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**MINUTES OF THE 53<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE PROJECTS  
APPROVAL BOARD FOR SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN HELD ON  
9<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2004**

The 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) for SSA Karnataka was held under the Chairpersonship of Mrs. Kumud Bansal, Secretary (EE&L) on 9.6.2004. A list of participants is at Annexure-I.

**Item No.: Consideration of Annual Plan and Budget of Karnataka**

2. Secretary (EE&L) invited State Project Director (SPD), of State Implementing Society of Karnataka to make a presentation as it was informed by the SPD that Principal Secretary (Primary Education) could not come as his presence in Bangalore was necessary in view of formation of a new Government in the State.

He then proceeded to present the Work Plan, highlights of which are given hereunder:-

- 2.1 94.58 & 96.25% of total 56802 habitations in the State were already covered with a primary and upper primary school respectively.
- 2.2 In 2003-04, there were 25456 primary schools and 22886 upper primary schools in the State. Similarly, total of 79.40 lakhs children were enrolled of which 41.01 lakhs were boys, and 38.39 lakhs were girls.
- 2.3 Enrolment of girls had increased from 46.14% of total enrolment in 1993-94 to 48.35% in 2003-04.
- 2.4 Dropout rate at elementary stage has also reduced from 29.43 in 1999-2000 to 16.72 in 2003-04.
- 2.5 Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) at elementary stage was 31:1
- 2.6 Over 8 lakh children were brought into primary schools during the last 3 years through strategies, such as, Chinnar Angala programme, Baa Marali Sheelage, Flexi Schools, mobile schools and Koolivinde shaalege (for children working in household, etc.).
- 2.7 As per Household Survey conducted in February, 2004, 2.81 lakhs children in the age-group 6-14 were still out of school. Of this 2.18 lakh children were six plus age group who were being enrolled in class-I in 2004-05 as the admission process was on. Balance 63 lakh children would undergo bridge courses through Chinara Angala Programme as they belong to higher age group.
- 2.8 Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in 2003-04 at elementary stage was 103.8 (SC:105.79 & ST 112.63) and Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) was 96.33 (SC:92.04 & ST:93.42).

- 2.9 In 2003-04, 557 new primary schools, and 274 EGS centres opened. 540 primary schools were upgraded to Upper Primary stage. Class VIII was added to 2632 Upper Primary schools.
- 2.10 Following were the major intervention-wise progress:-
- 2.10.1 MIS Unit has been set up with appropriate staff at State, District and block level of the State.
- 2.10.2 176 BRCs and 2219 CRCs were set up and were functioning satisfactorily.
- 2.10.3 Mid-day Meals being provided to all Government primary schools children and there was no complaint on quality of meals. Karnataka was the first-State to implement the programme in partnership with NGOs.
- 2.10.4 During 2003-04, 56461 CWSN were identified which constituted about 0.74% of the 6-14 age group children. Efforts has been made to put all these children in schools/special schools after providing necessary aids and appliance. NGOs working in the area have been drawn to implement the IED programme.
- 2.10.5 Department of Woman & Child Development has been entrusted the task to provide pre-primary education to 16.16 lakh children in 3-5 age groups. Training of Anganwadi workers have been undertaken for the strengthening the programme.
- 2.10.6 A sustainable partnership has been developed with Ajim Premji Foundation (APF) under which content based computer aided learning have been developed and being imparted in 225 schools.
- 2.10.7 NPEGEL was implemented by Mahila Samakhya Society in 45 blocks of 21 districts. 482 cluster model schools would be opened in 2004-05.
- 2.10.8 A State Research Advisory Committee has been constituted to suggest areas in which research and evaluation study to be undertaken. An evaluation study on "Functioning of School Development Management Committee has been commissioned.
- 2.10.9 On teacher training and curriculum renewal, the Director, DSERT (SCERT of Karnataka) informed that DIETs have developed range of educational material such as, textbook, workbook, aids etc. During 2003-04, 18550 teachers were provided 20 days training.
- 2.10.10 All SC/ST children of class VI-VIII were reimbursed non-Govt. school fees like library, sports, laboratory, etc. 500 such children have been planned for annual educational tour in the State.

### 3. Major strategies of AWP&B – 2004-05

During 2004-05 all activities would aim to – (i) universalize enrolment, (ii) reduced dropout to less than 5% at primary, and less than 10% at upper primary stage, (iii) reduce gender and social group gaps to less than 5%, (iv) to enhance competence of teachers through learning Guarantee Scheme of APJ, etc., and (v)

more focused training to SDMCs on community ownership of school system. It will also be ensured that all civil works already taken up be completed.

4. The Appraisal Team was then requested by Secretary (EE&L) to present their observations. Sh. Sourav Bannerjee, put forth Team's observations as follows:-
  - (i) There is a need to put in place a proper accounting and management system at the district level as it was noticed that they do not have a clear idea of spillovers, and were found to be booking expenditures inconsistent with the procedures laid in Manual of Management & Accounting.
  - (ii) There are about 63000 children, in 7-14 age groups, who are out of school and for whom 60 days bridge course has been planned. Considering the fact that these children belong to hardest to reach group, the State Society need to re-examine whether Bridge Course package of 60 day is sufficient. Appraisal Team recommended for providing such course for a longer duration. An evaluation study may be undertaken on Chinnara Angala Programme also.
  - (iii) The State Society has proposed TLE grant for 516 existing Upper Primary schools uncovered under erstwhile Operation Black-board Scheme. These may be approved subject to State Society providing a list of such schools which were not covered under OBB.
  - (iv) Considering the fact that all teachers did not receive 20 days training, Board may consider whether funds for training of all teachers be provided in 2004-05.
5. After the Appraisal Team's observations, JS(EE-II) suggested that the State Society should hold a workshop for district level Accounts Officers on Financial Accounting & Management. JS(EE-I) desired to know about the education programme for primitive tribal groups of the State. SPD assured that a separate note would be furnished on the matter.
6. Secretary (EE&L) instructed following actions to be undertaken by the State Government:-
  - a. To take all measures to ensure that there is no child remains out of school during 2004-05.
  - b. Have specific strategies for hardest to reach children so that they do not drop out of school after being enrolled.
  - c. Thrust on issues relating to quality be given during the current year.
  - d. It should be ensured that all teachers are trained for 20 days during 2004-05.

e. On being informed that Government of Karnataka has not released state share Rs. 1460.61 lakh (as on 31.3.2004), Secretary (EE&L) instructed that first instalment of SSA 2004-05 shall be released only after receiving confirmation of release of full state share to SIS. SPD was advised to convey this to his Government and pursue release of the balance State share. Matter has also been taken up with Chief Secretary of Karnataka at Secretary (EE&L).

7. Based on the discussion, observations of the Appraisal Team, the Project Approval Board approved the following major interventions:

- i) 204 new primary schools and 603 EGS centres,
- ii) Chinnara Angala programme for 31055 children, and residential bridge course for 4994 children,
- iii) Upgradation of 423 Primary school to UP stage,
- iv) TLE for 204 new Primary, 423 upgraded Upper Primary school and 516 uncovered upper primary schools under OBB subject to furnishing of school wise details,
- v) 408 teachers for new primary schools & 423 for upgraded upper primary schools,
- vi) 259 additional teachers and 76 teachers for Class-VIII.
- vii) Free text books 556781 children,
- viii) Establishment of web-based Geographical Information System(GIS), as part of the MIS expenditure under project management costs.
- ix) Construction of 20 BRCs, 324 CRCs, 352 school buildings, 3885 additional classrooms, 5973 Toilets, and 5497 units of drinking water facilities.

8. PAB approved Rs.43532.62 lakhs for implementation of SSA and NPEGEL by State Implementation Society. Programme-wise breakup (fresh and spillover proposals) is given in the table below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Fresh	Spill over	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	SSA	35644.367	5660.302	41304.669
2.	NPEGEL	984.321	115.000	1099.321
3.	State intervention	1128.630		1128.630
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>43532.620</b>

8.1 State summary and district-wise approved costing tables are given at Annex. II.

9. It was directed that the State should also satisfy the following conditions:

- (a) The State Government should give a written commitment for meeting its share of the SSA outlay.
- (b) First instalment of the State share should also be released to the Society within one month of the release of Central share to the State.
- (c) At least 50% of the teachers recruited should be female.
- (d) Teachers appointed against posts created through SSA funds should be made accountable to the VEC for at least salary payment. The latter would monitor the attendance before releasing the salary.
- (e) VECs or equivalent bodies should be constituted and accounts opened to incur expenditure under teachers grant, civil works, maintenance grants, school grants and other such expenditure which has to be incurred only through these bodies as per SSA norms.
- (f) The State Government will maintain their level of investment in elementary education as in 1999-2000 and give the details of this to GOI before the release of second instalment. The contribution as State share for SSA will be over and above this investment.
- (g) The second instalment would only be released after the previous instalment of State share has been transferred to the State Implementation Society and substantial progress has been made in expenditure as far as money already released is concerned.
- (h) All appointments under the head of management cost should either be on deputation or on contract basis, with all persons being recruited having functional computer literacy.

The meeting ended with a thanks to Chairperson.

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