehensive Continued Evaluation (CCE) will be implemented Statewide during the year 2006-07. Intimation on this universal implementation will be sent to DEEL early. In addition State will set up a system of independent testing of student outcomes at periodic intervals.
- (ix) The student outcomes as reported in DISE (exam results of class V & VIII levels) will be improved by 10% in 2006-07.

9. **Total Outlay Approved:**

PAB approved an outlay for SSA of Rs. 24433.68 lakhs for fresh proposals and 36.00 lakhs as spillover, totaling to Rs. 24469.68 lakhs.

The approved outlay for NPGEL is Rs. 350.82 lakhs for fresh proposals.

Thus the total approval for SSA including NPGEL for the year 2006-07 is Rs. 24820.50 lakhs (including spill over of Rs. 36.00 lakhs).

The District-wise and consolidated statement of costing of various activities under SSA is enclosed (Annexure –IV).The details of interventions and costing under NPEGEL are enclosed (AnnexureV).

10. **Conditions:**

It was directed that the State should also satisfy the following conditions to avail SSA funds: -

- (a) The State Government should give a written commitment of meeting its share of the SSA outlay.
- (b) First installment of the State share should also be released to the Society within one month of the releases of Central share to the State Society.
- (c) At least 50% of the teachers recruited should be female.
- (d) Teachers appointed against posts created through SSA funds should be made accountable to the VEC for at least the salary payment. The latter would monitor the attendance before released the salary.
- (e) VECs or equivalent bodies should be constituted and accounts opened to incur expenditure under teachers grant, civil works, maintenance grants, school grants and other such expenditures, which has to be incurred only through these bodies as per SSA NORMS.
- (f) The State Government will maintain their level of investment in elementary education as in 1999-2000 and give the details of this to GOI before the release of second installment. The contribution as State share for SSA will be over and above this investment.
- (g) The second installment would only be released after the previous installment of State share has been transferred to the State Implementation Society and substantial progress has been made in expenditure as far as money already released is concerned.
- (h) All appointments under the head of management cost should either be on deputation or on contract basis, with all persons being recruited having functional computer literacy.

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2006**

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