SARVA SHIKSHANA ABHIYAN – KARNATAKA

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2004

The 8th meeting of Executive Committee, SARVA SHIKSHANA ABHIYAN, KARNATAKA was held on 31st December, 2004 under the Chairmanship of Sri. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, Secretary (Primay and Secondary Education) Govt. of Karnataka and Chairman, SSA Executive Committee.

Sri. M. Chandrashekaraiah, Joint Director, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, welcomed the members.

List of participants is in the Annexure.

At the beginning, the Executive Committee placed on record the services rendered by Late M.V. Parthasarathy Raju, Retired Joint Director, SSA.

The Committee also expressed profound sorrow and sympathy to the victims of Tsunami. Earthquake that occurred recently in the several States of our Country and in South East Asia.

All the members observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

A short film on various activities of SSA in North Canara district was screened. EC Members expressed their appreciation after seeing the film.

AGENDA-1 (a): Confirmation of the proceedings of the 7th EC meeting held on 21st August, 2004.

The EC confirmed the proceedings.

AGENDA-1 (b): Action taken on the proceedings of the 7th EC meeting held on 21st August, 2004.

EC noted the action taken and following instructions are given:

1. SSA website, should be linked with CPI’s Website. In this website information regarding EMIS data, budgetary allocation at State, District and Block level – Component-wise should be hosted.
2. To pay TA/DA as per KCSR’s to the participants in State and District level workshop / Conference.
3. Director, Urdu & other Minority languages may give revised proposal for Madarasa’s & Sanskrit schools based on letter received from G.O.I. in this regard.


a) Out of school strategies:
   - E.G.S.: The Chairman advised to start E.G.S. Centres in habitations with less than 10 children and open new primary schools where the number of children is more than 10.
It was decided that from 2005-06, funds for running EGS centres be released through Gram Panchayats to NGOs and SDMCs.

- **Residential Bridge Course:** EC reviewed the progress made by the Department of Labour in starting residential bridge course centres under NCLP and decided to continue to provide financial assistance from SSA. Further, the Chairman requested the Principal Secretary, WCD, to examine whether residential bridge course centres for girls can be opened by them with financial assistance from SSA, in all the 58 E.B.B.'s, where K.G.B.V. schools will be started.

- **AIE strategies:** EC decided to meet the cost of conducting House to House Children’s Survey to be conducted during February 2005, from out of funds allocated under AIE Strategies.

- **Adding 8th Std to existing GHPS:** To reduce the dropout rate from 7 to 8th Std, it has been decided to prepare plan during 2005-06, for starting of 8th Std in HPS where the number of children is 20 or more and where there is no Govt. or aided high school within 3 km radius.

- **Teachers:** The Chairman requested the CPI to examine conditions for transfer of teachers from one Block to another if it is cadre change.

- **In-Service Teachers Training:** The EC directed the Director, DSERT to provide English language Training to second teacher in all Govt. HPS, and to provide training in Yoga to all the P.E. teachers, after developing module for 20days training. Refresher course to be conducted for P.E. Teachers who have undergone training in Yoga.

EC authorized the Director, DSERT to provide TA/DA as per KCSR’s to participants in State/District level training programmes. Further, the Director, DSERT has been instructed to prepare 12 month module for monthly one day orientation programme to be conducted monthly at CRC level.

The EC desired that evaluation study of in-service Teachers Training programme can be undertaken by SSA by engaging an independent external agency.

The EC directed Director, DSERT to utilise unspent funds as on 31.3.2005 for conducting maximum number of training programmes during the summer vacation of April-May 2005.

- **Block Resource Centres:** The EC directed to conduct screening test during 2005-06, to the existing Block Resource persons.

- **Training of SDMC Members:** EC directed DSERT to conduct training to SDMC members, after they are reconstituted.

- **Research, Evaluation and Supervision:** The EC directed to publish at District level, the findings of the Action Research Projects and to encourage B.Ed and D.Ed Colleges to undertake Research projects with financial assistance from SSA.

- **Innovative Activity-ECCE:** The EC directed to immediately release second installment of grants to the Department of W.C.D, so that ECCE Centres can be run continuously. Further, the Principal Secretary, W.C.D has been requested to send Expenditure details along with Utilization Certificates for the funds already released from SSA.

- **Innovative Activity-Girls:** The EC directed to examine whether awareness camps for adolescent girls can be undertaken in convergence with W.C.D.

- **Management Cost:** EC directed to make separate allocation for Furniture & equipment, contingency and TA/Meetings in the District AWP & B.
- **Civil Works:** To ensure regular use of Toilets in schools EC directed that providing of Toilets & Drinking water be considered as a single component while preparing AWP&B. The EC directed to examine & prepare a proposal for providing M&R Grants for undertaking repairs of the existing BRC and CRC Buildings and to meet the expenditure in this regard from out of District Management Cost.

- **NPEGEL:** The EC informed SPD, Mahila Samakhya to immediately release funds to SDMC accounts without waiting for requisition from the concerned schools.

**Agenda 3: Approval of Annual Report of SSA for the year 2001-02**

EC approved the annual report of SSA for the year 2001-02 and authorized the SPD, SSA, to submit the same to MHRD along with Kannada & Hindi versions of the same. The Chairman directed to place the Annual Report of SSA for the year 2002-2003 in the next EC meeting.

**Agenda 4: Release of funds to Office of DDPIs & BEOs for meeting contingent expenditure from out of Dist. Management Cost.**

EC approved the proposal to provide the following amount to the District & Block level implementing authorities for meeting contingency expenditure, exclusively for the implementation of SSA activities.

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<td>DDPI (Admn.)</td>
<td>@ Rs. 1/- per teacher per month depending on the total No. of teachers working in Govt. &amp; Aided primary &amp; upper primary schools in the Dist.</td>
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<td>DIET Principal</td>
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<td>@ Rs. 5/- per teacher per month depending on the total No. of teachers working in Govt. &amp; Aided primary &amp; upper primary schools in the Block.</td>
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The amount to be allocated as per above details can be met from out of the district Management Cost and can be utilized for meeting contingent expenditure like Fuel charges, Stationery, Meeting expenses, TA/DA etc.

**Agenda 5: Payment of TA/DA as per KCSR to BRPs/CRPs.**

A) For BRCs: EC approved the proposal and authorized to pay the actual TA/DA as per the KCSRs to all the Block Resource Persons working at BRCs, whenever they are on official visit to schools in that Block.
B) For CRPs: It has been decided to enhance the rate of FTA payable to CRCs as follows.
- Rs.200 per month as FTA for CRCs if the number of schools allocated is less than 20 and
- Rs.250/- per month as FTA for CRCs if the number of schools allocated is more than 20.

Further it has been decided to meet the additional expenditure in this regard from out of the allocated funds under District Management Cost and to impose the condition that BRPs/CRPs should stay over night in the visited school for at least two days and one night.

Agenda 6: Re-distribution of CRCs based on No. of Schools / Teachers.

The EC considered the proposal submitted in this regard and felt that there is urgent need for the Re-distribution of CRCs based on the number of schools / teachers allocated. EC decided to give 50% weight age each to the number of schools and the number of teachers to be allocated to each CRCs, and authorized the SPD, SSA to revised the proposal in this regard and submit the same to MHRD for approval. Further, it authorized the SPD, SSA to devise a suitable job chart for CRCs based on study by NIAS and consultations in a workshop.

Agenda 7: To incur expenditure for implementation of ‘Prathibha Karanji’ programme for pupils of 1 to 8th Std., under Research & Evaluation activity during 2004-05.

EC ratified the release of Rs.38.5 lakhs on the instruction of Chairman EC, to the Director of Public Instruction (Secondary), Office of CPI, Bangalore, for the implementation of “Prathibha Karanji” Programme for the students of 1st to 8th Standard during the year 2004-05.

Agenda 8: Approval of supplementary AWP & B for 2004-05 for NPEGEL programme.

EC ratified the decision taken by SPD, SSA in this regard and approved the supplementary AWP & B for 2004-05 for NPEGEL programme.

Agenda 9: Ratification of the decisions taken in the Programme Committee meeting held on 13.09.2004 regarding Madarasas & UNICEF’s SWASTH PLUS project.

EC ratified the decisions taken in the programme Committee meeting held on 13.09.2004 regarding Madarasas & UNICEF’s SWASTH PLUS project.

Agenda 10: Approval for the release of Rs.98/- lakhs for Learning Guarantee Programme

EC ratified the approval accorded by Chairman EC for the release of Rs.98/-lakhs from Research and Evaluation activity of SSA, to the Director, DSERT for the implementation of Learning Guarantee Programme during the year 2004-05, at 32 schools for each block in association with Azim Premji Foundation.
Agenda 11: Any other subject with the permission of Chair

a) Implementation of Computer Aided Learning Projects at Primary & Elementary Level under various programs of SSA:

After seeing the presentations made with regard to the two pilot projects namely, Bhattacharjiya Project by Jil Information Technology and K-Yan model by IL&FS, EC members felt that the proposed cost for implementation of the above pilot projects is very high and hence, need not be implemented. Azim Premji Foundation may be approached to develop and supply suitable software free of cost. These CDs supplied free of cost may be supplied to all CALP schools.

b) Procurement of ROTs for DIETs and BRCs

The proposal submitted by the Director DSERT and by BEL has been examined thoroughly by EC. EC decided to authorize SPD, SSA to call for tenders as per the procedure prescribed in the Manual on Financial Management and Procurement for the supply of the following materials.

- For 20 existing DIETs & for the 7 new DIETs to be started: ROTs (receive only Terminals).
- For 202 BRCs ROTs (receive only Terminals) with solar panel.

The expenditure to be incurred for the supply of the above materials to DIETs and BRCs can be met from out of the funds already allocated under Edusat project.

c) Action taken on the IPA (Institute of Public Auditors of India) Study Report.

EC approved the replies submitted to MHRD. EC authorized the SPD, SSA to identify the Regional Rural Bank / Lead Bank for each District which is having its branches in all the Taluks of that district and further, to release funds directly from SPO, to the concerned identified Regional Rural Bank / Lead Bank at district level to speed up flow of funds.

EC felt that there is need for organizing workshops for school Head Masters in Double Entry Book keeping.

d) Providing of Funds for Printing and distribution of Shikshana Varthe.

EC approved the proposal for the release of funds under Research and Evaluation activity for incurring expenditure towards the Printing of Shikshana Varthe magazine for the year 2004-05.

e) Appointment of Chartered Accountants as Auditors for 2004-05.

EC approved the proposal for the continuation of the same 8 Chartered Accountants as Auditors for the audit of SSA accounts for the year 2004-05, at the same rates as already approved during the year 2003-04.
f) Providing of incentives to schools for improvement of attendance of children.

EC members felt that emphasis should be laid for the improvement of enrollment and retention of children in the school. Hence, it has been decided to identify and honour all the concerned persons of schools which achieve 100% attendance at the block level. This could be the H.M, S.DMC President, CRP and one selected teacher from each school. EC authorized the SPD, SSA to release funds at Rs.5000/- for each block from the year 2005-06 onwards, for this purpose, from out of the allocated funds for A.I.E strategies.

g) Conduct of Block level Science Exhibition

To inculcate the spirit of scientific enquiry and scientific attitude among the children studying in primary schools, it has been decided to organize Block level Annual Science Exhibition from the year 2005-06 onwards, (two or three days duration) for the benefit of the teachers and students of Higher Primary Schools in the State. EC authorized the SPD, SSA to release funds at Rs.2000/-per block to all the 202 Educational Blocks in the State, from the out of the funds allocated under Research and evaluation activity of SSA.

i) Procurement of services of a CA firm for maintenance of accounts at S.DMC, BRC/BEO and District level.

EC approved the proposal submitted by SPD, SSA to engage the services of a Chartered Accountant firm for the maintenance of accounts in Double Entry method based on mercantile system at District, Block, BRC and S.DMC level. EC authorized SPD to try out this method on pilot basis in any one selected district and to incur expenditure in this regard from out of Management Cost.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by CAO of State Project Office.

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