

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN – KARNATAKA

Proceedings of the 23rd meeting of the Executive Committee of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Samithi held on 15.01.2009 at 11.00 am under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Government, Primary and Secondary Education, in the conference hall of the office of the State Project Director, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Bangalore.

Members Present is given in the annexure.

Sri.Selva Kumar.S, State Project Director, SSA welcomed the members.

Agenda 1(a)

Confirmation of the proceedings of 22nd meeting of E.C held on 25th Aug, 2008

There were no comments from the members on the proceedings of the previous meeting held on 25th Aug, 2008, copies of which were sent to all the members. The house confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Decision: E.C confirmed the proceedings.

Agenda 1(b)	Action taken on the proceedings of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee.
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The State Project Director explained the action taken on the proceedings of the 22nd E.C. meeting. The committee noted the action taken on the proceedings and approved the same without any further comments.

AgendaNo.02	Activity-wise review of the approved activities as on 31st Dec, 2008.
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The State Project Director presented the activity wise progress of the approved activities for 2008-09 as on 31st December, 2008. The following observations were made and suggestions were given.

2.1 Prof.M.D.Ushadevi explained that there is inordinate delay in supply of Nali-Kali Kits. Supply of Teaching Learning Materials should take place during the early months of the academic year. SPD explained that delay was due to identification of agencies through e-procurement tender and such things will be avoided as far as possible.

2.2 Prof.Srikanta Swamy suggested that remedial teaching activity should not be carried out just for the sake of spending the approved amount. This has hampered the regular teaching and the teachers are more concentrating on remedial teaching rather than focusing on classroom learning processes. It was also suggested to have proper monitoring of the programme and Remedial teaching should only be need based and where ever necessary. The Chairman suggested to speedily complete the qualitative evaluation of the programme.

2.3 The Chairman expressed the opinion that all programmes like Remedial Teaching, Oduve Nanu(Reading Programme), etc must be integrated and should not be parallel programmes to each other. Fr.Thomas Felix expressed that reading must lead to perception and then to comprehension.

2.4 Ms.Ruma Banerjee expressed that Karnataka being one of the pioneers in implementing quality education under CWSN (Children With Special Needs) activity, necessary steps will have to be initiated to evaluate the learning achievement of such children under KSQAO. It was also emphasised in particular to distribute aids and appliances to the identified

CWSN as early as possible and during the same academic year as delay will lead to uneven size of the equipments. The Chairman suggested to streamline the process of procurement of aids and appliances and their distribution by empanelling more private agencies after getting necessary information from MHRD. Ms. Ruma Banerjee also suggested that training of classroom teachers be given more importance rather than training of IERTs and hence more inputs must be added to long term training in this regard.

2.5 The Chairman agreed to examine the proposal for according Government's permission to conduct Teachers' Training even during school days.

Decision: The activity-wise progress upto Dec 2008 was reviewed and instructed to follow the above suggestions during implementation.

<p>Agenda No.3</p>	<p>Purchase and Supply of Bhoogola Sangathi Resource Books.</p>
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The committee discussed in detail the contents of these books and its usefulness as resource book to the teachers. Smt.Suchitra Vedanth, State Programme Director, Mahila Samakhya made a request to also supply these resource books to the schools/bridge centres run for out of school girls by Mahila Samakhya and for all the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas.

Decision: EC accorded approval for the purchase and supply of 3391 sets of 'Bhoogola Sangathi' resource books including 64 sets to KGBVs and 4 sets to MSKs.

Agenda No.04	Approval for the proposal of M/s Hora Foundation Trust, Sirsi, for the implementation of 'Samskara' programme to class I to IV students in one cluster on pilot basis.
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EC discussed the programme in detail, the process of identifying books and the procedure followed in implementing the same. Members opined that the books and stories used under the programme must be screened without giving room for any controversies. It was decided to constitute a co-ordination committee to look into the matter while implementing the pilot.

Decision: The EC accorded approval for implementation of the project on pilot basis. The committee also authorised the SPD, SSA to constitute a committee for selection of the books and screen the subjects used in this programme.

Agenda 05	No. Deputation of Civil Engineers from PWD for monitoring of quality of civil works under SSA
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The proposal regarding taking on deputation of Civil Engineers from PWD, one Superintending Engineer at the state level and 4 Executive Engineers at Divisional level was discussed in detail. The GOI representative asked the state SSA to review the perspective plan of SSA and explore the quantum of remaining Civil Works to be completed during the project period. The Executive Engineer explained that the quantity of civil work sanctioned is quite large and require atleast one departmental engineer to look into the quality of construction at the division level. SPD also explained that there is urgent need at Division Level for Engineers to oversee the work of out sourced Engineers at district and block level. The Chairman suggested to take Assistant Executive Engineers instead of Executive Engineers at Division level and to continue with Executive Engineer at State level. The GOI

nominee agreed for the proposal for deputation of four Assistant Executive Engineers from PWD.

Decision: EC decided not to take Superintending Engineer at State level but to continue with Executive Engineer. Further, EC authorised SPD to take appropriate steps for getting the services of 4 Assistant Executive Engineers on deputation basis from PWD for divisional level postings.

Agenda No.6	Re appropriation of grant released under electrification during 2008-09 towards major repairs for schools in Uttara Kannada District
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The committee discussed the reasons for surplus funds under the head 'Electrification' in Uttara Kannada District and the reason for the want of funds for other activity. GOI nominee suggested for granting permission for the reappropriation of grants released under electrification during 2008-09 towards major repairs for schools in Uttara Kannada Dist. subject to approval of PAB.

Decision: *The committee approved the proposal and authorised SPD to submit re-appropriation proposal to Government of India for approval.*

Agenda No.07	Purchase and supply of book "A comprehensive study of the progress of Education in Karnataka"
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The Committee discussed about the content and utility of the book 'A comprehensive study of the progress of Education in Karnataka' authored by Sri.Jagannatha Rao, Retired Director of Public Instructions. Prof.Seetharamu and Prof.Srikanta Swamy submitted to the house that the book documents

all the initiatives taken up under the Department of Public Instruction with due focus on the programmes like OBB, DPEP and SSA and is a chronicle of what happened in the history of primary and secondary education in the state of Karnataka. The Chairman asked SSA to send copies of the book to all the members of EC to present their views and comments before the next EC meeting and the subject can be taken up in the next EC.

Decision: The subject was deferred for the present. The Chairman authorised SPD to send copies of the book to all the members of EC and obtain their feedback and place them in the next EC meeting. Further, English version of the book should be sent to MHRD seeking their opinion.

Agenda No.08	Proposal for undertaking of audit of SDMCs in the state.
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It was presented to EC that auditing of SDMCs which have received grants of above Rs.1.00 lakhs during the year is very important to ascertain the amount absorbed and also to withdraw the unspent amount pending at school level. It was also clarified to the house that auditing would be taken up by the external agency which would be identified strictly according to the procurement norms. The committee appreciated the idea to take up the auditing of 20000 SDMCs under the un-utilised funds available under the head 'Providing of Accounts Personnel at the block level'.

Decision: The Committee approved for undertaking audit of 20000 SDMCs out of the funds available under "Providing of Accounts Personnel at the block level". Complete transparency will have to be observed in selection of the agency as per procurement norms.

Agenda No.09	Ratification for the decision to provide mobile SIM cards to the officials working in the office of the Hon'ble EM.
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The Committee agreed to the decision to provide mobile SIM cards to the officials viz., EM's Personal Secretary and EM's Special Officer working in the office of the Hon'ble Education Minister.

Decision: The Committee ratified the decision to provide mobile SIM cards to the officials working in the office of the Hon'ble Education Minister.

Agenda No.10	Approval for re-appropriation towards disbursement of salary arrears.
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Since providing of additional amount of Rs.536.306 lakhs towards arrears of salary for 2006-07 payable during 2008-09 involves the re-appropriation of savings available under the head 'Teachers Salary' for 2007-08, the committee decided to approve in principle and forward to the approval in PAB.

Decision: The committee decided to approve the proposal in principle and authorised the SPD, SSA to seek approval from PAB of MHRD.

Agenda No.11	Re-allocation of OOSC funds among different districts of the state.
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The proposal regarding re-appropriation of funds under 'Out of School Children' from one district having surplus funds to the needy district was discussed in detail. The representative of GOI suggested recommending this proposal to PAB of MHRD, as the activity involves the re-appropriation of funds from one district to another district.

Decision: EC approved the proposal in principle and authorised the SPD, SSA to seek approval from PAB of MHRD.

Agenda No.12	Re-appropriation of CWSN funds from other Interventions of SSA.
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SPD explained to the house that the state is facing severe problem in payment of IERT salary as funds approved during 2008-09 under CWSN activity is not sufficient to implement all the approved activities. This is due to the fact that payment of honorarium to Home Based Education volunteers was previously included under OOSC and has now been included under CWSN as per MHRD directives. It was also clarified to the house that the state office has planned to rationalise the posts of IERTs depending on the number of CWSN in each block and there by reducing the number of posts of IERTs. GOI nominee explained that enhancement of Unit Cost under CWSN will have to be decided by the National Governing Council headed by the Hon'ble PM. The committee decided to write to MHRD requesting to place the proposal before PAB and accord approval.

Decision: EC approved the proposal in principle & authorised SPD, SSA to seek approval of PAB for the re-appropriation of CWSN funds from other intervention of SSA having surplus funds.

Agenda No 13	Approval of Audited Financial Statements for the year 2007-08
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EC read and recorded all the suggestions given by the C.A's in the Annual Audited Financial Statement for the year 2007-08. EC members wanted to explore the possibility of SSA organising training programme to the BRCs by C.As to overcome the problems that have arisen in the maintenance of accounts at the block level. It was brought to the notice of

the house that the state has taken action to provide the services of accounts assistants to all the blocks through out sourced agency and the issues raised in the audited financial statement for 2007-08 may not arise here afterwards. The chairman instructed SSA to place the action taken report on the suggestins of C.A. in the next meeting of E.C.

Decision: EC approved the audited financial statement for 2007-08 and instructed SSA to place action taken report on the suggestions of C.A. in the next meeting of E.C.

Agenda No 14	Any other subject with the permission of Chair.
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Additional Agenda No.01	Printing and supply of reading cards to remaining 21 districts.
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It was brought to the notice of the house that Reading Cards and Jute bags were supplied to 12 educational districts in the State. It has been proposed to extend this programme to the remaining 21 educational districts by printing and supply of Reading Cards and by utilising the surplus funds available under Remedial Teaching programme. The members of EC sought clarification for the unspent balance of Rs.400.00 lakhs under one of the important activity like remedial teaching. SPD made it clear that the savings is due to receipt of more grants by KSQAO from the state sector and thereby not utilising SSA funds which was earmarked for KSQAO activity. The committee agreed to the suggestion for the printing and supply of reading cards to remaining 21 districts.

Decision: EC accorded approval for the printing and supply of reading cards to the remaining 21 districts by utilising the savings available under remedial teaching programme for 2008-09.

Additional Agenda No.02	Re-appropriation of funds under Research, Evaluation Monitoring and Supervision for organising exposure visits to ABL programme in Tamilnadu.
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It has been brought to the notice of the house that the fund of Rs.10.00 lakhs ear marked under the head "Exposure Visit" is not sufficient and hence it is proposed to provide the remaining Rs. 37.00 lakhs from out of overall savings under REMS. The Chairman opined that every one involved in the process of implementing Nali-Kali may be provided an opportunity of exposure visit to ABL programme of Tamil Nadu as that would have more impact on implementation of Nali-Kali in our State. SPD explained that it is an exposure visit to the supervisory officers of the department at State / District /Block levels to study the hand holding support provided in Tamil Nadu to their teachers and classroom approaches being practised under ABL method. Prof.A.S.Seetharamu, Consultant, explained the Salient Features of the programme. The Committee agreed to the suggestion of conducting exposure visits.

Decision: EC approved for re-appropriation of funds of Rs. 37.00 lakhs under REMS for organising exposure visit to ABL Programme of Tamil Nadu to the supervisory cadre Officials of the Dept. at State/District/Block levels.

Additional Agenda No.03	Re-organization of IERTs in the State
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It has been explained to the house that payment of salary of IERTs is one of the major components of CWSN programme and the available funds under CWSN at Rs. 1200/- per child is not efficient to implement all the approved activities under CWSN and the State is facing severe shortage of funds. Ms.Ruma Banerjee requested the State Government to contribute funds towards the CWSN programme which would help SSA to retain IERTs

and also enhance the number of IERT posts where ever necessary for ensuring better quality in the programme. It has been brought to the notice of EC that our State has adopted a novel scheme of deputing regular teachers who are experienced for the post of IERT. This helps in imparting Inclusive Education in the real sense, where as in other states either volunteers are appointed or special teachers are taken on deputation which will not bring in holistic approach. It was further brought to the notice of the house ,that MHRD has already been approached for enhancement of unit cost under CWSN from Rs. 1200/- per child to Rs.1500/- per child, which is still pending, If MHRD accords approval for the same, then there will be no need for re-organization of IERTs.

Decision: The Committee accorded approval to rationalise IERT posts by not affecting the quality of the programme, If MHRD did not sanction higher unit cost under CWSN.

Additional Agenda No.04	Printing and Supply of 'Wall Posters' regarding
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EC discussed in detail about the proposal submitted by M/s. Adamyia Chetana for the printing and supply of 'wall posters'. The house felt that the activity is more useful for the children to read and comprehend. The members expressed their serious concern to publish the wall posters under SSA, the contents of which were developed by private agency, which may lead to other agencies approaching with similar proposals. It was also decided to take technical help from the agency and to publish under SSA banner for some time. The committee decided to print and publish wall posters for the months of Feb,09 and Mar,09 at SSA itself from out of the material developed by Adamyia Chetana. It was suggested to constitute a co-ordination committee at SSA to develop monthly wall papers and take up this activity under REMS regularly there after.

Decision: The Committee approved to print and publish during Feb,09 and Mar,09 under REMS. Wall posters developed by M/s Adamy Chetana and as approved in the co-ordination committee to be setup under SSA. Further, SSA should strive for the regular publication of wall posters under SSA during the year 2009-10.

Additional Agenda No.05	Disbursement of Salary of teachers appointed under SSA, through the department.
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As the disbursement of salary of teachers appointed under SSA through the department involves an internal discussion and working of modalities between the Commissioner for Public Instruction and the State Project Director, of SSA, the Chairman advised both the SPD and CPI to initiate the process of discussion in this regard and evolve at a solution to solve this problem.

Decision: EC deferred the proposal and authorised the CPI and SPD to evolve at a consensus proposal after holding necessary discussions and working out the modalities.

Additional Agenda No.06	Reappropriation of funds towards the salary of BRPs and CRPs.
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The committee agreed to utilize the savings available under state sector funds under the head BRP/CRP salary in respect of ex DPEP Districts to the extent of Rs.8.00 crores for meeting the shortage of funds under the head salary of BRPs and CRPs of SSA districts, after getting approval from the State Government.

Decision: EC approved to utilize the savings under BRP/CRP salary head in respect of ex-DPEP districts provided under State sector, for the payment of the salary of BRPs and CRPs of SSA districts and authorised the SPD, SSA to submit proposal to State Government.

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Principal Secretary
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Annexure

List of Executive Committee members present in the meeting held on 15th Jan, 2009

1. Sri. C.S. Suranjana, IAS, Principal Secretary, Primary & Secondary Education and Chairperson, EC.
2. Sri.G.Kumar Naik, IAS, Commissioner of Public Instructions, Bangalore.
3. Sri. S. Selva Kumar, IAS, State Project Director, SSA Karnataka and member Secretary, EC.
4. Sri. S.R. Dogra, Under Secretary MHRD, representing Secretary Dept. of EE&L, MHRD, New Delhi.
5. Sri. B.R.Prakash, Director, representing Principal Secretary, Planning Department.
6. Sri. Ibrahim Goonadka, Deputy Secretary, representing Principal Secretary, Labour Department.
7. Father Thomas Felix, Founder Director, Central Institute of Mental Retardation, Muriganthalam Medical College, Thiruvanantha Puram.
8. Dr.M.D.Ushadevi, Professor and Head, CHRD, ISEC, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore.
9. Smt.Geetha, SADPI, representing Joint Director, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Bangalore.

10. Sri.H.Gopinath, Assistant Director, Representing Director, Mass Education Directorate, Malleshwaram, Bangalore.
11. Sri.Basavaraj, Education Officer, representing DDPI, Raichur District, Raichur.
12. Sri.M.R.Shivram, DyPC, Mysore District, Mysore.
13. Smt.Ruma Banerjee, Director, Seva In Action, No.36, 1st Main Road, Koramangala, Bangalore.
14. Smt.Suchitra Vedanth, SPD, Mahila Samakhya Karnataka, Bangalore.
15. Dr.Srikanta Swamy, Retired Professor, RV teachers College, Jayanagar, Bangalore.
16. Smt.Manjula.R, SADPI, representing Director, DSERT, Bangalore.

and

Officers of State Project Office, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan