

**Proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee  
of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan held on 10.8.2006 at 10.00 A.M.  
at the conference hall of the office of the State Project Director,  
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Bangalore.**

Members Present is given in the annexure.

Joint Director, SSA welcomed the members.

<b>Subject No 1.</b>	<b>Confirmation of the proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E.C., SSA held on 17.2.2006.</b>
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The proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> E.C. meeting were placed before the committee for confirmation. Mrs Padma Sarangapani, a member, submitted that the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of E.C. had approved a proposal by NIAS for taking up a study on training management of the teachers. But the same had not been included in the proceedings. She suggested that the matter may be taken up for reconsideration. Mr K.R.Meena had suggested that the expenditure on provision of a disabled friendly lift to the office of the State Project Director should not be booked under the head Inclusive Education of disabled. Accordingly modifications may be made in the proceedings. With these observations, the proceedings were confirmed by the E.C.

***Decision: E.C confirmed the proceedings.***

<b>Subject No 2.</b>	<b>Action taken on the proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E.C., SSA held on 17.2.2006.</b>
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The State Project Director explained the action taken on the proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> E.C. meeting. The committee noted the action taken on the proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> E.C. meeting and further action was suggested on the following points-

- C.Ds of the modules prepared by DSERT to be sent to BRCs, CRCs and schools.
- BRCs may be instructed to use the power from Solar Power Packs for computers and other electronic equipments.
- Insurance of the RoTs may be taken up by SSA after examining the contractual liabilities of parties.
- The quarterly monitoring formats should be in line with the formats designed by NIEPA.

- Proposal of DDPI, Raichur on utilising the services at the Science Centre Raichur may be examined.
- Remedial teaching should be undertaken in such schools where the results of KSQAO are below the state average. The remedial teaching should also focus on competencies where the performance is below average.
- It was suggested in the meeting to supply the KSQAO reports to all the E.C. members.
- On the subject of shifting of the B.R.P.s and C.R.P.s to the administrative control of the DIETs the Government needs to examine and take early decision.
- To appoint a sub committee to oversee the efficiency of remedial teaching.

***Decision: E.C noted the action taken.***

<b>Subject No 3.</b>	<b>Procurement of Laptops instead of Palmtops for CRCs</b>
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The committee was informed that the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of E.C. had directed the State Project Director to examine the proposal of equipping the CRCs with Palmtops for the collection and consolidation of the information from schools. The SPD informed the committee that this matter was examined and it was estimated that each Palmtop would cost around Rs.27,000.00 (Rs 15,000.00 for the machine and Rs.12,000.00 for the software). It felt that procuring Laptops instead of Palmtops would be better. The committee members suggested to work out the details of activities to which Laptops would be put to use and the kind of software needed for collection and consolidation of information. It was also suggested to try out the use of Laptops in one or two CRCs before it is provided in a large scale by using existing equipments.

***Decision: E.C requested the State Project Director to list the kind of software and likely uses of Laptops at the CRCs.***

<b>Subject No 4.</b>	<b>Enhancing the consultancy charges under the head REMS</b>
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The committee discussed the proposal to enhance the consultancy charges under the head REMS. The members felt that the services of the staff at DIETs could be utilised for the purpose of taking up the research studies at the district level and also to assist and guide the teachers in conducting action research studies. The Chairman felt

that the DIET staff could be utilised for the purpose and Honorarium/remuneration, if required may be paid to such staff. He also felt that since NIAS was already working with SSA in Chamarajnar district, they may be requested to give a proposal to align different wings of DIET to different activities, so as to facilitate taking up activities under REMS.

**Decision: E.C decided the State Project Director must utilise the services of staff of DIET for REMS activities.**

<b>Subject No 5.</b>	<b>Approval to enhance the unit cost of training in case of contact programme by Bhoj University:</b>
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The State Project Director explained the proposal to the committee stating that the unit cost of Rs.70.00 per teacher per day was not sufficient in case of teachers attending the contact programme conducted by Bhoj University as a part of the distance education in Inclusive Education. Sri. K.R. Meena expressed that the unit cost of the training programme could not be enhanced by E.C. as these rates were approved by the cabinet of Gol. The Chairman felt that the employees may be paid TA & DA as per the provisions of KCSRs. Since these programmes were outside the district.

**Decision: E.C decided the participants of the contact programme of Bhoj University could be paid TA&DA as per KCSRs.**

<b>Subject No 6.</b>	<b>Sanction to release Rs 235.00 lakh to department of WCD</b>
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The SPD informed the committee that the department of Women and Child Development had submitted a proposal to release Rs.235.00 lakh towards the maintenance of the ECCE centres started by it under SSA. But the available fund during the current year under this head was only Rs.135.00 lakh. E.C. was requested to permit re-appropriation of funds under the head Innovative Activities to meet the requirement of WCD. Sri. K.R. Meena expressed the opinion that re-appropriation could be made under the head Innovative Activities, but funds under Computer Education should not be deviated for other purposes. Some members also felt that the innovative activities like the science museums should not suffer due to this re-appropriation proposal. It was clarified by State Project Director that the allocation for Science Museums was too low at Rs. 2.50 lakhs per museum. Chairman suggested that wherever districts show

enthusiasm science museums could be taken up. Funds can be reappropriated from innovative activities such as work education and science museums.

***Decision: E.C. permitted State Project Director to re-appropriate the funds under the head Innovative Activities and to release Rs.235.00 lakh to WCD. E.C. further suggested that re-appropriation should not affect Science Labs programme.***

<b>Subject No 7.</b>	<b>Approval of charge allowance to Sri. K.C. Gangadharappa, BRP, Arasikere block Hassan district.</b>
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It was placed before the committee that Sri. K.C. Gangadharappa, BRP, Arasikere block Hassan district was holding the additional charge of the post of Block Resource Coordinator and had submitted a proposal for the sanction of Charge Allowance.

***Decision: E.C. permitted State Project Director to sanction the charge allowance to Sri K.C. Gangadharappa. E.C. also authorised the SPD to sanction charge allowance where the period exceeds 6 months.***

<b>Subject No 8.</b>	<b>Re-allocation of funds under the head Furniture and Equipment to Salary &amp; Miscellaneous.</b>
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It was placed before the committee that by typographical error the funds under the head Salary & Miscellaneous for Kolar district was submitted to PAB as nil and the same was approved by the PAB. As such no funds were available for the salary of the staff working in the DPO under SSA in Kolar district. Permission of the E.C. was sought to reallocate the funds available under the head Furniture & Equipment to the head Salary and Miscellaneous. Sri K.R. Meena expressed his surprise as to how such a mistake has crept through even at PAB, and suggested that AWP&B could be modified only by the Project Approval Board. However during discussion, in view of the necessity of this reallocation, it was felt that the E.C. could authorise State Project Director to reallocate the funds and seek the approval, post facto of the Project Approval Board.

***Decision: E.C. permitted State Project Director to reallocate the funds available under the head Furniture & Equipment to the head Salary and Miscellaneous and seek post facto approval of Project Approval Board.***

<b>Subject No 9.</b>	<b>Enhancement of the salary of the staff working on contract basis in SSA</b>
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It was placed before the committee that the salaries of the staff working on contract basis under SSA was not enhanced for the last 4 years. Such staff are requesting for the hike in their salaries. The matter was discussed by the committee and it was felt by the members that since the cost of living has gone up and also the regular staff are given regular hike it was necessary to hike the salaries of the contract staff also by 20% of their salaries at 5% per annum. It was also felt that every year contracts should be revised/extended and a 5% hike should be given.

***Decision: E.C. permitted State Project Director to hike the salaries of the contract staff working under SSA by 20% from August 2006 and also to increase their salaries at 5% per annum from the succeeding years.***

<b>Subject No 10.</b>	<b>Appointment of Data Entry Operators to DIETS</b>
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It was placed before the committee that the DIETs are requesting for the services of Data Entry Operators. Since the work load was quite high it was felt necessary to provide the services of Data Entry Operators to DIETs. Mr. K.R.Meena opined that such services could be obtained out of the "DIET Teacher Education" head and 100% assistance is available under this head instead of the funds under SSA in which State Government has also give a share.

***Decision; It was decided that DIETs could procure the services of Data Entry Operators through an agency of repute, as per rules under the head Teacher Training, available to the DSERT following prescribed rules of KTPP Act.***

<b>Subject No 11.</b>	<b>Approval of D.A. to drivers appointed on contract basis under DPEP</b>
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The committee was informed that the drivers appointed under DPEP were paid D.A. at Rs 50.00 per day. This was discontinued under SSA. They have submitted a requisition to sanction D.A. at Rs.50.00 per day when tour out of headquarters. The committee discussed this and Sri. K.R. Meena opined that the continuance of the

liabilities of DPEP under SSA was not permitted. The same was needed to be transferred to State Government. As such E.C. can not take any decision on this issue. However he suggested that the proposal may be submitted to MHRD for consideration.

***Decision: EC directed the state Project Director to examine this whole matter of liabilities from DPEP and if necessary come up with a proposal to MHRD.***

<b>Subject No 12.</b>	<b>Payment of Honorarium to resource persons at Block level</b>
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The proposal was explained to the committee as follows:

The remuneration/sitting fees to Master Resource Persons/experts participating in the workshops, training programmes at the state level and district level was paid at Rs 400.00 and Rs250.00 respectively, as per the decision of the EC taken in the meeting held on 9.3.2004. Similarly remuneration/sitting fees to Master Resource Persons/experts participating in the workshops, training programmes at the block level also need to paid at Rs.150.00 in addition to TA & DA as admissible under KCSRs. Approval was sought to fix this rate at Rs 150.00 addition to TA & DA as admissible under KCSRs.

***Decision: The proposal was approved by the E.C.***

<b>Subject No 13.</b>	<b>Ratification of the proceedings of the Procurement Committee</b>
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The decisions of the State Level Procurement Committee was placed before the E.C for its ratification. However since the copy of the proceedings was not sent to Sri. K.R. Meena, he requested that he needed some time to comment on it.

***Decision: The committee decided to defer the matter to next meeting.***

<b>Subject No 14.</b>	<b>Mid-day meals as a subject in E.C.</b>
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As per the directions of the Secretary, Elementary Education and Literacy, MHRD, GoI, discussion of the progress under Mid-day meals programme was taken up. Accordingly the Joint Director Mid day meal Programme made a presentation on the progress. Some members felt that teachers should not be involved in the preparation and maintenance of the records of this programme as it would affect their functioning in the classrooms. Some members discussed the issues and difficulties involved in the

supply of gas for cooking. The Joint Director clarified that circular was issued not to involve the teachers in mid day meal programme and also decision was taken to hike the transport charges of gas cylinders to ensure the smooth supply of gas cylinders to schools. It was however felt that teachers should involve themselves in supervision of hygiene and serving.

***Decision: The committee noted the progress under mid day meals.***

<b>Subject No 15.</b>	<b>Activity wise progress of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan</b>
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The State Project Director made a presentation on the activitywise progress achieved under SSA. The members expressed satisfaction and complimented the State Project Director for the progress. Mrs Padma Sarangapani of NIAS observed that while planning for the next year need based planning should be emphasised so that district specific needs would be identified and local issues addressed. Members felt that the activity remedial teaching needed further discussion.

***Decision: The committee noted the progress made so far.***

**Any other subjects with the permission of the Chair:**

The following matters were placed as additional agenda with the permission of the Chair.

<b>Subject No 16.</b>	<b>Proposal by NIAS for the management of training of teachers and monitoring of training programmes</b>
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Mrs Padma Saragapani of NIAS made a proposal that the management of the training needs of the teachers was very crucial to ensure that the teachers receive the right kind of training needed by them. It was also necessary to monitor if the training programmes have any impact on the classroom transaction of the teachers concerned. In the proposed study NIAS would suggest making some necessary changes in the existing EMIS software to capture the data on the training programmes received by the teachers. She sought the committee's approval to take up the study in collaboration with the E-governance unit of CPI.

***Decision: The committee approved the proposal and decided that the details of the proposal may be worked out by SPO.***

<b>Subject No 17.</b>	<b>Provision of Maternity Leave to contract staff working under SSA</b>
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It was placed before the committee that there was a demand by the contract staff working in SSA for the provision of Maternity leave as admissible under the Maternity Act 1961. Sri.K.R.Meena expressed the opinion that the matter may be referred to MHRD for consideration as such decisions would have larger implications for SSA.

***Decision: The Committee decided that the proposal may be sent to MHRD for consideration.***

<b>Subject No 18.</b>	<b>Additional Posts for State Project Office, SSA</b>
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It was placed before the committee that the staff working in State Project Office was very limited and lacked the technical support. As such it was requested to sanction 3 posts of Junior Programme Officers of the rank of Head Masters of secondary schools, 6 posts of technical assistants of the rank of primary school teachers, 3 data entry operators and a post of drawing teacher of the cadre of High school teacher to support the existing staff. The committee examined the proposal and approved the same.

***Decision: The committee sanctioned 3 posts of Junior programme officers, 12 posts of technical assistants, 3 posts of Data Entry operators and a post of drawing teacher to the State Project Office.***

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.