

**Minutes of the 76th Meeting of the Project Approval Board of Sarva
Shiksha Abhiyan held on 22nd February 2006
at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi**

Item: Proposal to re-appropriate physical targets sanctioned for civil works under SSA in respect of Dhule district in Maharashtra.

The seventy sixth meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was held under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Kumud Bansal, Secretary (EE&L) on 22nd February 2006 in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi to consider inter-alia the proposal of MPSP, Maharashtra to re-appropriate physical targets for civil works under SSA in respect of Dhule district. A list of participants is Annexed.

Ms. Anita Chauhan, Deputy Secretary, apprised the PAB that for Dhule district of Maharashtra, the Government of India had sanctioned certain civil work activities which included construction of two classrooms for Dilapidated Building of Upper Primary School. The District has requested the State to sanction construction of 20 classrooms under the Sub head of Dilapidated Building for Upper Primary School to fulfill need of Upper Primary School of Municipal Council, Shirpur. Accordingly, MPSP, Maharashtra has requested PAB to allow them to re-appropriate the Physical target of construction of classrooms for dilapidated Upper Primary School from 2 to 20 Classrooms by reducing 14 additional classrooms and 4 Building less Upper Primary Classroom, within the sanctioned financial allocation for district Dhule.

She informed that the proposal for re-appropriation of targets with respect of district Dhule was in order, as it is within the total civil work budget approved for the district and does not involve any additional allocation. However, since it is already the end of the financial year, the State could propose for this requirement in the next years annual work plan.

JS(EE.II) enquired from Secretary (Education), Government of Maharashtra the rationale for proposing classrooms for dilapidated schools when there is provision for new school buildings under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. Secretary (EE&L) advised Secretary (Education), Government of Maharashtra to examine this aspect and furnish information to the Department on the query.

Responding to the apprehension expressed by the Department that the construction might not be undertaken before the end of the current financial year, Shri Sumit Mallick, Education Secretary, Government of Maharashtra assured the PAB that the civil works would be started within the current financial year itself.

The PAB, after consideration of all the facts, approved the proposal of MPSP, Maharashtra to re-appropriate the physical targets sanctioned for civil works under SSA with respect of district Dhule, as per Annexure-I.

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Item: Proposal for Compensation against loss of construction material due to heavy rainfall in Parbhani District, Maharashtra under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

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Ms. Anita Chauhan, Deputy Secretary, apprised the PAB that MPSP, Maharashtra has reported that due to heavy rainfall in Parbhani district, there is loss of construction material like sand, cement etc. amounting to Rs.26,700/- and the State has requested for compensation of the loss from the funds sanctioned under head “civil works” -“others” or “additional classrooms”.

Shri Gopalan, Consultant, TSG, informed the PAB that there is no provision for such compensation under SSA. JS(EE.II) advised Education (Secretary), Government of Maharashtra to get the amount written off by Executive Committee of SSA and then propose afresh for the construction activity in the next year’s AWP&B.

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Item: Proposal for re-appropriation of funds within the sanctioned AWP&B 2005-06 under the Interventions of out of school children and teacher training of the concerned districts for other interventions.

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Ms. Anita Chauhan, Deputy Secretary, apprised the PAB that MPSP, Maharashtra has reported that the expenditure (inclusive of advances) under some interventions has been incurred to a large extent while in some it is not upto the mark. In some districts, vigorous activities under Intervention of Innovations and IED are being undertaken and the funds are likely to fall short of requirement. MPSP has proposed to re-appropriate the provisions within the sanctioned AWP&B for interventions of out of school, teachers salary and teachers training for interventions such as innovative activities of girls education, ECCE management cost, teacher salary of BRPs in BRC etc. in 14 districts namely: Ahmedbad, Akola, Amaravati, Aurangabad MC, Gadhcirohi, Gondia, Nashik, Nanded, Pune, Raigarh, Thane, Nagpur MC, Sholapur and Sitara as indicated in the statement placed at **Annexure-1**.

Shri Sumit Mallick, Education Secretary, Government of Maharashtra informed the PAB that there are not many out of school children in these districts and thus the proposal may be considered.

Shri Gopalan, Consultant (Civil Works), Ed. CIL (TSG) pointed out that there were discrepancies in what was reported by MPSP, Maharashtra and that approved by PAB in respect of the interventions mentioned for most of the districts. He mentioned that as against a proposal for re-appropriation of Rs. 562.64 lakhs, in respect of 14 districts, re-appropriation of funds amounting to only Rs. 223.61 lakhs in 10 districts namely: Ahmedbad, Amaravati, Gadhcirohi, Gondia, Nashik, Nanded, Pune, Raigarh, Thane and Sitara, was recommended (**Annexure-2**).

The PAB, after deliberations, approved re-appropriation of funds amounting to Rs. 223.61 lakhs under the interventions of out of school children and teacher training for other interventions in 10 districts namely: Ahmedbad, Amaravati, Gadhcirohi, Gondia, Nashik, Nanded, Pune, Ra9igarh, Thane and Sitara.