Proceedings of the 43rd Executive Committee meeting held at 3.00pm on 13/03/2017 in Room no.422, Vikas Soudha, Bangalore, under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka.

Members presented:

1. Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Govt. of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, Govt. of Karnataka, M.S. Building, Bangalore
3. Commissioner for Public Instruction, New Public Offices, N.T. Road, Bangalore.
4. The State Project Director, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rastriya Madhyamika Shiksha Abhiyan-Karnataka and The Commissioner of Public Instruction, Bangalore.
5. Sri Ramachandra Hedge, Deputy Director, Planning in place of Principal Secretary Planning.
6. Director, Primary Education, Office of the Commissioner for Public Instruction, N.T. Road, Bangalore
7. Director, DSERT, Hosakerehalli, 100FT Ring Road, Bangalore
8. Director, Mass Education, Malleswaram, Bangalore
9. Sri. M.D. Bellary, Joint Director, Office of the Additional Commissioner of Public Instruction, Dharwad (Representative)
10. Smt. Fathima Bee, Joint Director, Office of the Additional Commissioner of Public Instruction, Kalburgi (Representative)
11. Assistant Director, Women and child Department, MS building building.
12. Deputy Project Co-ordinator, Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan, Mysore
13. Sri. Shivanna, Educational Officer, BBMP, Bangalore
14. Sri. N. Gangadhar, SADPI, Mid-Day-Meals, K.G. Road, Bangalore (Representative)
15. Dr. M. Lingaraju, Faculty, CHRDI, ISEC, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore

Executive Committee meeting started with the welcome note from the State Project Director, Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan, and Karnataka.
Agenda-wise a note was presented before the Executive Committee for approval.

Agenda : 1- The action taken report of the 42nd Executive Committee meeting proceedings dated 12/01/2017 was presented and got approved with the following observations which had to be complied.

i) **Identification of OOSC and the strategies that may be adopted for mainstreaming them:** The Chairperson and the members were informed that the concerned officials were instructed to identify the children in the streets during the year 2017-18. It was found that about 78 migrant children from other states are learning in tent schools around Bangalore city. The medium of instruction is usually Hindi.

State Project Director informed the committee that getting the teachers who are conversant with different languages to communicate with the children of other states is difficult and hence the languages being used for teaching could be Hindi and Kannada.

Districts from North Eastern part of Karnataka like Bagalkote, Belguam, Chikkodi and Bijapur have sugar factories. Children of workers in these industries do not enroll themselves in formal schools. EC Chairperson suggested that tent schools could be initiated in such areas. These children whose families are migrants should be given an Identification Card and Migrant certificate and ensure that their enrollment is linked with their Adhaar number. Further the Chairperson suggested identifying such industrial locations elsewhere and extending the measures as mentioned.

To this the State Project Director confirmed that the department is issuing ID and migrant certificate to the migrant children and efforts to procure Adhaar no’s (if they do not possess) and link them to their enrollment is made.

The Chairperson expressing his view on strengthening the strategies on mainstreaming the out of school Children suggested the following:

- There should be one learning center/mobile school/tent school even if there are five out of school children in any identified area.
- These centers should be functional in any nearby government Elementary school which has got the facility to accommodate them.
- The Centers can be functional on Sundays and other general holidays to facilitate children to attend classes.
- These centers should enable these children to come up to the nearest level of learning standards on par with their age and get admitted to age appropriate class.
- An Open/tent school should be started in those areas where there is concentration of migrant children. It may be a construction site or an industrial area.
- Mobile squads may be formed to identify children out of school and bring them to learning centers and in due course mainstream them into regular schooling.
- No children in the school going age should be allowed to loiter on the roads or found in any other places engaged in begging or in any other activities.
- Ensure that they spend their time at school during day time.
- Education department should coordinate with Labour and Women and Child departments to identify children out of school and ensure that they are brought back to
school. The departments can have regular meetings, at least once in two months to share the ideas and draw plans regarding mainstreaming OOSC.

- Education department can think of forming mobile squads for identification and regular monitoring of out of school children.

Action should be taken on the above lines.

As directed by the Chairperson during the previous EC meeting, the Senior Programmer Officer (Programs) from SSA submitted the report on the his visit Muneekollala, Bangalore South.

ii) **Uniform**: EC members were informed that the II set of Uniforms supplied through SSA to children studying from 1st to 8th Classes in government Schools is distributed. Proposal will be sent to Government of Karnataka for release of funds to facilitate the supply of II set of Uniform for other boys (which excludes SC, ST and 40% of BPL boys) before 15th June, 2017. State Project Director mentioned that the project office is also planning to release the School grant and Maintenance grants before the commencement of the next academic year.

iii) **Computers & Multimedia projector**: The EC members were informed that the proposal was placed in the AWP & B 2017-18 with a request to allow for providing 3 desktop computers, one Multimedia projector and a 2KVA UPS for every selected school. The project appraisal committee had recommended for 3 desktop computers, one 2KVA online UPS and one tablet per school for the proposed 419 schools identified under CAL. The appraisal committee had not approved for providing Multimedia projector. The details of allocations will be submitted to EC on receiving the PAB minutes from MHRD.

iv) **SDMC Training**: The Director DSERT informed the EC members that the SDMC training programme is being organized at the convenience of SDMC members. EC Chairperson suggested that, some of the prominent Presidents of the School Development and Monitoring Committee could be asked to share their experiences in developing the school. They can also be called upon as resource persons to impart training to their SDMC counterparts.

EC chairperson further suggested that the newly elected Gram Panchayat members may be given inputs about the role of SDMCs in school development and also tell them the importance of their participation in the development activities of schools of their respective panchayats. Training imparted both through Sat Com and interactive mode will enable the department to reach a large number of SDMC members.

v) **Enhancing remuneration of DPEP employees**: The EC members were informed about the progress made in the direction of extending the EPF facilities as per the directions of Regional PF commissioner. The effective date is from 1/4/2015. Along with EPF, the plans of the project office to extend the ESI facilities to the eligible DPEP contract employees were also mentioned. Both the proposals were being prepared to be submitted for approval of the Government.
vi) Renewal of Society Registration: EC members were informed that the letter from the office of District Registrar of Co-operative Society, Zone-4, Bangalore Urban District, vide letter no.DRB-4/SOR/6/2016-17 dated 07/03/2017 has directed Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan Society to pay Rs.3,38,95,200/= (which includes penal and scanning fees of the documents) for getting the renewal of the society’s registration from 2001 to 2016. The Chairperson directed the State Project Director to meet the Secretary, Co-operative Societies, and brief about the issue and seek for exemption from paying this fee as the releases to the society are not income. State Project Director mentioned that the same situation prevails with RMSA society too. The decision taken in case of SSA society renewal could be extended to RMSA society also.

Agenda – 2: Information regarding Annual Work plan and Budget for 2017-18

The EC agreed to the PAB approval of the plan outlay for the year 2017-18 amounting to Rs.19,112.093 lakhs and directed to implement the activities as approved by MHRD.

Agenda – 3: Information regarding the inclusive education

EC was given information about the School Readiness Programme Centers (SRCs) present in every block, 204 in number. The members were also briefed that these centers would be strengthened by deputing teachers who are qualified with special D.Ed or B.Ed or any other equivalent qualification. These centers are further equipped by providing resource materials and the tender process for procuring resource materials is in progress. EC endorsed the same.


EC took note of the activities related to 2 (a) (b) related to Braille books and Large print books and (13) LEP (15) teacher grants (19) SDMC training (21) civil works which were not taken up due to shortage of funds.

EC taking note of the importance of these activities directed that a proposal to this may be sent to the State Government for release of funds.

Agenda – 5: Execution of civil works from the available money this year.

State Project Director informed EC that the information on the dilapidated school buildings is obtained from the Commissioner for Public Instruction and that the available grants would be released before the end of the current financial year March 2017. EC approved the same.

Agenda – 6: Proposal to State Government for absorbing the salary portion of the SSA teachers.

EC was informed that the Government of India has indicated that the grants for the teacher’s salary for the year 2017-18 would be met depending on the availability of funds at the Centre. Hence it would be better if the State Government absorb the salary portion of SSA teachers.

EC noted this and directed that the proposal in this regard may be sent to the State Government.
Agenda – 7: Policy related to BRC, CRC and ECO: EC was informed that the selection of BRC, CRC and ECOs through examination conducted annually and through a regular process with file approval from the Government. Now that SSA proposes to make the process as a policy and the required ground rules for selection is under preparation. A proposal would be moved to the Government to issue an order on selection procedures.

EC approved the proposal.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education indicated that the certain high schools are being closed due to inadequate student strength. He sought for the detailed information in this regard.

EC Chairperson inquired about the existence and functioning of mobile science labs. He was briefed that the Mobile Science labs were implemented through Agastya Foundation till the previous year but discontinued during the current year. He felt that such mobile labs were important for enriching the knowledge of the children and suggested that the funds are now available at the Department of Information and Technology and Education department in coordination with it could revive the practice.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks.

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