
(The list of members present in the meeting is enclosed)

The State Project Director, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan – Karnataka welcomed the Chairman, members and all officers to the meeting.

Agenda - 1.

Action taken report on the EC meeting held on 16.8.2002

Action taken on the proceedings of the Previous meeting was approved. The Chairman suggested the agenda should be brief and self explanatory.

Agenda -2

Discussion on the total approved outlay, State share, Central share, releases and balance to be released pertaining to the Annual Work plan 2001-02

a) The details of the grants released and activities taken up in 11 SSA districts were discussed. It was directed that in future the details of physical and financial progress for each activity be given as part of agenda. It was decided to take up the activities in proportion to the grants released. The committee decided to treat the activities that were not taken up in the previous year, as a ‘closed issue’ and to utilize such unspent amount for the activities planned for the current year. The committee instructed the State Project Director to prepare a fresh budget to the extent of funds available.

b) The Committee resolved that it is not appropriate to pursue Government of India for release of the balance of Rs.206.81 lakhs in respect of 16 DPEP districts, since we cannot execute any of the activities even if the amount is released now, except completion of incomplete buildings. It was also resolved to adjust the excess amount of Rs.74.18 lakhs released for these districts by State Government, towards the State share of 2002-03.

c) The Committee examined the grants released by the Central and State Governments and the Chairman instructed to submit the activity-wise physical progress of 11 non-DPEP districts as specified in the agenda notes.
d) EC suggested to prepare the budget and expenditure of each activity in the manner of M.M.R. The EC also suggested to monitor the programmes from time to time. And also appoint senior officers for every district to monitor the progress of SSA.

e) It was also suggested to call all the Deputy Project Co-ordinators every month and review the physical and financial progress. The DDPI and District Project Co-ordinators are to be called to review at least once in a quarter.

Agenda: 3

Approval, release and balance of grants from both Central and State Governments for the year 2002-03.

The EC noted that for the year 2002-03, an Action Plan for Rs.10465.58 lakhs expenditure had been approved. Government of India have released their full share of 75% i.e. Rs. 7849.18 lakhs and the State Government have released Rs.1586.39 lakhs and balance of Rs.1030.00 lakhs is due to be released from Government of Karnataka. It was resolved to request the Finance Department to release the same.

The EC noted that for the year 2003-04 more than 30.00 crores has been approved for teachers training. The EC felt that considering the huge responsibilities, if only DIETs are involved in undertaking training. The entire amount may not be utilized.

After deliberations on related aspects the EC resolved:-

1. To involve NGOs who have expertise in teachers training and also BRCs for training the teachers as per the targets mentioned in the Annual Work Plan 2003-04.
2. To prepare action plans with clear time frame for teachers training programmes,
3. DSERT to give adequate releases to DIETs instead of small partial releases,
4. 70% of the training programmes should be conducted during midterm / summer vacations,
5. Remedial teaching has to be given to all the out of school children who have mainstreamed through various schemes. In this context clear instructions should be issued from DSERT and State Project Office-SSA, to the district and block level offices.

The EC desired that Utilisation Certificates be obtained from the District Project Offices for each activity separately.
Agenda: 4

Discussion on restructuring of BRC/CRC as per revised guidelines from Central Government.

It was decided to take final decision after receipt of the sanctions of AWP&B for the year 2003-04.

Agenda: 5

Formation of State Core Group for Education for all (EFA) and submission of state action plan to central Government

It was decided to form a core group under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to Government, Primary and Secondary Education at State level and under the Chairmanship of Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Panchayat at district level.

Agenda: 6

Conducting Co-ordination meeting of different departments for bringing children in the age group of 6-14 years by June 2003 as per the goals of Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan.

After deliberations the proposal of conducting teleconference by involving different departments was dropped. Instead, it was decided to request Chief Executive Officers to conduct co-ordination meeting under their Chairmanship at district level and prepare action plan to mainstream all the out of school children in the age group of 6-14. It was also decided to invite all the officers of the departments like Women & Child Development, Labour Dept, Social Welfare Dept. etc.

Agenda: 7

Discussion on progress of “Baa Marale shaalege” Programme.

The Commissioner for Public Instruction explained that the “Baa Marali Shalege” programme was launched by Hon’ble Chief Minister on 1st November, 2002. During 2002-03, 2.23 lakh drop out children have brought to school fold through this programme. The progress made under “Baa Baale Shaalege”, “Kooliyinda Shaalege”, “Beedhiyindha Shaalege” programmes was appreciated and it was decided to continue these programmes.

The Chairman instructed to closely monitor the attendance of children brought back to school fold through “Baa Marali shaalege” programme, and to see that these children shall not drop out from school again. It was also instructed to collect the progress details made under this programme during 2003-04 and submit them in the next meeting.
Agenda: 8

Discussion on starting of Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) centers in habitations as per State Government norms.

It was decided,
- To start EGS centers in school less habitations with minimum 10 out of school children of 6-14 age group.
- To run these centers through voluntary organizations keeping in view the central Government rules.
- Under the Chairmanship of Commissioner for Public Instruction and Chairman, Co-ordination Committee to consider the proposals of NGOs for starting EGS.

Agenda: 9

Merging of State Project Office, DPEP with the State Project Office, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

The Chairman mentioned that this issue has been taken up at Government level and a suitable order will be issued at Government level.

Agenda: 10

Sanction of different allowances to staff working under Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan.

The EC agreed to the payment of the allowances & other benefits like leave encashment, medical reimbursement etc. to Government employees working on deputation for which they are entitled from the Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan funds to the extent available and to send suitable proposals in detail to Government, if additional funds are required.

Agenda: 11

Approval of Service and Financial regulations under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme.

The EC approved the draft Service and Financial regulations. It also enhanced the financial powers of the State project Director from present Rs.20,000 to Rs. 1.00 lakhs. With this the EC has empowered the State Project Director, SSA to sign the cheques upto Rs. 1.00 lakh expenditure. The cheques beyond 1.00 lakh has to be jointly signed by the Commissioner for Public Instruction and State Project Director, SSA.
Agenda :12
Approval of opening of bank account at Corporation Bank for correspondence of loan obtained from HUDCO for the construction of school and college buildings.

As per instructions from State Government a separate bank account in Corporation Bank, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-1 has been opened in order to take loan from HUDCO for the construction of school and college buildings. In view of the Government direction, the EC ratified the action taken in this regard.

Agenda :13
Ratification of payment of honorarium to teachers/volunteers who are working in Chinnara Angala Programme in Kollegal taluk.

The EC ratified the payment of honorarium of Rs.34,806/- to teachers/volunteers made in by SPD. The EC noted that these officials have worked in Chinnara Angala Programme beyond 60 days in Kollegala taluk and this had benefited large number of tribal children.

Agenda :14
Constituting Monitoring cell to ascertain the quality of BRC/CRC buildings.

After deliberations, the EC suggested to constitute a monitoring cell at State level to monitor the quality of BRC/CRC buildings, school buildings and additional rooms. For this, the services of deserving retired Engineers from KLAC, KPC and Karnataka Nirmithi Kendra have to be taken on suitable remuneration. EC decided that precise proposal may be chalked out by SPD in this regard.

Agenda no.15:

Continuation of training during 2003-04 to SDMC presidents and Secretaries of Grampanchayatas on “The role of Grampanchayats in primary education“.

The EC examined the reports of training given to SDMC presidents and Secretaries of Grampanchayats in 19 selected Blocks on “the role of Grampanchayats in primary education” during 2002-03. It was felt that it has helped them in better appreciation of their role and after deliberations it was decided to extend this training for the remaining blocks also during 2003-04.
Agenda :16

Establishment of State Institute of Education, Management and Training (SIEMAT) in Karnataka.

The State Project Director informed the EC that Rs.100.00 lakhs has been sanctioned in first installment in AWP 2003-04 for establishing SIEMAT in Karnataka. This issue has been discussed in detail. The necessity of establishing SIEMAT in Karnataka as a similar institute like DSERT is already in existence was also discussed. Later, it was discussed that DSERT is looking after only teacher education. The objective of SIEMAT is to train all the officers in the Dept. on Education Planning and Management like NIEPA at National level. The proposal in this regard need to be pursued by all concerned.

Agenda : 17

Utilisation of bank interest accrued from the SSA grants.

It was brought to the notice of EC that about Rs.25.00 lakhs has been earned as interest on deposits of funds in the Bank. It was resolved to utilize the interest accrued on SSA grants for implementation of approved activities under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

Agenda : 18

Approval of payments made to different Organisations and Agencies under Sarva shiksha Abhiyan programme.

The post facto ratification and approval for expenditures incurred towards undertaking the following programmes was sought from the EC:-

a) After deliberations the EC ratified the payment of Rs.3,85,016/- made towards printing of modules like “Nammoora Shale” and “Navoo Kattuva Shale” prepared for training for school development committee members. The EC decided to meet this expenditure out of the funds released for community training for the year 2002-03.

b) In the meeting held under the chairmanship of the CPI, a resolution was passed to organize street plays to bring awareness among the parents and the employers to mainstream the child labourers under “Kooliyindha Shaalege” programme. After examining the importance and shortage of time, the text was printed and supplied by M/s. M.C. & A Ltd, Bangalore, a Government undertaking. The expenditure was made in respect of preparing radio and TV jingles, publication in newspapers, and publicity through B.M.T.C. buses. The expenditure made includes the printing cost, supply, publicity, and relay cost. Giving the details, the Commissioner for public Instruction and SPD sought ratification/ approval for following expenditure incurred.
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After deliberations, the EC ratified the above expenditure. It also noted that in future prior approval of Chairman be obtained if EC meeting is not scheduled immediately.

**Agenda 19:**

**Purchase of new vehicle to SSA**

State Project Director brought to the notice of the EC that a vehicle which was placed at the disposal of the project office has become old and is being condemned.

EC after detailed deliberations, permitted SPD to purchase a Maruti Esteem vehicle out of SSA funds considering the workload in SSA and frequent visit of GOI officers for review and appraisal of SSA programme.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the members and the officers present.

(A.P. JOSHI)
Chairman, Executive Committee,
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan – Karnataka & Secretary to Govt, Pry. & Sec. Edn., Government of Karnataka