

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD HELD ON
26TH APRIL 2006 TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN & BUDGET 2006-07 OF
THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP (TSG), ED.CIL**

1. The meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for considering the AWP&B 2006-07 of the Technical Support Group (TSG), Ed.CIL was held on 26th April 2006 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (EE&L). A list of officers who attended the meeting is at Annex-I.
2. Initiating the discussion, Shri. Dhir Jhingran, Director informed the PAB that the amount eligible for 'National Component' including TSG (Ed.CIL), NIEPA, NCERT, NIAR, IGNOU is only Rs.10.50 Crores @ Rs.100.00 per school for 10.5 Lakhs schools and hence the requirements of all the Organizations under the 'National Component' would need to be accommodated within this ceiling. Accordingly Ed.CIL's AWP&B 2006-07 amounting to **Rs.13.30 Crores** has to be curtailed within the amount available for National Component.
3. Project Manager (SSA) Ed.CIL apprised the PAB about the major activities undertaken in the previous year and informed the PAB that it has already incurred and expenditure of 400 Lakhs in the Financial Year 2005-06 against Rs.549 Lakhs sanctioned to TSG (Ed.CIL) pending finalization of accounts and other committed liabilities.
4. Ed.CIL further submitted that the committed liabilities due to the on going research and evaluation studies viz., (i) Research Project on Student Attendance in 21 States (ii) Research Project of Teacher Absence in 4 States (iv) Concurrent Financial Review & Procurement Audit in SSA States and UTs which are to be undertaken by the TSG in the current financial Year 2006-07 itself amounted to Rs.308.25 Lakhs. Further, there is a requirement of additional funds since additional Consultants are likely to join by June, 2006; major repair & renovation of the TSG building, that need to be undertaken urgently; opening of North East Extension Centre, etc. On JS (EE.II)'s query, PM, Ed.CIL clarified that the number of posts for consultants and support staff are the same as in 2005-06.
5. Presenting the appraisal note for AWP&B for TSG of SSA (Ed.CIL) before the PAB, Director (EE) submitted that comparing the expenditure incurred during 2005-06, Ed.CIL's proposal of Rs.1330 Lakhs is on the higher side. If an allocation of Rs.300 lakhs is kept for Research & Evaluation Studies, the requirement for AWP&B 2006-07 of TSG amounted to

Rs.776.19 Lakhs. It was also suggested that if the financial releases for Research & Evaluation Studies could be reduced to **Rs.250 Lakhs**, then the AWP&B 2006-07 for TSG may be pegged at to **Rs.717.39 Lakhs**.

6 **Decisions of the PAB**

Secretary (EE&L) expressed concern that CMD, Ed.CIL was not present for the appraisal.

- (i) In order to avoid delay in completion of studies, Ed.CIL should submit a detailed time schedule for completion of each research study as well as other major activities, so as to ensure the completion of tasks in a time bound manner. This should be done by 31st May, 2006.
 - (ii) The existing arrangement of Project Manager (SSA) holding dual charge is not appropriate and should be replaced by posting a full time Project Manager for TSG.
 - (iii) There are frequent delays in administrative and financial approval at Ed.CIL head quarters. To obviate this, there is a need for adequate delegation of administrative and financial powers to Project Manager (SSA) to accord approval for payment of TA/DA, etc. to external resource persons engaged for JRM, Appraisals and other routine activities related to upkeep of the establishment.
 - (iv) The ongoing recruitment exercise for Consultants should be completed by 30th June, 2006.
7. Secretary, EE&L requested Project Manager, SSA, Ed.CIL to brief CMD, Ed.CIL about these concerns of PAB members and ensure that corrective action is taken.
8. AFA pointed out that the issue of overheads to Ed.CIL, may be resolved at the earliest.
9. The PAB approve the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2006-07 of Ed.CIL's TSG at a total outlay at **Rs.7.00 Crores**. The revised AWP&B 2006-07 of TSG (Ed.CIL) is at **Annex**.

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

Annex

**Ed.CIL's Technical Support Group
SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PAB APPROVAL FOR 2006-07**

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Expenditure 2005-06	Proposals of Ed.CIL	PAB approval 2006-07
A	B	C	C	
1	Consultants Fee for Ed.CIL's TSG	5,074,991	12,133,200	75,00,000
2	Support Staff of Ed.CIL's TSG	3,049,502	7,871,880	45,00,000
3	Field Visit, State Visits, Monitoring, etc.	5,257,055	9,125,000	57,00,000
4	Workshops, Seminars, Meetings, etc.	2,192,866	10,020,000	24,10,000
5	Research, Evaluation, Documentation, etc.	8,465,134	44,758,700	2,50,000
6	Others (incl., Publicity, Printing, Resource Person Fee, Contingency), etc.	3,524,420	16,705,000	38,76,000
7	Space & Utilities	7,068,098	10,401,510	90,00,000
8	TSG for SSA in North East		2,100,000	16,00,000
	Total			59,58,6000
9	Ed.CIL Overheads & Margin @ 16%	5,541,131	18,098,446	95,33,760
10	Service Tax @ 10.2% as per Govt. Norms	565,195	1,846,042	97,2443.52
	Grand Total	40738392	133,059,778 (or say Rs. 13.30 crores)	70092203.52 (or say Rs. 7 crores)