

**Proceedings of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee  
of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Samithi held on 06.7.2007 at 2.30 P.M.  
at the conference hall of the office of the State Project Director,  
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Bangalore.**

Members Present is given in the annexure.

Shri Ishwara Bhat, Director (Programmes), SSA welcomed the members.

<b>Subject No 1.</b>	<b>Confirmation of the proceedings of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E.C., SSA held on 12.4.2007.</b>
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The house confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting held on 12.4.2007 as there were no comments on the same.

*Decision: E.C confirmed the proceedings.*

<b>Subject No 2.</b>	<b>Action taken on the proceedings of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E.C., SSA held on 12.4.2007</b>
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The State Project Director explained the action taken on the proceedings of the 16<sup>th</sup> E.C. meeting. The committee noted the action taken on report and further action was suggested on the following points-

2.1 Quotations were called for the printing of the quarterly monitoring formats. The chairman instructed to print the formats with the instructions that the quarterly monitoring formats was in lieu of monthly reports. It was also indicated that henceforth monthly information should not be collected.

2.2 The Director, Programmes, SSA, presented that a set of 24 registers were tried out in a few more schools and that 24 registers were needed in each school. The Chairperson suggested that list of registers should be separate for LPS and HPS and for LPS the number can further be reduced by clubbing the stock registers of different kind. It was also suggested that the registers list that was prescribed by

the Commissioner's office in the past should be looked into and revised order should be issued by the CPI. Regarding printing it was suggested that a bare minimum of 4-6 registers could be selected and printed out of management cost of SSA.

2.3 The Chairman suggested that a time line be set for the development, piloting and finalisation of the Reading cards in collaboration with the Akshara Foundation.

*Decision: E.C noted the action taken on the previous meetings proceedings, after taking the above decisions on further action.*

<b>Subject No 3.</b>	<b>Approval of the decisions of the Procurement Committee</b>
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The proceeding of the procurement committee was noted.

The State Project Director explained that KRSAC was requested to provide the maps and the tender would be limited to developing the software to link EMIS with GIS. Mr Sukumar, the Director, EE & L, MHRD, Delhi, suggested that a time limit be fixed for the Remote Sensing Agency for giving its proposal for the development of the GIS system.

The Chairman discussed the issue of publication of the data on child census. He suggested that the same be released to the press and a copy be submitted to the Chairman by 9.7.2007. He further suggested that planning for the child census to be held during 2007-08 should begin now and details should be presented in the next meeting of Executive Committee.

The matter of the report of ILO on the out of school children was discussed and it was decided that the DIETs of Chamarajnagar and Bidar may be entrusted with the task of verifying the data from the ILO study and compare the same with the Child Census data. Child wise comparison of status ( whether out of school or not) should be undertaken by the DIETs concerned and a detailed report on reasons

for discrepancies between the results of the two surveys ie ILO survey and Child Census may be submitted in the next meeting of the E.C.

*Decision: E.C noted the decisions of the State Level Procurement Committee. It further decided that a detailed report on the data on out of school children collected by ILO may be verified and compared with the child census data of the department and reasons for discrepancies be presented in the next meeting.*

<b>Subject No 4.</b>	<b>Sanctioning of the posts for Quality in Education Unit in Policy Planning Unit</b>
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The house discussed the matter of sanctioning of one post of the cadre of Deputy Director of Public Instruction, one post of Senior Assistant Director of Public Instruction and five posts of Assistant Director of Public Instruction. The SPD informed the committee that in the AWP 2007-08, provision for KSQE was made under the head support to Policy Planning Unit. The Chairman felt that Quality in Education was the mainstream function of the Education Department and as such KSQE should function either under the CPI's office or the State Project Office. Mr Sukumar, Director, EE&L, MHRD, GOI, also suggested that if this unit would be functioning under State Project Office, he has no objection, since under management cost KSQE was an approved activity.

The Chairman suggested that these posts should be sanctioned temporarily for the duration of the project period to look into quality issues, but felt that the posts of Assistant Directors of Public Instruction could be limited to three. Discussions were also held on establishing a "Quality Cell" in the DIETs. DSERT was instructed to examine this matter and submit a proposal to the Commissioner of Public Instruction for the establishment of "Quality Cell" by redesignating one of the sections of the DIET and entrusting it with the work of KSQE.

*Decision: E.C approved to sanction one post of Deputy Director of Public Instruction, one post of Senior Assistant Director of Public Instruction and three posts of Assistant Directors of Public Instruction to be incharge of the quality issues at the State Project Office.*

<b>Subject No 5.</b>	<b>Revision of the remuneration of contract staff</b>
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The committee was informed that there were 148 people working in different cadres-10 in FDA/Steno, 34 in CCT/DEO, 33 in Drivers and 71 in D Group cadre - under SSA on contract. They were being paid a consolidated remuneration at Rs 5300, Rs.4400, Rs.4400 and Rs.3500 respectively. These staffs have been requesting for revision of remuneration, as the present contract amount that they were getting was much lesser than their counterparts in similar contracts in other projects / departments. The committee examined this matter in detail and felt that a rationale may be arrived at for fixing the remuneration of the said staff. It felt that the minimum of the basic pay in the revised scale of pay applicable to similar cadres in Government or the amount proposed by State Project Director whichever is less may be fixed as their remuneration.

*Decision: The Committee decided to authorize the State Project Director to fix the contractual remuneration of the 148 staff following may the rationale suggested above subject to their possessing required qualifications. As decided by the EC earlier in its meeting dated 10.8.2006 the SPD should also give a 5% hike in their remuneration every year.*

<b>Subject No 6.</b>	<b>Proposal to release Rs 5.00 lakhs to the Department of Disabled Welfare</b>
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The Director, Department of Disabled had submitted a proposal requesting to release Rs.5.00 lakhs towards the cost of paper of the Braille books to be supplied to the children studying in special schools. Discussing on this issue Mr Sukumar, Director, EE&L, MHRD, GOI, expressed the opinion that the severely disabled children should be admitted to special schools only if attempts to provide inclusive education are not successful due to severity of disability. He also suggested that since SSA targets at the education of the children only up to the age of 14 years, such benefit may be extended to the children studying up to class VIII only under SSA.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the benefit to children studying in classes IX and X may be considered by GOK.

*Decision: EC decided to release the cost of paper for the printing of Braille books for the children studying in special schools up to class VIII, to the Director, Department of Disabled Welfare.*

<b>Subject No 7.</b>	<b>Honorarium to the doctors attending the Assessment Camps</b>
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The State Project Director explained to the committee that the doctors attending the Assessment camps of the disabled children were paid differently in different districts. As such a need was felt to fix a uniform remuneration as suggested by the internal auditors of SSA. The committee examined this matter and decided that the doctors attending the Medical Assessment camps may be paid Rs.500.00 per day and the Psycho therapists and speech therapists may be paid Rs.400.00 per day.

*Decision: The committee decided that the doctors attending the Medical Assessment camps may be paid Rs.500.00 per day and the Psycho therapists and speech therapists may be paid Rs.400.00 per day.*

<b>Subject No 8.</b>	<b>Establishment of SIEMAT</b>
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The State Project Director explained to the house that as decided in the previous meeting of the Executive Committee, a proposal to set up the SIEMAT was placed before the Committee. Mr Sukumar, Director, EE&L, MHRD, GOI wanted to know if SIEMAT was visualised as a stand alone society or as an institution under SSA. When clarified that the State Government had decided to set up SIEMAT as a separate Society under the Education Department, he felt then the EC had no role, other than sanctioning the expenditure of Rs 3 Crores for SIEMAT. The Chairperson also felt the matter should be decided by the Government of Karnataka.

*Decision: The Committee decided that the matter may be decided by the Government of Karnataka.*

<b>Subject No 9.</b>	<b>Proposal to collaborate with MAYA in one taluk to start Zero grade class.</b>
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The Executive Committee of SSA had approved to pilot Zero grade class in the selected four blocks of the state under the head innovative activities of SSA. The AWP had given approval to this proposal during the plan of 2007-08. Maya, an NGO working in the field of ECCE, had the experience of working with Anganwadis and strengthening pre-school education. The SPD proposed to the Committee that Maya be involved in one of the four pilots in view of their expertise and interest in working with the SSA. Maya representatives made a presentation on its approach to a zero grade.

Mr Sukumar, Director, EE&L, GOK, MHRD felt that pre-school education and early child care were the responsibilities of the Women and Child Development department under ICDS. He also felt that such attempts were not very successful in other states, such as Assam and Nagaland and the children studying in class zero were the most neglected. However since the AWP had approved the pilot, he felt it could be implemented but with care and should be taken to ensure its success. He also felt that any discussion of upscaling of the zero grade would be pre-mature.

Dr Padma Sarangapani suggested that while implementing this activity with DIET, the BRCs and the CRCs fully involved.

After detailed discussions the committee approved the proposal to involve Maya in zero grade implementation in one taluk in the state and authorised the State Project Director to examine the details of the proposals including costs and decide on the mutual roles and responsibilities that should go into the contract between the SSA Samithi and Maya.

***Decision: The committee approved the proposal of SSA's partnership with Maya to pilot the Zero grade in one block.***

<b>Subject No 10.</b>	<b>Enhancement of Contingency to DDPIs/BEOs.</b>
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A sum of Rs 1.00 per teacher per month and a sum of Rs. 5.00 per teacher per month was given to DDPIs and BEOs towards the contingency expenditures from out of the management cost of the District Project Offices. Since the rates have increased, the grants were not sufficient to meet the expenditures at these offices. Hence a proposal to increase the management grants for DDPIs to Rs 2.00 per month per teacher and for BEOs to Rs. 10.00 per teacher per month. After discussions the committee approved to increase the said grant for DDPIs to Rs 2 .00 per month per teacher and for BEOs to Rs. 10.00 per teacher per month, subject to the sufficiency of grants available under the management cost.

*Decision: The committee approved to increase the said grant for DDPIs to Rs 2 .00 per month per teacher and for BEOs to Rs. 10.00 per teacher per month, subject to the availability of the grants under the management costs, as approved by the AWP 2007-08.*

<b>Subject No 11.</b>	<b>Changes in the number of additional teachers sanctioned in the PAB.</b>
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PAB had approved 175 additional teachers to Bangalore Rural district and 10 to Bangalore Urban district. But this should have been 35 to Bangalore rural district and 150 to Bangalore Urban district. This correction in no way affects the total teachers sanctioned to SSA Karnataka. Hence approval of the house was sought to make changes as desired. The SPD also informed the Committee that a proposal was sent to the GoI for the *post facto* approval of this change, by the PAB.

The committee approved to make the changes in the number of additional teachers sanctioned as 35 to Bangalore rural district and 150 to Bangalore Urban district.

*Decision: The committee approved to make the changes in the number of additional teachers sanctioned as 35 to Bangalore rural and 150 to Bangalore Urban districts.*

<b>Subject No 12.</b>	<b>Research Proposal of Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore</b>
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The committee was informed that the Public Affairs Centre (PAC), Bangalore, had submitted a proposal to take up a study- An Evaluation of SSA in Karnataka with special reference to concerns of Quality and Equity. The study was estimated to cost around Rs.15.00 lakhs and SSA would bear around 80% of the total cost of the study. Rest would be borne by the PAC. The proposal has been approved by the State Research Advisory Committee and was now placed before the house for its approval. The members discussed the matter in detail and suggested that such study should be completed in 8-9 months and an interim report should be sought within 6 months. After detailed discussions the committee approved to take up the study.

*Decision: The committee approved to take up the study by Public Affairs Centre.*

<b>Subject No 14.</b>	<b>Sanction of the supporting staff in the educational districts.</b>
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In the previous meetings EC had approved to create 5 additional posts of Deputy Project Coordinators in 5 large revenue districts of Gulbarga, Belgaum, Kolar, Tumkur and Bangalore Urban. Each of these posts need to be strengthened with 2 posts of Assistant Project Coordinators, One post of Accounts Superintendent, one post of First Division Assistant, One post of Second Division Assistant, one post of Computer Programmer, two posts of Data Entry Operators and one post of D group employee. Similarly for the newly formed district of Bangalore South (Ramanagar) one set posts, as described above, need to be created. Keeping in view the necessity, the committee approved the creation of 2 posts of Assistant Project Coordinators, One post of Accounts Superintendent, one post of First Division Assistant, One post of Second Division Assistant, one post of Computer Programmer, two posts of Data Entry Operators and one post of D group employee

in each of the five districts listed above and in the newly formed district of Bangalore South (Ramanagar). For Bangalore South it was also decided to create one post of Deputy Project Coordinator.

*Decision: The committee approved the creation of one post of DyPC for Bangalore South (Ramnagara) district, 2 posts of Assistant Project Coordinators, One post of Accounts Superintendent, one post of First Division Assistant, One post of Second Division Assistant, one post of Computer Programmer, two posts of Data Entry Operators and one post of D group employee in six districts, viz., Bangalore South (Ramnagara), Chikkabalapur, Tumkur (to be posted in Madhugiri), Belgaum (to be posted in Chikkodi), Gulbarga (to be posted in Yadgir) and Bangalore Urban.*

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

Mr. Sukumar, Director, GoI, observed that Government of India wanted the EC to be headed by the Chief Secretary and this was being followed in many states. He felt that such an arrangement would help in achieving coordination with other departments, which was required for the implementation of the SSA.

Dr Seetharam reacting to the suggestion said that as in Karnataka it was more appropriate to have the Education Secretary as Chairman in other states also.

The Chairman reacting to this suggestion felt that in Karnataka the present arrangement was working satisfactorily and there may not be any need to tinker with it after 7 years' of satisfactory working and especially when SSA was coming to an end in 2-3 years. As far as coordination with other departments was concerned State Project Director, SSA clarified that coordination was practically achieved at district level because all development departments were under the administrative control of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath. At the State Level SSA was being reviewed monthly in the Karnataka Development Programme meeting by

Chief Secretary and coordination issues at State Level were being sorted out in that meeting.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

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