

Minutes of the meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) on 24th April, 2006 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget 2006-07 of Arunachal Pradesh for SSA (including NPEGEL).

1. The PAB meeting for considering the Annual Work Plan and Budget 2006-07 of Arunachal Pradesh was held on 24th April under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (EE&L). A list of officers, who attended the meeting, is at Annex-I.

2. The Secretary (Education)/State Project Director/Deputy Director (SSA), Arunachal Pradesh made a brief presentation of the progress of implementation of SSA in the State. The highlights of the presentation are as follow:-

- i) Enrolment at the primary stage has increased from 82501 in 2003-04 to 189755 in 2005-06. This reflects a 130% increase in enrolment. Likewise, enrolment at the upper primary stage has increased from 58977 in 2003-04 to 70886 in 2005-06. This reflects a 20.19% increase in enrolment.
- ii) The drop-out rate at the primary stage has declined from 12.53% in 2004-05 to 9.70% in 2005-06 and from 16.65% in 2004-05 to 14.52% in 2005-06 at the upper primary stage.
- iii) The number of out of school children has declined from 53370 in 2004-05 to 38079 in 2005-06.
- iv) Out of an approved outlay of Rs.6578.48 lakhs during 2005-06, an amount of Rs.4442.51 lakhs was released by the Government of India to SIS, Arunachal Pradesh, whereas the corresponding release by the State Government for the same purpose and period was Rs.515 lakhs.
- v) All the 262 new primary schools, 396 upgraded upper primary schools and 92 residential schools sanctioned under SSA by the last PAB have been opened.
- vi) During 2005-06, 245 EGS Centres have been opened in 7 districts.
- vii) Out of 5022 habitations in the State, 3685 habitations have been provided schooling facilities.
- viii) There are no Special Focus Districts in the State as all the 15 districts of the State are ST concentrated districts.
- ix) The physical progress in civil works in the year 2005-06 is 57.79% and the financial progress is 100%.

- x) As against 2491 sanctioned posts of teachers including Para Teachers, 2166 have been appointed. The remaining 325 vacancies are targeted to be filled up before next session.
- xi) Training to in service teachers and new recruits has been imparted to 844 and 1460 respectively ranging from 10 days to 30 days.
- xii) As an intervention under ECCE, 37620 children have been covered in 1881 centres.
- xiii) All the 38 State level project posts have been filled up and at the district level 155 out of 182 project posts have been filled up.
- xiv) In 2005-06, School Grants were sanctioned for 1932 primary and 616 upper primary schools. Achievement in physical and financial terms is 100%.
- xv) In 2005-06, school repair and maintenance grants were sanctioned for 1932 primary and 616 upper primary schools. Achievement in financial and physical terms is 100%.

3. The fact sheet of the State, with educational indicators is at Annex-II.

4. Gist of State's main proposals for 2006-07

- i) Out of School strategies covering 70582 children under various Alternative & Innovative Schemes.
- ii) Teacher training will be imparted to 10205 teachers in 2006-07 based on methodology of teaching, content enrichment, school readiness, child psychology etc.
- iii) During 2006-07, the State proposals to provide school grant @ Rs.2000/- per school 2808 primary and upper primary schools.
- iv) The State proposed to build 192 and 320 BRCs and CRCs respectively during 2006-07.
- v) As the posts sanctioned are not adequate for the operation of SSA, the State has proposed further sanction of 26 posts at different levels at SPO and DPO levels.
- vi) During the year 2006-07, the State has proposed the following activities for capacity building of the SPO and DPO level SSA Staff: -
 - a) 5 days Training programme on EGS to EGS/AIE Coordinators with participation of 4 SPO and 16 DPO level participants.
 - b) 10 days workshop on development of Condensed Course Materials for AIE Centres to EGS/AIE Coordinators with participation of 3 SPO and 16 DPO level participants.
 - c) 5 days Capacity Building programme on ECCE to Gender Coordinators with participation of 4 SPO and 16 DPO level participants.

- d) 4 days Capacity Building programme on Girls Education to Gender Coordinators with participation of 4 SPO and 16 DPO level participants.
- e) 3 days Capacity Building programme on SC/ST Education to Tribal Coordinators with participation of 3 SPO and 16 DPO level participants.
- f) 5 days Capacity Building programme on IED to IED Coordinators with participation of SPO and 16 DPO level participants.
- g) 3 days workshop on Household survey to MIS Coordinators with participation of 5 SPO and 16 DPO level participants.
- h) 2 days Training programme on Action Research to Pedagogy cum Research Coordinators with participation of 2 SPO and 16 DPO level participants.
- i) 3 days Training programme on DISE to MIS Coordinators with participation of 5 SPO and 30 DPO level participants.
- j) 3 days Training programme on Financial Management to Financial Consultants with participation of 3 SPO and 16 DPO level participants.
- vii) The State Government has identified 6257 CWSNs.
- viii) The State proposes to involve NGOs in SSA activities as under:
 - a) One NGO will be engaged in identification of disabled children.
 - b) In girl's education, 9 NGOs will be engaged in activities like vocational/life skill education.
 - c) In EGS/AIE activities, 16 NGOs will be engaged for running EGS and AIE Centres.
 - d) Four NGOs will be engaged in conducting the conventions of Tribal Councils for awareness campaign on SSA programme.
- ix) The State Government proposes to undertake girls education activities both at the state and district levels with a budget proposal of Rs.140.60 lakhs.
- x) The State proposed to carry out the following activities under ECCE:-
 - a) Deployment of 1 volunteers at each centre for 3 to 6 years children
 - b) Supply of playing learning materials
 - c) Training of ECCE volunteers as per the NCERT module
 - d) Covering those habitations where ICDS centres are not available.
- xi) **Under Research and Evaluation**, the State Government proposed the following:

- a) The State has planned to form 1 State level Education Research Committee (ERC) and 1 District level ERC in each District in 2006-07. The State has already specified the responsibilities of these two types of committees distinctly.
 - b) The State also planned to take follow up action initiating both at State and District levels basing upon the research findings but the detail work plan and strategy of it has not been developed.
 - c) The State has proposed to form a State level Evaluation Committee to evaluate the SSA activities through spot visits twice a year. The State has also planned to form a District level Evaluation Committee for each District. But it has not mentioned in the plan the detail composition, work plan, responsibilities and budget for operation of these committees.
 - d) The State has proposed to conduct Base Line Achievement Survey to 5 more districts during 2006-07 for assessment of learning achievement level class III and V on the lines of NCERT model.
- xii) The State Government has also proposed for training of 24126 members under Community Mobilization Activity.

5. **Civil Works:**

Out of 3327 works, 1956 (59%) have been completed, while the financial progress is 100%. During 2006-07, 50% of the infrastructure gaps are proposed to be covered. A civil works manual has been prepared and printed.

6. **Teachers:**

22% of the 2823 schools (PS+UPS) are single teacher schools. The State needs to undertake a rationalization of teacher deployment. Against 2491 posts of teachers sanctioned under SSA, 2166 teachers have been appointed. There are also 325 vacancies in the State Cadre that are likely to be filled up in the next 3 months. 280 additional teachers are approved for 2006-07 reducing the teacher requirement gap to zero. All teacher recruitment must be completed by December 2006.

7. **Quality related issues**

The State could cover only 2% of the teachers for in-service training. There was no coverage of untrained teachers also. DISE data is not available and therefore no targets could be fixed for enhancement of

achievement levels. It was decided that State would take up teacher training and academic support in an intensive manner during 2006-07. A system of regular assessment of students should also be put in place.

The State Government's proposal to provide separate funds for expenditure on generators in schools where computers have been installed under CAL, was not agreed to.

8. After detailed discussions, PAB approved the following interventions/ proposals of Arunachal Pradesh for the year 2006-07: -

- (i) As an intervention for out of school children, 29058 new EGS centres were sanctioned.
- (ii) Annual grants for 2142 primary schools, 666 upper primary schools, 6302 for primary teachers, 32794 for upper primary teachers and maintenance grants 2808 were sanctioned.
- (iii) Distribution of free textbooks for 164392 primary schools and 60398 for upper primary schools were approved.
- (iv) Teaching Learning Equipment were sanctioned for 318 new primary schools, 92 new upper primary schools, 40 upper primary schools not covered under OBB and 36 other residential schools.
- (v) Salary for 636 new primary teachers, 68 new upper primary school teachers, 61 additional teachers for upper primary, 184 for additional primary teachers, 1698 for existing primary teachers, 793 existing upper primary teachers etc. was sanctioned.
- (vi) Training of 18442 community members was also approved.
- (vii) Salary, furniture grant, contingency grant, TLM grant was sanctioned for 390 Block Resource Centre.
- (viii) Salary, Furniture grant, contingency grant and TLM grant was sanctioned for 184 Cluster Resource Centres.
- (ix) As a intervention for disabled children formation of 15 DRGs, orientation programme for 120, Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres, Community Mobilization and awareness for 15 persons, honorarium to 30 volunteers, training of RT and volunteers for 450, Medical assessment camps for 15 and supply of aids and appliances to 6257 children with special needs were sanctioned. The per child unit cost was fixed at Rs. 800.
- (x) Under Research Evaluation, Monitoring and supervision, 4 studies, felicitation of 90 successful VEC/ schools, updating of 1809 VER and DISE, 74 Action Research Programme were sanctioned.
- (xi) Under Civil Works, Block Resource Centre (27), CRCs (110), New primary schools (187), Upper new primary schools (96),

Building less primary schools (117), Building less upper primary schools (62), and 697 additional classrooms were sanctioned.

- (xii) The PAB approved 1 (one) "School on Wheels" for Bomdila in West Kameng district as an innovative activity. The State could take up additional "Schools on Wheels" from the State's won resources. The bus should be on a hire basis.
- (xiii) Preparatory activities were agreed to for SIEMAT and an amount of Rs. 10 lakh was approved. A comprehensive proposal would be required to be developed for SIEMAT.

9. The PAB emphasized upon the following and took commitments from the State Government: -

- i) All 'Out of School' Children will be brought back to school through Alternative Schooling.
- ii) The process of training of teachers will be completed within 2006-07 for all teachers.
- iii) There will be no single-teacher school in the State. The process of rationalization of teachers will be completed by December 2006.
- iv) Incomplete Civil Works approved till 2005-06 will be completed by August, 2006.
- v) Teachers sanctioned/approved till 2005-06 will be put in place by August, 2006.

10. The PAB approved the AWP&B for Arunachal Pradesh as under:-

- i) **SSA: An outlay of Rs. 11511.20 lakhs of which Rs.11429.75 lakhs is fresh outlay and Rs.81.45 lakhs is the spill over.**
- ii) **NPEGEL: An outlay of Rs.90.18 lakhs with spill over of Rs.15.28 lakhs.**

Thus the total outlay approved by PAB is Rs.11928.41 lakhs.

9. The detailed State summary of costing of AWP&B 2006-07 and district-wise and intervention-wise allocation of outlay are given in Annex-III and Annex-IV respectively.

10 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 instalment of the State share should also be released to the State 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) 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 instalment. The contribution as State share for SSA will be over and above this investment.
- g) The second instalment would only be released after the previous instalment 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.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Annex- II

Fact Sheet

Basic Indicators

State : Arunachal Pradesh

Enrolment I - V			Enrolment VI - VIII			Enrolment I -	
Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
99849	89906	189755	37200	33686	70886	137049	123592

G E R			N E R			Dropout rate	
Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
		84.54			84.54		

Attendece Rate			Completion Rate			Transition rate (
Boys	Girls	Tota	Boys	Girls	Tota	Boys	Girls
NA	NA	NA			94.33		

Out of school Children

6 - 11 years			11 - 14 years			6 - 14 year	
Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
12180	12403	24583	6495	7001	13496	18675	19404

Targets for 2005 - 06

	Present status	Target for 06-07
Out of School Schildren	38079	38079
Dropout rate	11.14	6%
Attendance rate	NA	NA
Achievment level	NA	NA
UPE Index		
No of single teacher school	621	0
No of schools with PTR >50	1051	500
No of buildingless schools	183	0
No of disabled children to be enrolled	4502	1500

Proposal for 2006 - 07

New schools			
Sanctioned till 2005- 06	Opened till date		Santioned 2006 - 07
262	262		

Upgradation of PS to UPS

Sanction till 2005 - 06	Opened till date	Santioned 2006 - 07
283	283	

EGS

Approved in 2005-06		Centres running as on March'2006		Centres to be upgraded to PS	Centres approved for 2006 - 07	
Centres Children		Centres Children			Fresh	Continuing
2547	16360	1377	34850	128		

Out of school Interventions

	No of Centres	No of Children
Strategies		
EGS	1533	30504
Residential Bridge course		2819
Non Residential Bridge course		0
Flexi Schools		0
Drop in Centres		0
Remedial teaching		0
Other (Specify) Back to School Camp		3114
Direct Admission		1642

Teachers

Sanctioned till 2005 -06	In position	Sanction for 2006 - 07	
		Against New schools	Additional Teachers
PS (including Para teachers) 2491	2166		

Teachers Training

Type of Training	No of Teachers	No of days
a. in service	844	10 days
b. New recruits	1460	30 Days
c. Untrained	7827	
Total		

Innovations

	No of Centres	No of children
ECCE	1881	37620
CAL	No of schools covered	
	105	NA

REMS

1	Research activities	
2	Evaluation and impact studies	
3	Monitoring	
4	Supervision	

Civil Works

School Buildings	401
Additional Classroom	461
Drinking Water	1849
Toilets	526

IED

No of children identified	358
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