

**MINUTES OF TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL  
BOARD FOR SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER, 2002**

The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Project Approval Board for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was held under the Chairmanship of Shri S.C. Tripathi, Secretary, Elementary Education & Literacy on 27.11.2002. A list of participants is annexed.

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Project Approval Board held on 12.11 2002.**

The minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Project Approval Board held on 12 November, 2002 respectively were confirmed.

**Item No.2. Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Project Approval Board held on 12 November, 2002.**

Action Taken Report was noted.

**Item No.3. Consideration of Annual Action Plan 2002-2003 in respect of Mizoram.**

Based on the Plans prepared by the Mizoram SSA Rajya Mission, remarks of the Appraisal Team thereon and discussions held during the meeting the following decisions were taken:-

1. New EGS centres were approved for 67 habitations without primary schools with an average of 15 students per centre. This was in lieu of the 172 new primary schools proposed by the State, since the State Policy regarding opening of such schools is still not clear.
2. Upgradation of 10 primary schools to upper primary schools was approved as against the proposal at 96 new upper primary schools. The salary of the new additional 20 teachers was also approved for upgraded schools.

TLE grants for existing uncovered 64 upper primary schools and the 10 above said up-graded schools was also approved. School and teacher grants to the existing 1795 government and aided schools and 8877 teachers of government and aided schools was also approved.

3. The Board approved provision for Alternative schooling to 15379 students subject to the condition that the State Mission Authority would first provide the information on the location of the proposed AIE centres, name of the organisations/bodies, who would be running these centres and tentative number of the children per centre. The State Mission Authority is also to ensure that children attending the centre are brought into the mainstream of education by making necessary arrangements for enrolling these children into the formal school system/regular schools.
4. A sum of Rs. 14.040 lakh was approved for special intervention for the education of 1170 disabled children.
5. Project Board has decided to provide workshop and meeting, contingency and TLM grants to 159 CRCs and 23 blocks.
6. Salary of 230 personnel of 23 blocks for 8 months was approved.
7. Rs. 23.21 lakh was approved for research & evaluation programme in 1658 schools.
8. Rs. 334.800 lakh were approved for civil works and Rs. 62.00 lakh towards maintenance and repair grant.
9. Rs. 84.430 lakh were approved for meeting of the management cost for the financial year 2002-2003.

10. Rs. 130.830 lakh were approved for training to the teachers (fresh, untrained as well as in service) of government as well as aided schools. Secretary (EE&L) has desired that the State Government should provide the number of teachers in position, number of under-qualified teachers requiring training and a work plan for training of these teachers through distance mode teaching programmes like that of IGNOU.
11. Rs. 3.64 lakh were approved for training to the members of VEC.
12. The Project Approval Board has accorded its approval to Rs. 347.34 lakh for undertaking innovative activities like Computer Education, Education of Girls and Education of SC/STs and opening up of new ECE centres.
13. Rs. 212.852 lakh were provided for free textbooks to girls and SC/ST boys.
14. Based on the proposal of the Mizoram SSA Rajya Mission, recommendations of the Appraisal Team thereon and deliberations in the Project Approval Board, a Sum of Rs. 1602.24 lakh was approved as Annual Plan 2002-2003 for the State of Mizoram as per the details given in Annexure I.
15. There is a spillover of Rs. 277.415 lakhs, as reported by the Director, Mizoram SSA Rajya Mission, due to non completion of the activities under civil and innovation functional heads, which were approved in the last year budget. The Board approved that this amount may be released to Mizoram SSA Rajya Mission, in addition to the amount due against this year's approved budget.

It was also directed that the State should also satisfy the following conditions:

- (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 Society within one month of the release of Central share to the State Government.

- (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 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 expenditure 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

**Item No.4: Consideration of Annual Action Plan 2002-2003 in respect of Maharashtra.**

The Secretary (Education), Maharashtra made a brief presentation on their proposals. The highlights of the presentation are as follows: -

- Literacy figures in the States rose from 64% to 77 %. The urban rural gap reduced from 30% to 15% while male-female literacy gap reduced to less than 20%.

- There are about 66000 primary schools. About 80% are run by Zila Parishad and 7% by Municipalities. The private aided are 6% and private unaided are 5%. About 60% children attend primary schools run by Zila Parishad.
- The State has made substantial progress against targets in construction of toilets, provision of drinking water and repairs.
- Baseline Achievement Study, 1994, Mid-term Achievement Study, 1997 and Terminal Achievement Study, 2001 shows significant improvement in achievement level in language and mathematics.
- 6680 Vasti-Shalas opened in habitations are key to female literacy. The no. of girls in Vasti-Shalas is more than boys.
- Of the 15.45 lakh out of school children, the State proposed to bring 10.02 lakh students to regular schools, 1.30 lakh to Vasti-shala, 3.03lakh in MPEGS leaving 1.10 lakh yet to be covered.

It was noted that though there 3745 habitations without access to primary schools and 3190 habitations without access to upper primary schools, no new schools have been proposed by the State Govt. Similarly, in non-DPEP districts, there is a shortage of 25491 teachers at primary stage, no additional teacher has been proposed. The State Government has a policy of providing free textbooks to SC/ST students up to standard IV.

Secretary, EE&L observed that the State need to restructure their education system to include class VIII under Elementary Education. This will not only ensure continuity of Elementary Education but the State would also be able to access SSA funds for class VIII. However, Secretary Education, Maharashtra pointed out that this was difficult in the context of the reorganization of teacher cadres that would be required. JS (EE) mentioned that this may also be desirable in the context of Constitutional amendment providing for free and compulsory elementary education.

On the proposal to provide free textbooks to all children in the age group 6-14 years, Secretary, EE&L observed that free textbooks could be available to only those students not covered by State Policy in this regard.

After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken: -

- Grant for TLM@ Rs.500/- per teacher may be allowed to all teachers of Government as well as recognized aided schools.
- Free textbooks may be provided to only those SC/ST and girl students who are not covered by such provision under the State Policy.
- Special attention would be paid to issues related to street children in the urban areas.
- The issue of how TLM grant could be issued for class VIII would be examined.

The Project Approval Board approved the Maharashtra SSA AWAP&B 2002-03 amounting to Rs.431.21 crores (Rs.369.57 crores fresh proposals + Rs.61.65 crores spill-over) as given in Annex-II & III.

It was also directed that the State should also satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) The State Government should give a written commitment for meeting its share of the SSA outlay.
- (j) First instalment of the State share should also be released to the Society within one month of the release of Central share to the State Government.
- (k) At least 50% of the teachers recruited should be female.
- (l) Teachers appointed against posts created through SSA funds should be made accountable to the VEC for at least salary payment. The latter would monitor the attendance before releasing the salary.
- (m) 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 expenditure which has to be incurred only through these bodies as per SSA norms.
- (n) 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.
- (o) 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.

- (p) 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 ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

**ATTENDANCE OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD HELD ON 27.11.2002 AT 2.30 P.M. UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY (EE&L)**

1. Shri S.C. Tripathi, Secretary(EE&L) In the Chair
2. Shri Sumit Bose, JS(EE), MHRD
3. Shri C. Balakrishana, JS (Plg), MHRD
4. Shri Jagan Mathems, JS (AE), MHRD
5. Ms. Indu Datta, Director, Plg. Commission (Representative of Pr. Adviser (Edu.), Planning Commission.
6. Dr. Meena Gautam, Dy. Secretary (NCTE), (Representative of Chairperson, NCTE)
7. Shri S.S. Sharma, Director (F), (Representative of FA, MHRD)

**In Attendance**

8. Shri J.M. Phatak, Secretary, School Education, Govt. of Maharashtra
9. Dr. Vasant Karpande, Director of Primary Education & PPD, DPEP, Mumbai
10. Dr. Pushpa Mndal DEE, NCERT
11. Dr. K.M. Gupta, Reader, DTEE, NCERT
12. Dr. Kanan Sadhu, Reader, DEGSN, NCERT
13. Prof. O.N. Awasthi, Professor, (NCERT), RIE, Bhopal
14. Shri Lalhmachnuma, Asstt. Director, SSA Mission, School Education
15. Shri F. Lalura, Director, School Education Department
16. Ms. Rashmi Sharma Director, EE, MHRD
17. Shri D.K. Paliwal, DEA, MHRD
18. Shri S.C. Gujaria, Consultant, (TSG), Ed.CIL
19. Shri Satish Girotra, Consultant, (TSG), Ed.CIL
20. Shri Raja R. Nippani, Consultant, (TSG), Ed.CIL
21. Ms. Amita Jain, Consultant, (TSG), Ed.CIL
22. Ms. Sobha Panicker, (TSG), Ed.CIL
23. Shri O.P. Chaturvedi, US (EE), MHRD
24. Shri Narender Singh, US (EE Bureau), MHRD
25. S.K. Gupta, SO (TE-I/DPEP-3), MHRD

S. No.	Maj. Act.	Activity Description	Unit cost	Aizawl		Champhai		P
				Phy.	Fin. (Rs.)	Phy.	Fin. (Rs.)	
1	PFE	Primary Schools						
1.1		No. of new schools		0		0		
1.2		Salary of new teachers		0	0	0	0	
1.3		TLE Grants		0	0	0	0	
		<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	
2	UPE	Upper primary Schools						
2.1		No. of new UPS		0		0		
2.2		Salary for Teachers in Upp. Primary	0.09158	0	0	0	0	
2.3		TLE Grants for uncovered UPS	0.500	10	5	2	1	
2.4		TLE Grants for upgraded UPS	0.500	0	0	0	0	
		<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>	
3		Primary & Upper Primary						
3.1		School Grants	0.02	463	9.26	245	4.9	
3.2		Teachers Grants	0.005	2724	13.62	1071	5.355	
		<b>Total</b>			<b>22.88</b>		<b>10.255</b>	
4	EGS & AIE	EGS Centers	0.00845	0	0	30	0.2535	
4.1		Alternative Schooling	0.00845	2406	20.3307	1692	14.2974	
		<b>Total</b>			<b>20.3307</b>		<b>14.5509</b>	
5	IED	Education of disabled	0.012	467	5.604	156	1.872	
		<b>Total</b>			<b>5.604</b>		<b>1.872</b>	
6	BRC	Salary of staff	0.06240	50	24.96	30	14.976	
6.1		Furniture Grants		0	0	0	0	
6.2		Contingency Grant	0.125	5	0.625	3	0.375	
6.3		Workshops and Meetings Grants	0.005	5	0.2	3	0.12	
6.4		TLM Grants	0.050	5	0.25	3	0.15	
		<b>Total</b>			<b>26.035</b>		<b>15.621</b>	
7	CRC	Workshops and Meetings Grants	0.002	55	0.88	23	0.368	
7.1		Furniture Grants		0	0	0	0	
7.2		Contingency Grant	0.025	55	1.375	23	0.575	

7.3		TLM grant	0.010	55	0.55	23	0.23
7.4		Salary CRC coordinator		0	0	0	0
		<b>Total</b>			<b>2.805</b>		<b>1.173</b>
8	R&E	Research and Evaluation Programme	0.014	463	5.556	186	2.232
		<b>Total</b>			<b>5.556</b>		<b>2.232</b>
9		Civil Works					
9.1		Construction of BRC buildings	6.000	2	12	1	6
9.2		Construction of CRC buildings	2.000	3	6	1	2
9.3		Renovation/Reconstruction fo existing P/S and UPS		0	0	0	0
9.4		Construction of buildings to buildingless P/S	1.500	3	4.5	0	0
9.4.1		Construction of buildings to buildingless UP/S	2.500	1	2.5	0	0
9.5		Construction of new P/S building	1.500	0	0	0	0
9.5.1		Construction of new UPS building	2.500	0	0	0	0
9.6		Construciton of additional room for P/S	1.200	0	0	0	0
9.6.1		Construciton of additional room for UPS	1.200	0	0	0	0
9.7		Construction of room for H/M instruction room to upper P/S		0	0	0	0
9.8		Drinking water facilities to P/S and UPS	0.200	0	0	0	0
9.9		Construction of Residential schools, Hostel buildings		0	0	0	0
9.11		Toilet facilities for boys & girls in P/S and UPS	0.100	461	46.1	230	23
9.12		Boundary wall for P/S (Fencing & Compound)	0.500	0	0	61	30.5
9.14		Not in norms (construction of IED building, computer room, EGS/ECD center, Mini DIET)		0	0		0
		<b>Total</b>			<b>71.1</b>		<b>61.5</b>
10		Maintenance and Repair Grant	0.050	445	22.25	186	9.3
		<b>Total</b>			<b>22.25</b>		<b>9.3</b>
11	MGT	Management Cost			14.188		10.07
		<b>Total</b>			<b>14.188</b>		<b>10.07</b>
12	TRG	20 days Teachers training (in service)	0.0140	2619	36.666	1071	14.994

12.1		60 days Teachers training (untrained)	0.042	105	4.41	0	0
12.2		30 days Teachers training (fresh)	0.0140	0	0	0	0
		<b>Total</b>			<b>41.076</b>		<b>14.994</b>
13	VEC	Training to VEC Members	0.0006	1360	0.816	768	0.4608
		<b>Total</b>			<b>0.816</b>		<b>0.4608</b>
14	INO	Computer Education		63	12	0	15
14.1		Education of Girls		158	14.998	0	15
14.2		Education of SC/ST		100	14.9976	0	0
14.3		ECE (New Centers)		422	8	105	5.175
		<b>Total</b>			<b>49.9956</b>		<b>35.175</b>
15		Free Text Book for SC/ST boys and general girls	0.00150	56971	85.4565	17820	26.73
		<b>Total</b>			<b>85.4565</b>		<b>26.73</b>
16		Not in Norms		0	0	0	0
		<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
		<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>373.0928</b>		<b>204.9337</b>