

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN – KARNATAKA

**O/o the State Project Director, Nrupathunga Raod, K.R.Circle, Bangalore
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Proceedings of the 24th meeting of the Executive Committee of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Samithi held on 17.06.2009 at 10.30am 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.

The Committee decided to take up agenda no.5 in the first instance and thereafter followed by other agendas.

Agenda 5	Presentation on the study entitled “A Study of the Impact of Initiatives of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan on Universalisation of Elementary Education in Karnataka with special reference to concerns of Quality and Equity” conducted by Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore
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Dr.Seetha Shekar of PAC made the presentation.

The house held a detailed discussion on the highlights of the study presented. Ms.Ruma Banerjee requested PAC to also include feedbacks on the observations of CWSN children learning in schools in the report and not to limit the study to only construction of ramps. Prof.Srikantaswamy suggested the researchers to emphasise upon qualitative analysis and to be more focussed on every major intervention of SSA. Dr.Padma Sarangapani opined that the special efforts made by the state to reintroduce Nali-Kali methodology must also be highlighted in the study report, as this methodology focus simultaneously on both quality learning and retention of children in school system.

Sri.Goshal recommended to focus on the phenomenon of dropouts and about the different factors responsible for this phenomenon, like child labour, economic status of the parents.

At the end of the presentation, the Chairman appreciated the issue of dropout children engaging more attention in the presentation of PAC and also appreciated the efforts of PAC for their sustained and determined effort in conducting the study.

Decision: The committee decided to request PAC to include the suggestions of the committee members in the final report.

Agenda 1(a)	Confirmation of the proceedings of 23rd E.C meeting held on 15th Jan, 2009.
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There were no comments from the members on the proceedings of the previous meeting held on 15.01.2009, copies of which were circulated to all the members. The house confirmed the proceedings of the same.

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 23rd E.C. meeting. The Committee noted the action taken on the proceedings and approved the same with the following comments.

- 1.1. The Commissioner for Public Instruction clarified to the earlier suggestion of Prof.Srikanta Swamy that the regular teaching in the classroom is getting strengthened by the implementation of remedial teaching programme and it is not true that the remedial teaching is given more focus than the regular teaching.

- 1.2. Ms.Ruma Banerjee represented that the Head Masters and Teachers of Primary and High schools are not willing to admit blind children to schools. SSA may look into the issue seriously and may formulate guidelines to cope up with such children, in coordination with the NGOs working with such children. The Chairman requested the Commissioner for Public Instruction to initiate action in preparing guidelines in this regard which would cater to all categories of schools including Primary and Secondary schools of the state.
- 1.3. Prof.Srikantaswamy, in response to the committee constituted for reviewing books for 'Samskara' project, suggested that there must be an external member in every such review committees constituted at the state level.
- 1.4. The Committee approved the proposal for purchase and supply of book 'A Comprehensive study of the progress of Education in Karnataka' authored by Sri.Jagannatha Rao, Retired Director for Public Instructions, to the libraries of the offices of BEOs, BRCCs, DDPIs(Adm), DDPIs(Devl) and State level Offices. The Committee authorised SPD, SSA to purchase 500 copies of Kannada version and 100 copies of English version of book.
- 1.5. The State Project Director said that the follow-up action on the suggestions of Chartered Accountant's Annual Audited Financial Statement for the year 2007-08 will be placed before the committee in its next meeting, after receiving the replies from all the districts.
- 1.6. Regarding the disbursement of salary of SSA teachers through Department, the Chairman requested SSA to workout proposals on the additional requirements for the salary of teachers in consultation with CPI and submit the same to the Government for approval.

Decision: The Committee noted the action taken on the proceedings and approved the same with the above suggestions for followup.

Agenda 2	Activity-wise review of the approved activities as on 31st March 2009
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The State Project Director presented the activity wise progress of the approved activities for 2008-09 upto 31.03.2009 and the sanction for the year 2009-10. The following observations were made and suggestions were given accordingly.

- 2.1 The Commissioner for Public Instruction suggested to SPD to categorise the activities into 2 parts during the planning process, viz, those as regular activities and innovative activities which require detailed working, which would avoid under utilisation of funds in few activities as observed in the statement shown as expenditure during 2008-09. Further the Chairman requested SPD to revisit the planning side for the unspent balance to find the way out for over and under expenditures in various activities.
- 2.2 Smt.Suchithra Vedanth, State Programme Director, Mahila Samakhya Karnataka, expressed her concern for not depicting KGBV building progress in the presentation. She also explained that out of 29 KGBV schools being run by MSK, only 11 school buildings have been completed so far and were occupied and the rest of the construction works are very slow. Smt.Vedanth requested SSA to look into the matter with more focus on the quality of construction and take necessary action for the speedy completion of the buildings for the use of KGBV girls. The SPD, SSA explained the problems in reality and said that the works would be completed soon.
- 2.3 The Commissioner for Public Instruction expressed concern on the approved proposal of SSA for the opening of 317 new Primary Schools during 2009-10, stating that the state government has initiated action for shifting of excess teachers in many districts in primary schools. He said that there must be a relook into the matter of starting new schools in respect of all the districts facing the problem of excess teachers. The

Chairman instructed the CPI and the SPD to review each case before starting the new schools during 2009-10.

- 2.4 In respect of withholding teachers grant at the rate of 2 teacher per school for utilising the same for meeting the additional procurement of Nali-Kali cards and workbooks at the state level, the Chairman instructed the SPD, SSA to withdraw such circular issued to the districts and release teachers grants to all the teachers including those teaching Class I and II. The Chairman opined that such an act would create an atmosphere of differential treatment among the teachers teaching different levels of students and also directly affect the creativity of teachers. It was also instructed to utilise the funds under schools grant or maintenance grant if required.
- 2.5 Discussions were held with respect to Chinnara Jilla Darshana under Innovative Activities for SC/ST children. It was decided to have the programme within the district during 2009-10 as the children need to understand and study their own surroundings in depth rather than sending them to far off places for the sake of conducting tour programme.

Decision: The activity-wise progress of 2008-09 and 2009-10 were reviewed and instructed to follow the above suggestions during implementation.

Agenda 3	Approval of the Annual Report 2007 - 08 of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Samithi, Karnataka
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The Annual Report of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Karnataka for 2007-08 was placed before the committee for approval. The report was approved by the committee without any comments and authorised SPD, SSA to submit the same to MHRD.

Decision: EC approved the annual report of SSA prepared for the year 2007-08.

Agenda 4	Deputation of Auditors and Internal Audit Officers from Accountant General Office / State Account Depart / Education Department.
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EC noted the necessity of deputing Auditors and Internal Audit Officer for strengthening the internal audit wing of SSA. The proposal of permitting SPD, SSA to take 02 Auditors and one Internal Audit Officer from Accountant General Office / State Accounts Department / Education Department on deputation was approved.

Decision: EC approved the proposal for permitting SSA to take on deputation 2 Auditors and one Internal Audit Officer from Accountant General Office or State Accounts Department or Education Department on deputation.

Agenda 6	Payment of Honorarium for the service taken from the Resource Persons nominated by MHRD.
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The matter of paying Rs.1000/- per day for Prof.Usha Devi of ISEC, Bangalore and Prof.Venkatesh Murthy of RIE, Mysore, nominated by MHRD for the appraisal of district plans of 2009-10 as honorarium, was discussed in the meeting and was felt that this was the minimum

honorarium to be paid to the nominees of MHRD and the proposal was approved.

Decision: *EC approved the payment of Rs.1000/- per day as honorarium to the nominees of MHRD for appraising districts plans of 2009-10 of the state. EC authorised SPD, SSA to take necessary steps in similar circumstance, if need arises.*

Agenda 7	Transfer of all Assets & Liabilities of Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan Samithi after its closure to Govt. of India.
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Article 59 of the Memorandum of Association of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan – Karnataka was read out in the house to appraise the members of the house about the earlier understanding of the transfer of assets and liabilities of SSA. The house was requested to accord permission to write to MHRD requesting them to permit the state to go by the MoA accepted by GoK and Gol and retaining all the assets and liabilities of SSA with the state government.

Decision: *EC accorded permission to write a letter to MHRD stating that the assets and liabilities of SSA will not be returned to Gol after the completion of the project and will be retained by GoK.*

Agenda 8	Approval for the revised CALC costing for 2009-10
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The implementation of Edusat programme and the maintenance of hardware were discussed in the meeting. It was clarified to the members that the state government has taken initiative in bring back all the ROTs to working condition and there by carrying out regular maintenance. Dr.Padma Sarangapani suggested to look in to the working status of ROTs

in already existing districts before expanding the programme to other districts. She also requested SPD, SSA to conduct an evaluation of the programme on its effectiveness in the districts where it is being implemented. The Director, DSERT clarified that two such studies have already been conducted by the department on the impact of EduSat programme in the field. The Chairman requested the Director DSERT to conduct another study to know the impact of the programme on the learning levels of the students of the 3 districts where the programme is being implemented. It was decided to submit the proposal to MHRD for utilising the funds for IRI and EduSat programme out of the approved budget of CALC, as done during 2008-09.

Decision: The Director, DSERT was advised to initiate a study on EduSat to know its impact on the learning levels of students in the 3 districts where the programme is being implemented. SPD, SSA was authorised to write a letter to MHRD requesting to permit utilization of funds approved under CALC for IRI and EduSat programme during 2009-10, as was done in earlier years.

Agenda 9	Approval of Unit Costs under different approved activities, as directed by PAB
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The unit costs of the activities proposed under OOSC and other activities like CWSN and innovative activities were placed before the committee for approval as directed in the minutes of the Planning Approval Board of MHRD held during Feb, 2009 for the approval of Annual Work Plan and Budget of 2009-10 of SSA. The committee approved the unit costs proposed under OOSC, CWSN and Innovative activities like SC/ST education, Camps for Adolescent girls, Activities for Minority Community Children and ECCE.

Decision: The committee approved the unit costs proposed under OOSC, CWSN, ECCE and Innovative activities etc., approved for 2009-10.

<i>Additional Agenda 01</i>	Utilising ECCE funds for the procurement of radios to Anganwadi centres by WCD
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The house held a detailed discussion on the proposal of WCD regarding the necessity of having radio programme for the children on Anganwadi centres and its coverage. It was suggested to have a uniform programme on par with the programmes being broadcasted for primary school children. The Chairman requested SSA and WCD to have internal discussion and come out with a clear strategy for the implementation of the programme and deferred the proposal for the time being.

Decision: The proposal was deferred for the time being with the advise to SSA and WCD to have discussion for working out a common strategy on the radio programme to be broadcasted.

<i>Additional Agenda 02</i>	Fixing time limit for convening the meetings of the District Implementation Committees.
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The house was informed about the decision in this regard in the Governing Council meeting of SSA held on 02.01.2009. The issue of delay in convening District

Implementation Committees at the district level and its implication on the implementation process were discussed in the house. The committee accorded its permission to fix the time limit as 31.08.2009 for convening DIC meetings in all the districts or may be deemed to have been given approval for civil works and other approved activities as per the decision of GC. SPD, SSA was asked to initiate action and write D.O letters accordingly to all the districts.

Decision: The committee approved the proposal of writing letters to all the districts to conduct DIC meetings before 31.08.2009 or to consider as deemed approval if DIC is not convened with in the stipulated date.

The Chairman in his concluding remarks said that the department has to make use of all the resources of SSA to achieve the goals of GoI and GoK in Universalization of Elementary Education. He welcomed any comments or suggestions from the knowledgeable and experienced members at any point of time to the departmental officers and expressed that the effort is to try and tackle the problems that are persisting in the field.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chairman and all the members present.

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State Project Director
and Member Secretary,
Executive Committee
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Samithi
Karnataka

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Principal Secretary
Primary and Secondary Education and
Chairman, Executive Committee
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Samithi
Karnataka

Annexure

List of Executive Committee members present in the meeting

held on 17th June, 2009

1. Dr. R.G.Nadadur, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt., Primary & Secondary Education and Chairperson EC.
2. Sri. G.Kumar Naik, IAS, Commissioner for Public Instructions, Bangalore.
3. Sri. S.Selva Kumar, IAS, State Project Director, SSA Karnataka and member Secretary, EC.
4. Sri. B.R.Prakash, Director, Representing Principal Secretary, Planning Department. MS Building, Bangalore
5. Representative of Principal Secretary, Labour Department. Vikasha Soudha, Bangalore
6. Sri.K.R.Badiger, Deputy Secretary, Representing Principal Secretary, Finance Department. Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore
7. Sri. M. Munireddy, Deputy Director, Representing Principal Secretary, Women & Child Welfare Department, MS Building Bangalore
8. Sri. Radha Krishna, Joint Commissioner (Welfare), Representing Commissioner, BBMP, Bangalore
9. Sri. M.N.Baig, Director, DSERT, Bangalore
10. Sri. D Venkateshaiah, Joint Director, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Bangalore.
11. Sri.K.N.Vijay, Deputy Director, Representing Director, Mass Education Directorate, Malleshwaram, Bangalore.
12. Sri. I.F.Magi, Special Officer & Ex-officio Under Secretary to Govt. Education Dept. MS Building, Bangalore.
13. Sri. M.R. Shivram, DyPC, Mysore District, Mysore.
14. Smt. Padma Saranga Pani, Tata Institute of Social Science, PB No.8313, Deonarson, Trombay, Mumbai-400088.
15. Smt. Ruma Banerjee, Director, Seva In Action, No.36, 1st Main Road, Koramangala, Bangalore.
16. Dr. Srikanta Swamy, Retired Professor, RV teachers College, Jayanagar, Bangalore.
17. Sri. S S Ganti, Samootha, Devadurga,
18. Smt. Suchitra Vedanth, SPD, Mahila Samakhya-Karnataka, Bangalore.

19. Sri. Chidre Shankaraiah Swamy, Director(Secondary Education), O/o
CPI, Bangalore
20. Smt. Manjula R, SADPI, DSERT, Bangalore.

and

Officers of State Project Office, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan