

**MINUTES OF THE 84<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD (PAB) HELD ON 17.5.2006 TO CONSIDER AWP&B 2006-07 OF THE UT OF PONDICHERRY**

The PAB meeting to consider the AWP&B of SSA for the year 2006-07 of Pondicherry was held on 18.5.2006. The meeting was chaired by Sh. Champak Chatterjee, Secretary (EE&L), Government of India. The meeting from the UT side was attended by Shri N. Haridhass, SPD. The list of other participants is enclosed at Annexure-IV.

2. Shri N. Haridhass,, SPD made a brief presentation on behalf of UT administration about the demographic and education profile of the UT. Pondicherry comprises of 4 districts viz. Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam. During 2005-06 as against the approved AWP&B of Rs.1244.40 lakh, the UT has made expenditure of Rs.570.74 lakhs i.e. 46% only. The access level of the UT is not a problem. However, 1724 children are still out of school as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006. The drop out rate has been reduced in comparison to previous year from 11.32% to 4.35% in Primary and 7.65% in Upper Primary. The GER at primary level is 107.02% and upper Primary School 97.37%. The NER for primary and upper primary is 98% and 95% respectively. The total number of schools in the UT is 672 (Primary Schools is 330, Middle Schools 120, High Schools 135 and Higher Secondary 187). The total population of the UT 9,74,345 (486961 male and 487384 female). The literacy rate as per 2001 census is 81.49% (88.89 among male and 74.13 among female). The completion rate for the year 2005-06 is 93.76% against 84.61% for the year 2004-05. The repetition rate has come down from 4.56% to 2.39%. The total number of out of school children in the age group of 6-8 years and 8-14 years is 1724 (933 male and 791 female). During

2005-06, the total enrolment was 244025 (123487 boys and 120097 girls).

3. 512 schools were released school grants and 3737 teachers were provided teacher grant; maintenance and repair grant released to 487 schools. Under civil works funds were sanctioned to 29 schools for construction of toilets, 40 schools for provision of drinking water, construction of 166 additional class-rooms & construction of 15 CRC. Under the scheme of education of disabled (IED) 1716 children of various disabilities were covered during 2005-06.

4. The fact sheet of the UT of Pondicherry is enclosed at Annexure-II.

After detailed discussion PAB inter-alia approved the following:

1. Interventions for out of school children 2006-07

Out of School Children	AIE Centres	No. of children to be covered	Unit cost per child	Financial outlay (Rs. In lakhs)
Back to school 6-11 age group	34	661	845	5.59
Back to school 11-14 age group	32	863	1200	10.36
Residential camp (6 months)	-	200	6800	6.80
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>1724</b>		<b>22.74</b>

2. PAB did not approve any fresh Civil Works during the current year since 29 primary schools and 11 upper primary schools already approved for 2005-06 were not opened. PAB directed that UT should complete all civil works approved during the last year by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006. An outlay of Rs.382.30 lakhs was approved for spill over activities for 2006-07.

3. For Block Resource Centre (BRC) PAB approved an outlay of Rs.50.14 lakhs (Rs.1.21 lakhs for spill over and Rs.48.93 lakhs for fresh proposals for meeting expenditure on payment of salary of resource persons, furniture grant, contingencies grant, TLM grants, etc. as per the details given in the Annex.-I).

4. For Cluster Resource Centre (CRC) PAB approved an outlay of Rs.36.98 lakhs (Rs.2.50 for spill over and Rs.34.48 lakhs for fresh outlay as per the details at Annex.-I).
5. Under innovative activities, an outlay of Rs. 200.00 lakhs (Rs.60.00 lakhs for ECCE, Rs.40.00 for Girl Education, Rs.40.00 lakhs for SC/ST and Rs.60.00 lakhs for Computer Education) were approved.
6. Under IED an amount of Rs.32.40 lakhs was approved for covering 2700 children @ Rs.1200/- per child for various activities such as conduction of assessment camps, teacher's training, providing aid and appliances, developing training modules, orienting community, surgery of disabled, school allowance and home based education.
7. An amount of Rs.25.55 lakhs was approved for 511 school maintenance grant.
8. State Component Plan Rs.33.13 lakhs was approved.
9. Recurring expenditure of Rs.39.60 lakhs was approved for meeting salary of 30 teachers (spillover) @ Rs.11,000/- per teacher for one year.
10. 20 days in-service teacher training for 4742 teachers, 30 days orientation training for 319 newly recruited teachers and training for 61 BRG, CRG approved with an outlay of Rs.73.51 lakhs.
11. The PAB approved Rs.5.72 lakhs for research and evaluation.
12. School grant of Rs.5.84 lakhs for 292 primary school and Rs.5.72 lakhs for 286 upper primary schools approved.
13. Teacher grant of Rs.23.71 lakhs for 4742 teachers approved.
14. The PAB also approved Rs.2.80 lakhs for TLE, and Rs.0.97 lakhs for community mobilization.
- 15. To sum up, a total amount of Rs.941.93 lakhs was approved towards SSA. This includes fresh allocation of Rs.553.12 lakhs and spill over allocation of Rs.388.81 lakhs. The detailed summary and district-wise allocations are given in Annex.II and III respectively.**
16. The Union Territory agreed to fulfill the following commitments to improve SSA implementation:

- i) The vacant positions of programme staff should be filled by September, 2006;
- ii) All Civil Works approved till 2005-06 should be completed by 31 December, 2006;

17. It was directed that UT should also satisfy the following conditions to avail of SSA funds:

- i) The UT Government should give a written commitment for meeting its share of the SSA Society.
- ii) First instalment of the UT share should also be released to the Society within one month of the release of the Central share to the Stt Society.
- iii) At least 50% of the teachers recruited should be female.
- iv) Teachers appointed against posts created through SSA funds should be made accountable to the VEC for at least the salary payment. The latter would monitor the attendance before releasing the salary.
- v) 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 expenditures, which has to be incurred only through these bodies as per SSA norms.
- vi) The UT government 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 State share for SSA will be over the above this investment.
- vii) the second instalment would only be released after the previous instalment of UT share has been transferred to the State Implementation Society and substantial progress has been made in expenditures as far as money already released is concerned.
- viii) All appointments under the head of management costs should either be on deputation or on contract basis, with all persons being recruited having functional computer literacy.

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