

MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD FOR SARVA  
SHIKSHA ABHIYAN HELD ON 7.7.2004 for DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI

The 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Project Approval Board(PAB) for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was held under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Kumud Bansal, Secretary, Department of Elementary Education and Literacy on 7.7.2004. Among other States/UTs, Annual Plans for the year 2004-05 of Dadra & Nagar Haveli were also taken up for approval. A list of participants in the meeting, is annexed.

Item No. 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of PAB held for Dadra & Nagar Haveli on 13.8.2003.

1.1 The minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 2. Consideration of Annual Plans of Dadra & Nagar Haveli for 2004-05.

2.1. Before commencement of discussion on the proposals for 2004-05 and their consideration by PAB, a short presentation was made by Director, Education, Dadra & Nagar Haveli giving an overview of the Educational scenario and implementation of SSA in the UT.

2.2. The main highlights of the presentations were :-

- There is only one District in Dadra & Nagar Haveli and one taluka /block with seventy two villages, including Silvassa.
- As per 2001 Census the Total population of the UT is 2.2 lakhs, of which 62.24% comprises of ST population and 1.86% of SC population.
- The total number of children in the age group 6-14 years is 41972, of which 21944 are boys and 20028 are girls.
- There are 10417 out of school children, of which 4147 are boys and 6270 are girls.
- The implementation of UEE has been handed over to the District Panchayat. The Collector is the ex-officio Director of Education, who is assisted by two Assistant Directors of Education and Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat.
- There are 208 schools (Govt. and Private Aided and Un-aided), of which 118 are primary and 90 are upper-primary.
- The medium of instruction is Gujarati and Marathi.
- Out of the total outlay of Rs. 1193.15 lakhs, the expenditure up to March, 2004, has been 1.21 lakhs.
- Out of 449 number of teachers to be appointed, selection has been made for appointment of 245 teachers. However, appointment letters are yet to be issued.

2.3. The presentation was followed by a discussion on the status of implementation of SSA in the UT and the fresh activities planned for the current year.

2.4. Secretary (EE&L) observed that there was hardly any progress made in the implementation of SSA, as apparent from the utilization of funds.

2.5. Director, Education, Dadra & Nagar Haveli accepting this fact assured Secretary (EE&L) that all efforts would be made to achieve the targets in the current year, including opening of new schools, appointments of teachers, starting of EGS centers and Civil works.

2.6. Secretary(EE&L) desired to know what steps were being taken to bring out of school children, into schools.

2.7. Director, Education, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, explained that the majority of children were to be admitted to the nearest primary schools and the remaining children would be covered under Bridge courses and through Residential schools. He apprised Secretary(EE&L) that assistance would be taken from Gujarat to devise Bridge courses.

2.8. On behalf of the Appraisal Team Shri A.A.C. Lal , Consultant, Pedagogy, TSG, Ed.CIL, observed that the Perspective Plans of the UT had been approved in 2003-04 and detailed suggestions had already been made by the Appraisal Team in their Appraisal note for that year. According to him, since the data used in planning had been collected in

2001, there was a need for the UT to update this data. Further, he was of the opinion that since the activities proposed for 2003-04 would virtually now to be taken up in 2004-05, it was important for the UT Administration to plan and crystallize strategies towards achievement of current targets as well as those of the last year.

- 2.9. Shri Sourav Bannerjee, Chief Consultant, Civil Works, TSG, Ed.CIL, and Member of the Appraisal Team in-charge of costing, apprised the PAB that the UT had proposed for establishment of a SIEMAT, for which he had proposed Rs. 50 lakhs in the current year.
- 2.10. JS(EI-I) commenting upon the same, suggested that setting up of SIEMAT would not serve any purpose and the UT should therefore think in terms of establishment of a District Resource Unit under Teacher Education Scheme. Teachers training needs of the UT could be presently met through DIETs at Surat and Valsad.
- 2.11. Based on the presentation, discussion of UT proposals and comments of the Appraisal Team, a total outlay of Rs. 877.66 lakhs (including fresh proposals of Rs. 471.01 lakhs and spill overs of Rs. 406.65 lakhs) was approved for SSA, details of which are provided in Annexure II. Further, following decisions were also taken by the Board :-
  - (i) Opening of 34 new primary schools.
  - (ii) 68 posts of new teachers sanctioned for the new primary schools.
  - (iii) Opening of 3 primary and 3 upper primary EGS centers, Residential Bridge courses to cover 2408 children and Non-residential Bridge courses to cover 2687 children.
  - (iv) TLE grant for 34 new primary schools.
  - (v) All annual grants for existing schools and recurring expenditure on teachers salaries, BRC and CRC coordinators etc. have been allowed for 2004-05.
  - (vi) No new Civil Works approved except spill-overs ( since spill-overs are more than 40% of the current year's approved outlay, adjustments to maintain the ceiling limit of 33% will be made against the next year's allocation.)
  - (vii) All in-service teachers to be imparted 20 days in-service training during 2004-05.
  - (viii) All out of school children should be covered by 30<sup>th</sup>, September, 2004.
  - (ix) The backlog of recruitment of teachers to be cleared by September, 2004.
  - (x) The proposal for establishment of SIEMAT was not approved.
- 2.12. The Board also directed that the UT should satisfy the following conditions :-
  - (a) The UT Administration should give a written commitment for meeting its share.
  - (b) First instalment of the UT share should be released to the Society within one month of the release of Central share to the UT.
  - (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 UT Administration will maintain their level of investment in elementary education as in 1999-2000 and give the details of this to Government of India before the release of second instalment. The contribution as UT share for SSA will be over and above this investment.
  - (g) The second instalment would be released after the previous instalment of UT share has been transferred to the UT 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 ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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