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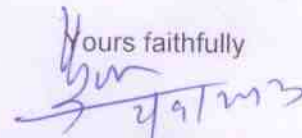
1. The Secretary, in-charge of Secondary Education of Jammu & Kashmir.
2. State Project Director, RMSA, Jammu & Kashmir.

Subject: 30th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and 10th meeting of unified Project Approval Board held on 3rd July, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 for the State of **Jammu & Kashmir** in respect of RMSA, Girls Hostel, Vocational Education, ICT @ School and Inclusive Education.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of the 30th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) (10th meeting of Unified Project Approval Board) held on the 3rd July, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 for the State of Jammu & Kashmir in respect of RMSA, Girls Hostel, Vocational Education, ICT @ School and Inclusive Education for information and necessary action at your end. Sanction letter follows.

Yours faithfully



(Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh)
Director (RMSA.1)

Encl: - as above.

Copy to:-

1. EC to Secretary (SE&L)
2. PPS to AS(SE)
3. PS to JS&FA
4. PS to JS(SE-1)
5. Sr. PPS to EA (SE&L)
6. Director (RMSA.1 & ICT)
7. Deputy Secretary (RMSA.2 & VE)
8. Deputy Secretary (GH & IE)
9. SO(IEDSS)/SO(ICT)/SO(GH)/SO(VE)
10. VC, NUEPA, New Delhi
11. Director (NCERT) New Delhi
12. Chairman, NIOS
13. Senior Advisor (Education), Planning Commission, New Delhi
14. Other members of PAB
15. All Consultants, TSG (RMSA)
16. Web Master, NIC, MHRD, for posting the PAB Minutes on the RMSA page of the Website.

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Minutes of the 30th Project Approval Board (PAB) (10th Integrated RMSA) held on 3rd July 2013 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 of the state of Jammu & Kashmir

The 30th meeting of the PAB (10th Integrated RMSA) for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 for the states of Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir and A&N Islands in respect of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), ICT@Schools (ICT), Girls' Hostels (GH), Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS), Vocational Education (VE) was held on 3rd July, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Bhattacharya, Secretary (SE&L).

2. The list of participants who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure-I**.

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)

3. At the outset, the Secretary (SE&L) welcomed the participants and informed that with regard to RMSA, the Govt. of India has favourably considered various long pending demands of the States/UTs in respect of adoption of State Schedule of Rates (SoR) in civil works, enhancement of Monitoring, Management, Evaluation and Research (MMER), continuance of the 75:25 sharing pattern between Centre and States and extension of quality related interventions of the scheme to Government aided schools. He also clarified that the revised norms relating to applicability of SoRs and enhanced MMER provisions will be applicable prospectively.

4. Ms. Caralyn K Deshmukh, Director (RMSA- I) then presented the status of implementation of RMSA in the state. A copy of presentation is attached at **Annexure II**

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Areas of Strength:

5. The State has used UDISE data for preparation of Annual Work Plan & Budget, 2013-14. There is a 4-tier monitoring system headed by Chief Secretary, Divisional Commissioner, District Development Commissioner and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI). The State Board curriculum is based on National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005, and the State has adopted NCERT textbooks with the localized content.

6. Areas of concern:

6.1 The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of the state is 58.36 and Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) could not be worked out as population data was not available. The districts having low GER are: Srinagar (39.22%), Badgam (44.86%), Bandipora (46.79%) and Baramula (47.36). The transition rate from class VII to IX at state level is 86.79%. The districts having low transition rate are: Baramula (71.87%), Reasi (73.21%) and Poonch 73.48%. There is no information in respect of the drop-out rate for the year 2012-13. GER of the state is 58% which is far behind the RMSA objective i.e. 75% by the end of the Five Year Plan; hence, the state has to put an effort to take steps and chalk out strategies to raise the GER to meet the target within a reasonable time frame..

6.2 The State has not yet made the perspective plan in line with the goal and objectives.. The Annual Work Plan and Budget should have included the habitation details and available school details.. It is also seen that State has not completed school mapping exercise, nor has developed any modules for teacher training in any subject.

6.3 The results of the board exams show that in the year 2011, the Pass percentage for boys is 48% and for girls is 45 %. In 2012, the Pass percentage for boys is 50% and for girls is 47 %, indicating that urgent steps are required to improve the learning levels in the schools.

7. Special Focus Districts (SFD) and Convergence

7.1 Out of the 22 districts in Jammu & Kashmir, 4 districts are SFDs. Out of these 4 SFDs , all districts are ST concentrated Districts namely Kargil, Leh Ladakh, Punch and Rajauri and Leh Ladakh is both Minority and ST concentrated District. .As far as EBBs are concerned, the State is having 97 Educationally Backward Blocks. The details of approval in 2013-14 for SFDs are at

Annexure III

7.2 With regard to the effort to map convergence of schemes at the schools level- that is – whether the school is completely covered with reference to the secondary education schemes of the MHRD (i.e. RMSA, ICT @ Schools, IEDSS, VE and GH), all 2343 Secondary Govt. schools are covered under RMSA (in terms of coverage for School Grant and Minor Repair-). ICT & VE schemes have not been implemented yet by the state, even though 200 schools had been approved to be covered under ICT @ school schemes in the year 2008-09. The objective is to cover the schools completely in terms of available schemes to ensure the holistic development and improvement of the school- Thus a school is ensured adequate and good quality infrastructure – compatible with the pedagogical needs of the different classes and subjects, teachers, teacher training, remedial teaching , libraries, laboratories, children with special needs, special educators, ICT facilities, vocational education / options , and linkage with Girls’ Hostels . In addition, scholarships to the eligible students as well as other incentives made available by the state governments as well as the various ministries of the Central Government.

8. Progress under RMSA

8.1 Recurring

8.1.1 Under RMSA, 526 Headmasters/Principals and 3132 subject specific teachers were approved in 526 upgraded schools. State is in the process of recruiting the headmasters and teachers. As far as teacher training is concerned, state has imparted in-service training to 18.61% of teachers and 82.45% of headmasters.

8.1.2 In the last financial year (2012-13) an outlay of Rs. 9396.94 lakh was approved for the State under the recurring head. However, it is seen that state could spend only 45% of the recurring fund available with them.

8.2 Non Recurring

8.2.1 Under RMSA, up gradation of 526 new schools, strengthening of 534 existing Secondary Schools has been approved till date. Since inception, cumulative progress of the Civil Works out of the total sanction in the State is- the State has taken-up 14.65% of the works till date, in which – 1.55% are completed & 13.1% are in progress. The rest 85.35% is yet to be started. Out of total approved outlay of Rs 37066.8 lakh and Central Share of Rs 27800.1 lakh, Rs 17983.3

lakh has been released to the State. State has reported an expenditure Rs 13633.72 lakh which is (56%) of available funds.

8.2.2 The State Education Secretary requested for additional funds to complete the earlier approvals as the fixed norms of RMSA are not sufficient to undertake civil works. He also informed that it would be difficult to pitch in additional funds from the state and requested the PAB to approve additional funds as per the state SOR for old works. The Additional Secretary (SE), GOI informed the state that the CCEA approval for Schedule of Rates applicability in civil works has prospective effect and not retrospective, and the state has to work at getting additional resources from the state funds, or by leveraging convergence with the schemes of other departments or out of the State budget. The states of Karnataka, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu are doing the same. AS (SE) advised that at least the civil works which were already started should be given priority and the state needs to complete them by pitching in additional funds from other sources.

Annual Work Plan and Budget of 2013-14:

9. Thereafter, the intervention-wise discussion was held and the following decisions were taken:

Sl. No.	Activities
	NON RECURRING
1	New Schools The State proposed for up-gradation (Upper Primary to Secondary) of 412 (223 one section and 189 two sections) new schools. As the State has not undertaken any school mapping, PAB agreed to the request of the State to defer this issue and hold a special PAB as soon as the State completes the school mapping and sends a proposal for New schools under the scheme.
2.	Strengthening of existing Govt. schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Government has not proposed any work under strengthening.
3.	Major Repair: The proposal for Major repair was not approved as the state has not provided any details.
4	Other Non recurring The proposal for Furniture/Fixture was not approved as this item is considered under New Schools and under strengthening approvals.

	RECURRING
5.	Staff for new schools (2013-2014) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposal of the state for the posts of 382 HMs, 1910 subject teachers, 382 lab attendants and 382 office Assistant was also deferred as the proposal of new schools could not be considered due to the reason mentioned above (point – 1).
6.	Staff for new schools sanctioned in previous years (2009-2013) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal of the State for the salary of 526 HMs, 3132 Subject Teachers, was approved. In respect of other staff, (526 Lab attendants and 526 Office Asst.) PAB has approved salary for 4 months. However actual release of funds is subject to state Govt. confirming their recruitment with supportive documents.
7.	School Grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal for school grant was approved to 2343 Govt. secondary schools as proposed by the State.
8.	Minor Repair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal for Minor Repair Grant to 1754 schools was restricted to 1697 schools having their own building as per UDISE data.
9.	Teacher Training: <p>A. Training of 308 Master Resource Persons for 5 days was approved as proposed by the state.</p> <p>B. Training of 308 MRPs on Module Development and Printing of Modules was not approved as Modules of NCERT may be utilized.</p> <p>C. Proposal of the state for In– service training of 9618 existing teachers was restricted to 9560 teachers as per UDISE data. It was decided that IEDSS component for Teachers training shall also be included in this session and separate funding is not to be provided under the IEDSS component.</p> <p>D. Induction Training for 3132 new teachers/masters for 10 days was approved as proposed.</p> <p>E. Training of 2343 Head Masters/Principals, was restricted to 1329 Head Masters/Principals as per UDISE data.</p> <p>F. Training programme (2 days) for 220 teachers on Motivation and stress management was not approved as it was considered to be a part of In -Service</p>

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	<p>teacher training.</p> <p>G. The proposal for Training Programme of Examination Invigilators/ Supervisory staff (2 days), was not approved as this may be taken up by the State Examination Board, which is an autonomous entity.</p> <p>H. The proposal for Capacity Building of Academic Staff of SPO/SIEs/DIETs should be taken up under Teacher Education Scheme or under MMER component.</p> <p>I. The proposal for Training of Lab Assistants and Librarians was not approved as at present the priority is on access and quality improvement of academic intervention since there is limited fund as indicated in the state specific indicative budget.</p>
10.	<p>Quality Interventions:</p> <p>A. The interventions i.e., Excursion of class IX students within the state, and Study tours for X class students outside the state; were approved by the PAB @ Rs 200 and Rs 2000 respectively. However, the State needs to provide the list of students proposed and places to which they are to be taken for excursion. There also needs to be a link to the activities in the excursion and students' understanding in schools. A report may also be made on this activity.</p> <p>B. Conduct of Science Exhibition at 22 districts was approved @ Rs. 1 lakh per district A report may be made on the activities undertaken under this intervention.</p> <p>C. The State representatives withdrew the proposal for organizing Book Fair in 22 districts.</p> <p>D. The proposal for Academic support to class 10 (48%) (apart from support in Class 9), was not approved as this was felt that this is the schools' and the teachers' responsibility and there is more and more dependence on outside support for students rather than strengthening class room teaching. The accountability of the teachers and the School Heads needs to be improved in this matter.</p> <p>E. Special teaching for learning enhancement was approved to 26119 students, i.e. 20% students of class IX @ Rs 500. However , a report needs to be made on this- the activities, the student- teacher interaction, the supplementary books and learning material, the effects/ results of the remedial teaching, etc</p> <p>F. Sports kit for 220 schools is restricted to 100 schools.</p>

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	<p>G. Art Camp at 22 districts was approved @ Rs. 50,000 per district</p> <p>H. Free Text Books for class 9th students and free Text Books for class 10th students was not approved as this is presently not provided under RMSA.</p> <p>I. Publishing of school Magazines needs to be part of school grant</p>
11.	<p>Guidance and Counselling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The salary for five (5) Coordinators and one (1) Research Assistant was approved with six months' salary considering their likelihood to be in position. Actual release of salary will be only after state confirms of their recruitment with documentary evidence. However, the state needs to detail the activities of the Guidance and Counselling cell- Co-ordination with Adolescence Education programme of the NCERT, Life Skills Programme, Career Counselling, Health and Hygiene programmes of the NRHM, Mental Health programme, Sensitization of the Principals, etc. • Literature & display material @ Rs. 50,000 was approved as proposed. • Proposal for sensitization of 603 Principals was not approved as details are not provided. • The proposal for TA/DA/Contingency was not approved as this should be part of MMER.
12	<p>Equity Interventions:</p> <p>Girls oriented activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal for Special Enrolment Drive in 10 Border Districts was approved @ the cost of Rs. 10,000 per district. This has to be documented and details regarding the activities undertaken under this intervention be made. The results/ effects of the programme also need to be documented. • The proposal for awareness camp in EBBs, Bal Melas, Quiz, Debate Competitions, Seminar, Posters, Drama, skits, Bund Pather etc., need to be part of MMER, therefore the proposal is not approved. • Rural posting allowance was not approved as there is no norm under RMSA <p>SC/ST oriented activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of Awareness in 7 SC/ST population dominated districts @ Rs. 1 lakh was approved as proposed. This has to be documented- the activities

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	<p>undertaken, the effects/ results of the activities, etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination Fee for SC/ST students (9th class) and Examination Fee for SC/ST students (10th class) was not approved as there is no norm.
13.	<p>Interventions for Out of school children</p> <p>Open School System</p> <p>Establishment of State Open School (SOS) in Districts and Massive Programmes on Advocacy was not approved due to absence of norms and modalities regarding open schooling.</p>
14	<p>Community Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal of Training of 11715 SMDC Members is restricted to 10130 SMDC members after excluding the common SMC /SMDC schools.
15.	<p>MMER:</p> <p>3.5% of the approved outlay</p>

The cost sheet indicating the component wise proposal and approval for RMSA is at **Annexure-IV**.

ICT @ School Scheme

10 PAB was informed that till date 200 schools were covered under ICT@ Schools scheme in 2008-09 against which Rs. 603 lakh was released, but the state could not implement the scheme so far. Education Secretary, J&K informed that they are facing problems in implementing the same. It was then agreed by the State for cancellation of 200 schools approved in 2008-09 with refunding of unspent balance of Rs. 603 lakh lying with the State.

11. State Education Secretary then requested for fresh approval under ICT Scheme. AS (SE & L) advised the state that they may come with fresh proposal at the time of consideration of the proposal of new schools for RMSA.

Girls Hostel Scheme

Non-recurring

12. State Government submitted the proposal for sanction of non-recurring grant of Rs.7883.80 lakh for construction of 20 girls' hostels in the State – 9 in Jammu region, 7 in Kashmir region and 4 in Kargil of Ladakh region. The unit cost proposed for hostels in Jammu

