

**MINUTES OF FORTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL
BOARD (for CHATTISGARH) FOR SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN HELD ON
13TH AUGUST 2003**

The 45th 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 13.8.2003. A list of participants is annexed.

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

1.1 Secretary (EE & L) wanted to know why the State is proposing upgradation of only 595 EGS centres into formal primary schools. He stated that EGS is expected to be only an interim measure, and formal schools should be the objective in the long run. This would ensure that better school infrastructure facilities become available to the children, which may not be possible in an EGS centre. These schools need not be State run schools, and their control may be given to the local community. This was agreed to by Additional Chief Secretary, Chattisgarh and accordingly it was decided to amend the proposals for 2003-04 accordingly.

1.2 Based on the recommendations of the Appraisal Team, observations made by the participants and clarifications given by the State representatives, the following decisions were taken by the Board in regard to Annual Plans 2003-2004:

- i) 310 new primary schools, along with TLE and two teachers each were approved. In addition, approval was also given for upgradation of 4652 EGS centres into primary schools, along with 9304 teachers and TLE. 659 new upper primary schools were also sanctioned along with 1318 teachers and TLE. Also 44 girls only new upper primary schools were approved along with 88 teachers and TLE.
- ii) The Project Board also approved 3527 additional teachers in existing primary schools and 1193 in existing upper primary schools.
- iii) Personnel in BRC and CRC were restricted under SSA only to that number above the personnel already existing under DPEP so as to make the total number of personnel 20 or 10 as per the eligibility of the Block. The State would have to support from its own funds the number of persons that were being supported under DPEP.
- iv) School grant, maintenance grant and teacher grant was approved for the existing schools.
- v) Free textbooks were sanctioned for all eligible children in Primary and Upper Primary, as recommended by the appraisal team, after deducting the amount the State is spending on existing scheme of creation of book bank at the school level.
- vi) EGS centres was approved for 1,10,785 children.
- vii) SIEMAT was approved in principle, but the funds for this would be released after receipt of detailed project report having approval of Government of Chattisgarh
- 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 18971.01 lakhs was approved as per details given in Annex I.
 - x) Rs 2248.18 lakhs was approved as Spill over for sanctions given in the year 2002-03 as per details given in Annex II.
 - xi) 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. Shri S.P.Gaur, JS (EE-I), MHRD
3. Ms. Vrinda Sarup, JS (EE-II), MHRD
4. Dr. P.K. Seth, Director, (Finance) MHRD
5. Dr. Meena Gautam, DS (NCTE)
6. Shri R.C.Meena, SRO, Planning Commission

In Attendance

1. Shri K. Chakraborti, Principle Chief Secretary, Chattisgarh
2. Shri R.K.Tandon, Addl. Mission Director, Chattisgarh
3. Shri Pramod Singh, Joint Director, Govt of Chattisgarh
4. Shri O.P.Sharma, APC, Govt of Chattisgarh
5. Dr. A.A.C.Lal, Consultant, TSG, Ed Cil
6. Ms. Amita Singla, Consultant, TSG, Ed Cil
7. Shri Praveen Kumar, Director , MHRD