

## **Minutes of the meeting of Project Approval Board held on 12.04.2006 to consider AWP&B of the State of Tamil Nadu for SSA and NPEGEL**

The PAB meeting for Tamil Nadu's AWP&B for SSA and NPEGEL was held on 12.04.2006 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. The State informed that school access is not an issue and GER in both Primary and Upper Primary is 100%. The NER in Primary is ST (96.68), SC (97.73) and overall 98.84. The NER in upper Primary is ST (95.17), SC (97.59) and overall 97.73. The number of boys, girls and total enrolment are 5057658, 4702448 and 9760106 respectively. The drop out rate in Primary is ST (11.14), SC (3.73) and overall 3.81 and the drop out rate in Upper Primary it is ST(13.53), SC(8.69) and overall (7.58). The PTR in primary school is 41 and in Upper Primary school it is 54. The State propose to start bridge camps in June itself so that mainstreaming is linked. The transition rate from PS to UPS is 98.25.

The total expenditure during 2005-06 is Rs.479.61 crore which is 98.32% of the outlay approved.

4. The Fact sheet of the State is enclosed (Annexure-II).

5. **Gist of Proposals:**

For the year 2006-07, the State proposed a upgradation of 126 EGS centers as Primary School 234 Primary School as Upper Primary School. Construction of 2211 CRC buildings, 126 primary school buildings, 546 upper primary school buildings, 12419 additional classrooms, electrification of 4120 schools and 4120 child friendly elements (under BALA project). The State proposed to cover 1,62,223 out of school children through EGS centers, bridge courses, and back to school camps. The 10229 new teachers were also proposed.

**The total outlay sought was Rs.89007.91 lakh including spill over. The state has a budget provision of Rs.17000.00 lakhs for 2006-07.**

1. **Approvals:**

After detailed discussions, the PAB approved the following interventions for Tamil Nadu 2006-07:-

(i) **New Schools:-** 126 new primary schools in place of existing EGS centers and 234 new upper primary schools by upgrading the existing primary schools was approved.

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

Activity	Spill over	Fresh	Total	Financial Outlay (Rs. In lakhs)
CRC	4	1075	1079	2168.40
Primary school building	3	126	129	583.20
Upper Primary School building	2	546	548	1932.93
Additional class room	35	12464	12499	28127.65
Child friendly ramps	987	0	987	49.35
Electrification	Nil	3910	3910	391.00
Child friendly elements	Nil	360	360	90.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>33342.53</b>

(iii) **Out of School:-** To cover out of school children and to continue the existing AIE center, the following interventions have been proposed:-

Strategies	No. of centres	No. of children
EGS center (P) existing	122@	3050
EGS center (P) new	112@	2800
Bridge course (P)		7936
Back to School (P) 4 month		13570
Back to School (UP) 4 month		23100
Bridge Course (UP)		30283
Residential camps (10 months)		20000
Spl. RBC		4000
Coverage under NCLP/INDUS		10500
Total		1,15,239

@ Each center will have 25 children.

The cost of these interventions is Rs.2242.51 lakh.

(iv) **Teachers salary:**

(a) **New Teachers salary :-**

Primary Teachers	126
Primary Head master	126
Upper Primary Teacher	234
Additional teachers (UP)	<u>9694</u>
Total	<u>10180</u>

(a) **The teachers salary** for the teachers recruited in 05-06 and earlier under SSA has been approved as follows:-

Primary Teachers (existing)	2548
Upper Primary Teachers (existing)	<u>6138</u>
Total	<u>8686</u>

Thus in all 18866 teachers salary was approved with an outlay of Rs.12537.24 lakhs.

(v) **TLE:-** TLE for 126 new primary schools, 234 new upper primary schools and 13 others was approved at a cost of Rs.130.90 lakh.

(vi) **Teacher Grant:-** Teachers grant for 2,10,624 Teachers (1,04,107 Primary and 1,06,517 Upper Primary) with an outlay of Rs.1053.12 lakh.

(vii) **Teacher Training:-** In service, 18 days training of 104107 Primary Teachers and 106517 Upper Primary Teachers and 10 days residential training for 756 new recruits (Primary) and 9977 new recruits (Upper Primary) was approved. The financial outlay is Rs.2725.47 lakhs.

(viii) **School Grant:-** School grant for 51014 schools (37253 primary school and 13761 upper primary schools) at an outlay of Rs.1020.28 lakh was approved.

(ix) **Maintenance Grant:-** Maintenance Grant for 40857 schools (30533 primary and 10324 upper primary) at an outlay of Rs.2042.85 lakhs was approved.

(x) **IED:-** The following activities under IED were approved.

S. No.	Activity	2006-07	
		Phy.	Fin.
1	Fees for Spl. Teachers per teacher with FTA	824	444.96
2	Fees for Physiotherapist per Dist.	104	68.64
3	Medical Camps per block	412	24.72
4	Assistive Device	412	123.60
5	Surgery	-	131.19
6	Day Care Centres	371	148.40
7	Documentation (per block)	412	4.12
8	Contingencies (per block)	412	4.12
9	Training to teachers & VEC members	105833	105.83
10	Inclusive play park	412	40.40
11	Life Skills training	40847	102.12
12	Summer Camp for CWSN	51080	51.08
13	Cross Disability Training to Spl. Teachers	824	4.12
14	Vocational Training to CWSN	69637	34.82
15.	Supply of material	71149	67.99
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95913</b>	<b>1150.96</b>

The total number of children covered is 95913 and the financial outlay is Rs.1150.96 lakhs.

(xi) **Innovation:-** Innovation funds of Rs1450.00 lakh were sanctioned out which Rs.435.00 lakhs for ECCE, Rs.290.00 lakh for Girls education, Rs.290.00 lakh for SC/ST and Rs.435.00 lakh for computer aided education.

(xii) **VEC:-** 1,55,710 VEC members will be trained at an outlay of Rs.93.43 lakhs.

(xiii) **REMS:-** Details of activities are given below :-

S.No.	Activities	Amount (Rs.in lakhs)
i	Research and Action Research	129.34
ii	Evaluation & Impact Studies	43.11
iii	Monitoring/MIS	86.23
iv	Supervision & HMs/VECs/NGOs Review at BRC/CRC/VEC	43.11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>301.79</b>

The outlay for REM is Rs.301.79 lakh.

(xiv) **NPEGEL:-** Under NPEGEL, Civil works and TLE Grant for 688 MCS and Cluster level activities were approved for 937 Clusters, for following activities :-

- MCS maintenance and vocational instructions.
- Best school award.
- Remedial teaching /evaluation.
- Training to girls.
- Training to teachers.

**The total outlay approved under NPEGEL is Rs. 2272.32 lakh.**

(xv) **KGBV:-** Out of 37 KGBV sanctioned all are operational.

(xvi) **Special Focus Districts:-** There are nine special focus districts namely Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Nagapattinam, Perambalur, Ramnathapuram, Nilgiris, Thiruvavur, Villupuram. The details of interventions approved for these Special Focus Districts are Annexed (Annexure III). The total approval for these Special Focus is Rs.28806.51 lakhs.

7. **Other approvals of PAB:**

- (i) The request of Chennai Corporation that owing to unique conditions prevailing in the city, the Chennai Corporation may be permitted to construct classroom building dovetailing the funds available with it or from other sources with the SSA funds through their laid down procedures, was approved.
- (ii) The expenditure incurred in the previous years by the State Society on self learning material under the Activity Based Learning (ABL) from SSA funds available in different heads was approved ex-post facto as valid investment for quality improvement in learning. The state used such funds for quality improvement and innovation, which are stated guidelines of SSA.

8. **PAB observations:-** The Project Approval Board emphasized on the following issues for implementation by the state Govt. :-

- (i) More focus should be placed on achievement level. The cluster reports should include pass percentage and benchmark should be shown.
- (ii) The number of children enrolled should also match with the number of children availing mid day meal.
- (iii) The state re-assess the number of out of school children and if more children are identified than those identified by the state in last survey, strategies for their coverage should also be planned and these children should be covered during 2006-07 itself.
- (iv) The State can provide remedial training to 5% of the children to reduce the drop out. The slow learners should be targeted based on the performance evaluation.
- (v) For upgraded middle schools, a three class room buildings may be allowed with funding being made available over a period of two years.
- (vi) State should form AIE strategies specifically to address migrating children. The number of such children may be correctly estimated.

- (vii) The children in difficult circumstances are continuing to drop out. The state should work out on this specific issue to achieve universal enrollment.
- (viii) The state should look into district-wise disparities in PTR and make efforts to reduce that by redeployment or by posting new recruits in such districts.
- (ix) The state should intensify BRCs school level support and take steps to facilitate qualitative discussions in CRC meetings.
- (x) The State Governments approval for development of worksheets and distribution alongwith text books and commitment that the state will meet the expenditure after project period may be communicated.
- (xi) The SIEMAT has not become functional and should be looked into.

9. **Commitments: -**

- (i) All civil works for 2005-06 will be completed by June, 2006.
- (ii) All out of school children will be identified and enrolled in 2006-07 and specific strategy be worked out for migrating children.
- (iii) The district-wise drop out will be brought down to 0% in primary and reduced to 2.5% in upper primary from 7.5 %.
- (iv) Quarterly pupil evaluation outcomes will be measured and reported in NCERT monitoring tools by July, 2006.
- (v) The student outcomes as reported in DISE (exam results of class V & VIII levels) will be improved by 10% in 2006-07.
- (vi) The progress on GIS/GPS school mapping project is slow and will be completed in six months time.
- (vii) State should revisit its norm for opening of EGS/PS to ensure coverage in smaller/scattered habitations.

10. **Total outlay approved:**

PAB approved following outlay for SSA and NPEGEL for the year 2006-07.

- 1. Under SSA PAB approved an outlay of Rs.70045.47 lakhs out of which Rs.69762.32 lakh is fresh allocation and Rs.283.15 lakh is spill over.**
- 2. Under NPEGEL the PAB approved Rs.2272.32 lakh out of which Rs.2261.30 lakh is fresh allocation and Rs.11.02 lakh is spillover.**
- 3. The total outlay of SSA and NPEGEL is Rs.72317.19 lakhs out of which Rs.72023.62 lakh is for fresh proposal and Rs.294.17 lakh is for spill over.**

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

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

- a. The State government should give a written commitment for 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 releasing the salary.
- e. 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.