

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD OF SSA HELD ON 19.12.01

The 7th meeting of the Project Approval Board of SSA was held under the Chairmanship of Shri S.K. Tripathi, Secretary, Elementary Education & Literacy at 3.00 p.m. on 19.12.01 to consider the District Elementary Education Plans (DEEPs) of 24 districts of Maharashtra and 7 districts of Uttaranchal. The list of participants is annexed.

2. Agenda Item No. 1: Consideration of the District Elementary Education Plans and Annual Work Plan 2001-2002 in respect of Maharashtra under SSA.

2.1 The meeting began with a brief presentation by the Secretary, School Education, Government of Maharashtra. The highlights of the presentation are as follows :-

- i) The elementary system in the state is from Grade I to Grade VII, with the primary being till Grade IV.
- ii) The State has recorded during the last 40 years three fold increase in number of teachers and students.
- iii) There are about 65 thousand primary schools of which 81% are run by Zilla Parishad. 95% schools are in Marathi medium and less than 1% schools are run by Central/State Government.
- iv) Substantial progress against the original targets in construction of toilets, provision of drinking water and repairs has been made under DPEP. The Baseline assessment (1994) and Mid-term Assessment(1997) shows significant improvement in achievement levels in language and mathematics in class I.
- v) 1609 non-formal institutions (Vastishala) opened in school-less habitations as a key to female literacy. In many districts the number of girl students attending Vastishala is more than boys.

2.2. Ms Rashmi Sharma, on behalf of the appraisal team, stated that the team had reduced the number of teachers requested by calculating the PTR at the district level and not at the block level as proposed by the State. She also pointed out that additional teachers should be sanctioned only where the teacher pupil ratio exceeds 1:40. If the PTR is less than 1:40, the State Government should fill up the gap through redeployment. She also informed that the state has proposed appointment of only contract teachers and not regular teachers. The appraisal team also reduced some amount based wherever a similar intervention in the Janshala programme was there. JS (EE) pointed out that the teacher grant is also being given by the state government at the rate of 4% of the total teacher salary. However, the list of items on which the contingency amount could be spent is as many as 139. It must be ensured that the present teacher grant supplements the contingency grant and does not substitute State funds.

2.3 After detailed discussion and based on the report of the appraisal team, the following decisions were taken:

- (i) Additional teachers would be allowed only in districts where the PTR ratio is more than 40:1. Accordingly 1,236 posts of teachers were approved.
- (ii) School grant was approved for 32,316 schools and teacher grant for 1,38,111 teachers. The state should give its commitment in writing that the teacher grant being given now under SSA should supplement any grant being given separately by the state government and should not be used as a substitute.

- (iii) Teacher training for 1,01,828 teachers for 10 days was approved.
- (iv) Research and Evaluation grant of Rs 618.21 lakhs was approved at the rate of Rs 1400 per school for 44,285 schools.
- (v) Teaching Learning Equipment was agreed to only for 2961 upper primary schools which had not been covered under OBB scheme.
- (vi) Furniture grant for 3534 CRCs and contingency grant for 191 BRCs and 3534 CRCs was approved. In addition, salary for 1230 BRC personnel was approved.
- (vii) Training of 1,61,488 community members for two days was approved.
- (viii) IED grant for 69,131 children was approved.
- (ix) Innovative activity for girls, SC/ST, ECCE, computer education for Rs 1198.40 lakhs was approved.
- (x) Management cost for Rs 46.43 lakhs was approved.
- (xi) As far as civil works is concerned, it was seen that the appraisal team has recommended only 1310 class rooms and repairs of 16,686 schools for a total amount of Rs 2732.21 lakhs. Since this was much below the 33% limit allowed for civil works, it was felt that this component may be increased as requested by the State. Accordingly, the number of additional classrooms was increased to 1584 and the amount for the civil works component was increased to Rs 3077.31 lakhs.
- (xii) Following outlay was agreed to for each district:

(Rs crores)

	District	Approved outlay
1	Ahmednagar	3.47
2	Akola	3.26
3	Amravati	5.48
4	Bhandara	2.62
5	Buldana	2.02
6	Chandrapur	2.64
7	Gondia	2.95
8	Jalgaon	2.93
9	Kolhapur	5.52
10	Mumbai Urban	7.72
11	Mumbai Suburban	4.79
12	Nagpur	4.63
13	Nasik	3.96

14	Pune	9.53
15	Raigad	4.56
16	Ratnagiri	5.07
17	Sangli	2.15
18	Satara	5.05
19	Sindhudurg	2.83
20	Solapur	3.42
21	Thane	5.37
22	Wardha	2.41
23	Washim	2.74
24	Yeotmal	4.90
	Total	100.02

(xiii) State Government should satisfy the following conditions in incurring expenditure under SSA:

- (a) The State government should give a written commitment for meeting its share of the SSA outlay.
- (b) The State Government should release the above money to the state implementation Society within one month of the receipt of money in its account.
- (c) 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 government.
- (d) At least 50% of the teachers recruited should be female.
- (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 Central government and 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.

3. Agenda Item No. 2: Consideration of the District Elementary Education Plans and Annual Work Plan 2001-2002 in respect of Uttaranchal under SSA

3.1. A presentation was made by Shri M.C. Pant, SPD, Uttaranchal. The highlights of the presentation are as follows:-

- i) The State Government has submitted DEEPs of 7 districts, namely, Almora, Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Dehradun, Pauri, Nainital, and Udham Singh Nagar of which first four are non-Project districts while the other three districts had been covered earlier under the Basic Education Project.
- ii) The State Government has organized a number of State/District/Block level orientation workshop/programmes for educational functionaries at various levels.
- iii) The total population of the 6-11 age group children in the 7 districts is 7,12,173 out of which 23,356 children are not attending schools. Similarly, in the age group 11-14 years, the number of children is 3,52,205 and the number of out of school children is 13,608.
- iv) The Gross Enrolment Ratio for these districts in respect of 6-11 age group children ranges between 92.09% and 100% while for 11-14 age group children it ranges between 93.20% and 99.18%. The drop out rate is 16.4%.
- v) The total number of unserved habitations not having primary school within 1 km is 1363 and not having upper primary school in 3 km is 492 in the above districts.
- vi) The PTR is below 40:1 in most districts except Udham Singh Nagar, where it is 52:1.
- vii) SPD, explained that as per prevailing UP Govt. Policy, buildings for primary schools were sanctioned prior to sanctioning of teacher positions and the factual opening of such schools. There were 286 such primary schools for which buildings were sanctioned and which now had to be made functional.

3.2. While discussing the demand for additional teachers by the State Government, Vice Chairman, NCTE desired to know the State Policy on appointment of Para Teachers. It was clarified that they have policy of appointing one regular teacher and one Para teacher in a school. Secretary, EE&L, therefore, directed that against their demand of two teachers in new schools, we may sanction only one regular and one Para teacher in such schools.

3.3 Regarding the demand for TLE to upper primary schools @ Rs.50 thousand per school, JS(E) wanted the State representative to confirm that those upper primary schools were not covered under Operation Blackboard. This was confirmed by Shri Pant.

3.4 About teacher training, Secretary, EE&L pointed out that in view of the coming elections in the State, it may not be possible for the State Government to conduct teacher training for all the teachers for 20 days as proposed. The State representative had, however, indicated that they will manage to get the training organized for all the teachers as proposed by them. FA, however, suggested that training for 10 days may be permitted for all teachers under this item.

3.5 Ms. Rashmi Sharma pointed out that the State Government has proposed that 56 schools in a dilapidated condition be reconstructed on priority. Secretary, EE&L suggested that the State Government may obtain a prior certificate from engineer/architect that the existing building is dilapidated beyond repair and not fit for use.

3.6 After detailed discussion and based on the report of the appraisal team following decisions were taken:

- (i) Setting up of 286 new primary schools and 72 upper primary schools was approved. Since the state had asked for teachers for only 283 primary schools, two teachers each were approved for 283 schools, of which one would be a para teacher. For upper primary three teachers per school were approved for 68 schools.

- (ii) Appointment of an additional para teacher in 153 single teacher schools was approved.
- (iii) Teaching learning material for 57 new primary schools and 172 upper primary schools was approved.
- (iv) School grant was approved for 8828 schools and teacher grant for 22137 teachers.
- (v) Teacher training for 6892 teachers for 10 days was approved.
- (vi) Research and Evaluation grant of Rs 71.046 lakhs was approved at the rate of Rs 1400 per school.
- (vii) Furniture grant for 66 BRCs & 285 CRCs and contingency grant for 66 BRCs and 427 CRCs was approved. In addition, salary for 412 BRC personnel was approved.
- (viii) Training of 3458 community members was approved.
- (ix) IED grant for 95 children was approved.
- (x) Innovative activity for girls, SC/ST, ECCE for Rs 133.3935 lakhs was approved.
- (xi) Management cost for Rs 100.9651 lakhs was approved.
- (xii) Free text books for 4,83,167 girls and SC/ST children was approved.
- (xiii) As far as civil works is concerned, following were approved at a total cost of Rs 605.25 lakhs.:
- 56 primary school and 20 upper primary new school buildings and reconstruction of school buildings which are in dilapidated condition. However, the state government should take up the reconstruction only after getting a certificate from a qualified engineer that the building is dilapidated and beyond repair.
 - Boundary walls for 123 primary schools and 73 upper primary schools
 - Drinking water facilities for 82 primary schools and 40 upper primary schools.
 - Toilet facilities in 238 primary schools and 162 upper primary schools.
 - Additional class rooms for 112 primary schools and 76 upper primary schools.
 - 20 BRCs and 8 CRCs.
- (xiv) Following outlay was agreed to for each district:

(Rs lakhs)

	District	Annual outlay
1	Almora	469.66
2	Chamoli	294.47
3	Dehradun	395.61
4	Nainital	319.39
5	Pauri Garhwal	328.50
6	Rudraprayag	206.96

7	Udham Singh Nagar	314.91
8.	State component	49.63
	Total	2379.13

(xv) State Government should satisfy the following as far as spending the money under SSA is concerned:

- (a) The State government should give a written commitment for meeting its share of the SSA outlay.
- (b) The State Government should release the above money to the state Implementation Society within one month of the receipt of money in its account.
- (c) 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 government.
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4. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL
BOARD ON SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN HELD ON 19TH, DECEMBER, 2001**

1. Shri S.K. Tripathi, Secretary, EE & L, In the Chair
2. Shri Sumit Bose, Joint Secretary, MHRD
3. Shri Jagan Mathews, Joint Secretary, MHRD
4. Shri V.K. Pipersenia, FA, MHRD
5. Dr. R.S. Khan, Vice-Chairman, NCTE (representative of Chairperson, NCTE)
6. Shri Kameshwar Mishra, SO (representative of Secretary, WCD)

IN ATTENDANCE

1. Shri J.M. Pathak, Secretary,(Education), Govt. of Maharashtra.
2. Shri M.C. Pant, Director(Edu), SPD, Govt. of Uttaranchal..
3. Shri Praveen Kumar, Director, MHRD
4. Ms. Rashmi Sharma, Director, MHRD.
5. Shri P.K. Mohanty, DEA, MHRD.
6. Dr. Vasant Kalande, Director(Primary Education), Govt. of Maharashtra.
7. Shri G.C. Upadhyaya,
8. Shri R.S. Tyagi, NIEPA.
9. Shri S.C. Gujaria, Ed. CIL.
10. Ms. Gauri. S, Reader, DWS, NCERT.
11. Shri R.K. Kunwar,(SP), Govt. of Uttaranchal.
12. Dr. Mohan Singh Bisht, SPS, Govt. of Uttaranchal.
13. Shri Rajendra Prasad , SPO, Govt. of Uttaranchal.
14. Shri O.P. Chaturvedi, US, MHRD.
15. Shri Jeevan Lal, US, MHRD.