

**MINUTES OF FORTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL
BOARD (for ORISSA) FOR SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN HELD ON**

4TH AUGUST 2003

The 44th meeting of the Project Approval Board for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was held under the Chairmanship of Shri S.C. Tripathi, Secretary, Elementary Education & Literacy at New Delhi on 4.8.2003. A list of participants is annexed.

Item No. 1: Consideration of Annual Plans for 2003-2004 in respect of Government of Orissa.

1.1 The State Education Secretary and the State Project Director, Orissa made a brief presentation. The highlights of the presentation are as follows: -

- There are 30 districts in the States of which 16 have been covered under DPEP, while 14 are non-DPEP districts. DPEP has come to a close in 8 of the 16 DPEP districts.
- The literacy rate in the State is 63.61%. The male literacy rate is 75.95% while the female literacy rate is 50.97%.
- There are 79.75 lakh children in the age group 6-14 in the State of which 69.31 lakhs are enrolled while 10.44 lakh children are out of school.
- There are 43682 primary schools, 11510 upper primary schools and 14311 EGS Centres in the State.
- There are 48015 habitations of which 13165 do not have access.
- The number of teachers' posts sanctioned in the State is 137707 of which 125370 are filled in leaving 12337 vacant positions.

1.2 The State Secretary added that the State is planning to open 1000 EGS centres every month to solve the access problem. The State has also recruited around 8000 teachers to fill up the teacher vacancy, and another 2000 are going to be recruited shortly.

1.3 Secretary (EE&L) wanted to know why the State has opted to start only 42 primary schools this year when access is a major problem in the State. It would be advisable for the State to convert the eligible EGS centres into primary schools early in the programme. The State Secretary accepted the suggestion and agreed to front-loading of this item of work.

1.4 Based on the recommendations of the Appraisal Team, observations made by the participants and clarifications given by the State representatives, the Board approved the perspective plan for 14 districts for an amount of Rs 77122.42 lakhs as per details given in Annex I. However, it was also indicated that the approved plan could be revised in case of policy changes which could occur in the interim or based on fresh data generated. Further, following decisions were taken by the Board in regard to Annual Plans 2003-2004:

- i) 780 new primary schools, along with TLE and two teachers each were approved. 2771 new upper primary schools were also sanctioned along with 4526 teachers. Of the new UPS, 1771 were full-fledged upgradation of primary schools with TLE and 3526 teachers. For the balance 1000, only a classroom and teacher was approved for in the first year.

- ii) The Project Board also approved 4992 additional teachers in existing primary schools and 7391 in existing upper primary schools..
- iii) School grant, maintenance grant and teacher grant was approved for the existing schools.
- iv) Free textbooks were sanctioned for all eligible children in Primary and Upper Primary.
- v) EGS centres was approved for 429989 children in the primary and 50000 in upper primary.
- vi) AIE schemes were approved for 432132 children as proposed, on the recommendation of the appraisal team. However, a condition was laid down that release of funds by GOI for the AIE scheme would be done only after details of the schemes to be taken up including the name of the village and the agency to take up the scheme was furnished.
- vii) Innovative activity was approved only in principle, with the funds to be released only on receipt of details. Similarly, funds for IED were approved in principle, with the funds to be released only on receipt of detailed action plan.
- viii) Approval was also given for teacher training, management cost, civil works (restricted to 33%), R&E, BRC, CRC, community training, etc as per the recommendations of the appraisal team
- ix) Based on the proposal of the State Government and the recommendations of the Appraisal Team thereon, a total Annual Plan 2003-04 for an amount of Rs 38324.06 lakhs was approved as per details given in Annex II.
- x) Rs 6961.4 lakhs was approved as Spill over for sanctions given in the year 2002-03 as per details given in Annex III.
- xi) Rs 4501.04 lakhs was approved under DPEP for the eight districts as fresh outlay and Rs 1927 lakhs as spillover as per details in Annex IV for the period 2003-04 .
- xii) It was 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 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 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

2.0 The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

ATTENDANCE 43RD MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD
HELD ON 28TH JULY, 2003 AT SHASTRI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI

1. Shri S.C. Tripathi, Secretary (EE&L) In the Chair
2. Ms. Vrinda Sarup, JS (EE), MHRD
3. Shri C. Balakrishnan, JS (Plg)
4. Dr. P.K. Seth, Director, (Finance) MHRD
5. Ms A.K. Amar, Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
6. Dr. Meena Gautam, DS (NCTE)

In Attendance

1. Shri J.Panda, Secretary, Govt. of Orissa
2. Shri S.K.Sarangi, SPD, Govt. of Orissa
3. Shri P.C.Panda, Asst. Director, Orissa
4. Shri P.K. Mishra, Programmer, Orissa
5. Shri P.R.Mohanty, Systems Analyst, Orissa
6. Shri M.K.Talukdar, Consultant, TSG, Ed.CIL
7. Shri S.C. Gujaria, Consultant, TSG, Ed.CIL
8. Ms. Anupriya Chadda, Consultant, TSG, Ed Cil
9. Ms. Amita Singla, Consultant, TSG, Ed Cil
10. Shri Sanjeev Khurana, TSG, Ed.CIL
11. Shri Praveen Kumar, Director , MHRD
12. Shri S.S.Ahluwalia, US ,MHRD