

## **Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Project Approval Board of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2005**

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### **1tem No: Construction of school rooms under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in urban areas i.e. Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council limits - regarding.**

1.1 The proposal of Pimpri – Chinchwat Municipal Corporation forwarded by Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad (MPSP), Mumbai for construction of multistoried school buildings under SSA by inviting tenders and executing the work through contractors was considered by the PAB.

1.2 Shri Sourav Banerjee, Chief Consultant (Civil Works), Ed.CIL apprised the Board that under SSA construction of 107 schoolrooms have been approved for Pimpri - Chinchwat Municipal Corporation at an estimated cost of Rs. 365.12 lakh. Pimpri – Chinchwat Municipal Corporation propose to get the multistoried buildings constructed by inviting tenders and executing the work through contractors. Normally under SSA, construction of school building is to be done by the Communities or School Education Committees. However, the construction through contractors is justified in the instant case for the following reasons:-

- In urban areas, it is difficult to mobilize the community for construction.
- These are large works (above Rs. 20 lakh) and the technicalities involved cannot be handled by the community. For example, there would be large volume of RCC work to be done that can be supervised only by qualified Engineers.
- The works are being taken up in convergence with the Municipal Corporation with a substantial portion of funds coming from them.

1.3 The PAB, after considering all the facts approved the proposal of Pimpri- Chinchwat Municipal Corporation to carry out construction of school buildings under SSA through contractors through laid down procedures.

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### **1. CONSIDERATION OF KGBV PLANS OF BIHAR**

1.1 Shri Vijay Prakash, Secretary (Primary & Adult Education), Government of Bihar presented the KGBV plan of the State. He highlighted the following:-

- There are 469 EBBs in the State out of which two blocks already have residential schools for upper primary girls. Therefore, the State plans to set up 467 KGBVs in the remaining 467 blocks in a phased manner. In the first phase, 74 KGBVs are proposed to be opened in 2004-05 and the rest 393 KGBVs in the year 2005-06. Out of the 74 schools proposed for the year 2004-05, 38 KGBVs would be set up in existing upper primary schools as per Model-III and 36 KGBVs as per Model-II.
- The scheme will be implemented by the State Implementing Agency i.e. "Bihar Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad (BSPP)". The monitoring and evaluation at the State and district level will also be undertaken by this society.

1.2 The appraisal team pointed out that:-

- Out of the 74 blocks proposed, Chhapra Sadar block of Saran district has rural female literacy rate above the national average and does not qualify for a KGBV school.
- Operational details including strategy for running these schools and monitoring and supervision of KGBVs are missing in the plans.
- The State has not provided any information on involvement of NGOs in the running/management of the residential schools.
- The State has also not indicated which Model has been proposed for each block.

1.3 Shri Vijay Prakash, Secretary (Primary & Adult Education), Government of Bihar clarified that the KGBV schools would be run through Panchayat with overall supervision by the State Implementing Society. Ms. Vrinda Sarup, JS(EE-II) expressed doubt over the ability of the Village Education Committees to run these KGBVs and suggested involving Mahila Samakhya where operational and committed NGOs and organizations for managing them instead. Shri Vijay Prakash assured the PAB that he would consider involving NGOs for management of the girls hostels in the State run upper primary schools for girls.

1.4 The PAB, after consideration of all the facts, approved 38 KGBVs in 38 blocks of Goh, Palsi, Katoria, Garhpura, Ismailpur, Jagdishpur, Chaki, Kusheswar Ashthan Purbi, Tetaria, Dobhi, Panchdeori, Kako, Bansi Surajpur, Sono, Adhura, Balrampur, Alauli, Tergachhi, Halsi, Shankarpur, Laukahi, Tetia bomber, Bochaha, Karai Parsurai, Kauwakoal, Ghoswari, Amaur, Nauhatta, Salkhua, Bithan, Taraiya, Ghatkushumbha, Dumari Katsari, Parihar, Lakri Nabiganj, Marauna, Patepur and Piprasi as per Model-III for the year 2004-05. Since the State had not identified the land for construction of the remaining 36 KGBVs, the PAB advised it to submit a supplementary proposal by April, 2005. Some earmarking be done for EBB blocks with dominant Muslim population by Bihar, in the supplementary proposal.

1.5 The PAB approved an amount of Rs. 1204.030 lakh for the year 2004-05 with a recurring grant of Rs. 807.50 lakh and non-recurring grant of Rs. 396.53 lakh as detailed in **Annexure-II.**

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### **1. CONSIDERATION OF KGBV PLANS OF J&K**

1.1 Shri M.M. Bhatt, Secretary (Education), Government of J&K presented the KGBV plan of the State. He highlighted the following:-

- 104 CD blocks of the State have been declared as EBBs. However, the State has identified only 13 blocks for setting up of KGBVs. The EBBs in Leh and Kargil have been excluded as it is not possible for the State to visit them till March end due to heavy snowfall.
- The KGBV schools have been proposed according to Model-I and Model-II only as the existing school buildings are not in a good condition as option for Model-III.
- Land is available in 7 blocks in 4 districts.
- The scheme will be implemented through the SSA Society, Ujala.

1.2 Secretary (EE&L) enquired whether there were any existing residential schools for girls being run by other Departments in the proposed blocks. Shri Bhatt clarified that such blocks had been eliminated from the 13 proposed blocks.

1.3 The appraisal team pointed out that:-

- one block of Hira Nagar in Kathua district did not qualify as EBB as the rural female literacy rate there is above the national average. Therefore, only 12 KGBVs are recommended in the remaining 12 blocks.
- The plan does not mention any alternative arrangement to start/run these schools till the construction of KGBVs is completed.
- The State has provided no write up at all on operationalization strategies that would be adopted to implement the scheme. There is no mention of important aspects such as monitoring and supervision, daily routine, identification of teachers and other personnel required to run these schools.
- The State should consider involving NGOs for running and managing of these residential schools.

1.4 Secretary (EE&L) enquired the time period by when the KGBV schools would be made operational by the State. Shri Bhatt indicated an outer limit of one year for their construction. Ms. Vrinda Sarup, JS(EE-II) advised the State to explore using rented accommodation for running KGBV schools as an interim measure. She clarified that fund release would depend on status of proposal and since the schools will begin only after the winter vacation in March, a token amount would be sanctioned to the State for the current financial year.

1.5 As regards managing of KGBV schools by the State Implementing Society, JS(EE-II) advised the State to explore involving local non-governmental agencies in regions like Ladakh and elsewhere. Education Secretary and SPD, J&K were requested to ensure representation of the Autonomous Hill Council of Leh and Kargil in both the Governing Council and Executive Council of SSA State Implementing Society and report the same to GOI quickly.

1.6 The PAB, after consideration of all the facts, approved 14 KGBVs in 14 blocks namely one each in the block of Ram Nagar, Chenani Ghordi, Surankote, Gurez, Uri, Kellar, Tral as Model-I and one KGBV each in the blocks of Billawar, Doongi, Bhuddal, Khan Sahib, Khaag as per Model-II. The PAB also approved one KGBV each in the district of Leh and Kargil **(name of block and Model to be indicated by the State from amongst eligible KGBV blocks)**.

1.7 The PAB approved an amount of Rs. 254.10 lakh for the year 2004-05 with a recurring grant of Rs. 103.10 lakh and non-recurring grant of Rs. 151.00 lakh as detailed in **Annexure-II**.

## **2. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANS OF CHHATTISGARH**

2.1 Shri I.S. Kavirati, Additional Mission Director, Chhattisgarh detailed the supplementary proposal of the State for opening of 2 KGBVs in the blocks of Baikunthpur and Sonhat in the district of Korea.

2.2 The appraisal team pointed out that Baikunthpur block did not qualify as EBB as the rural female literacy rate was higher than the national average. Therefore, only Sonhat block was recommended for setting up of a KGBV school.

2.3 Shri Kavirati requested the PAB to consider substituting Baikunthpur by Bharatpur (which too was in Korea district) for setting up of a KGBV school as requested by their letter dated 15-2-2005. He informed that the KGBV schools would be located in the block headquarter of Sonhat and Bharatpur. Replying to query raised by JS(EE-II), the appraisal team pointed out that Bharatpur block in Korea district qualified as EBB and was recommended.

2.4 Based on the deliberations, the PAB approved opening of 2 KGBVs in two blocks of Sonhat and Bharatpur in Korea district as per Model-I.

2.5 The PAB approved an amount of Rs. 48.11 lakh for the year 2004-05 with a recurring grant of Rs. 19.61 lakh and non-recurring grant of Rs. 28.50 lakh as detailed in **Annexure-III**.

## **3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANS OF TAMIL NADU**

3.1 The PAB was apprised that 37 KGBV residential schools in 28 blocks of Tamil Nadu had been approved on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2004. The Sendurai in Perambalur district had not been recommended by the appraisal team as the block did not qualify for a KGBV school according to the criteria of rural female literacy rate. Similarly, two blocks of Tally in Dharmapur district and Thalavadi in Erode district did not qualify according to gender gap criterion. The State has now requested to reconsider these three blocks as there is only a marginal difference in the existing rural female literacy rate/gender gap and the prescribed percentage.

3.2 The PAB, after considering all the facts, rejected the proposal on the ground that EBBs do not conform to the eligibility criteria of the KGBV scheme.

#### **4. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANS OF UTTARANCHAL**

4.1 The PAB was apprised that 12 KGBV schools in 12 blocks had been approved by PAB on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2004. The State has now requested to change the Model of Okhalkanda block of Nainital district **from Model-I to Model-II** and that of Narson block in Haridwar district **from Model-II to Model-I**. Since the number of out of school girls in both the blocks is sufficient, the appraisal team has recommend revision in the Models of the said blocks as requested by the State. The amount sanctioned will remain the same.

4.2 The PAB approved the proposal.