

Minutes of the Meeting of Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group (PMEG) held on 9th January 2012 at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

The meeting of the Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group (PMEG) for the scheme of Inclusive Education for the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) was held on 09-01-2012 at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) to discuss the proposals from the States of Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Karnataka, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab and Sikkim.

Minutes of the meeting on the proposals of Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland and Odisha have already been approved and conveyed to the States. Approval on the proposal of Manipur was withheld due to the election model code of conduct then in force in the State. The list of participants is annexed.

2. Proposal of Manipur for the year 2011-12 was taken up for consideration. Ms. Depala, Director SCERT, Government of Manipur attended the meeting. Highlights of the proposal submitted by State Government are as under:

2011-12

- 334 children with disabilities are proposed to be covered
- 49 Special teachers and 224 schools are proposed to be covered.
- Financial assistance of Rs.1,08,07,690/- has been sought.

PMEG was apprised that no proposal was received from the State Government during 2009-10 and the proposal for 2010-11 could not be discussed in the meetings of PMEG as no representatives from the State Government attended the meetings.

The State representative informed that the unspent amount of the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 were used by State Government for disbursing salary in the year 2009-10 without seeking revalidation from Govt of India. The officer also informed that the Government has fixed the salary for helpers

which she was unable to substantiate. PMEG was of the opinion that this should rather be done by the guardians, parents.

Following observations were made by the PMEG:

- The State Government should submit and get the proposal cleared in the same year so that benefits of the scheme reach in time since it is against financial propriety to be approving proposals relating to previous years. Old proposals need to be sent to Ministry of Finance for approval also.
- Funds for the years 2009-10 and 2010-11 can be released only on the basis of actual expenditure committed and hence the State needs to send reimbursement proposals for these years.
- The State Government has proposed to provide assistive devices to all the students being covered, which appears unrealistic. Similarly, books are also being provided to all the students. The proposal for low vision children should be reviewed.
- The State Government should do the micro-planning before submitting the proposal to the Government of India.
- Rs. 3000 per child is provided under student-oriented component. Therefore State should prioritise their need within this amount after reassessing the proposal in consultation with medical advice.

After detailed discussions, PMEG approved the total amount of Rs. 1,00,34,200/- for 2011-12, as per details indicated below. This can, however, be released only after settlement of accounts of 2009-10 and 2010-11.

A. Administrative Cell

(In rupees)

S. No.	Items	Amount sought for	Amount Admissible
1	Administrative Cell	4,99,200/- (for 4 posts)	4,99,200/-

B. Student-oriented Component

S. No.	Items	Amount sought for	Amount admissible
1	Assistive devices (279 devices)	2,99,100/-	2,99,100/-
2	Assessment (199 d/c)	39,800/- (199 x Rs 200)	22,350/- (149 x Rs.150)
3	Books & Stationery	3,79,200/- (474 xRs.800)	1,33,600/- (334 x Rs. 400)
4	Uniform	1,89,600/- (474 xRs.700)	1,33,600/- (334 xRs. 200x2)
5	Stipend for girls	42,000/- (210xRs. 200)	3,04,000/- (152 x Rs. 2000)
6	Salary of Helpers (8)	5,51,040/- (8 x Rs. 5740 x 12 months)	5,51,040/- (8 x Rs. 5740 x 10 months)
7	Transport Allowance	2,37,000/- (474x Rs. 500)	1,67,000/- (334x Rs. 500)
8	Escort Allowance	12,750/- (17 d/c x Rs.750)	12,750/- (17 d/c x Rs.750)
9	Purchase/ development of instructional material	25,000/-	25,000/-
	Total	17,75,490/-	Rs. 16,48,440/- Restricted to Rs. 10,02,000/- (B)

C. Teacher Oriented Component

S. No.	Items	Amount sought for	Amount Admissible
1	Salary of Teachers (49 in position)	79,38,000/- (49X Rs. 13500 X 12 months)	79,38,000/- (49X Rs. 13500 X 12 months)
2	Special Pay for special teachers	No asked for	-
	Total	79,38,000/-	79,38,000/- (C)

D. Other components:

S.No.	Items	Amount Proposed	Amount Admissible
1	Audio-Visual teaching aids (TV, VCD, Tape-recorder and Computer – 4 nos each)	3,00,000/-	3,00,000/-

S.No.	Items	Amount Proposed	Amount Admissible
2	Orientation of parents/ guardian and general awareness(3 days X 50 participants per programme)	45,000/-	45,000/-
3	Removal of architectural barriers	2,00,000/-	2,00,000/-
4	Environment Building Programme(5 Nos.)	50,000/-	50,000/-
	Total	5,95,500	5,95,000/- (D)

Grand Total(A+B+C+D) = Rs. 1,00,34,200/-
50% as 1st instalment = Rs.50,17,100/-

Name of the participants

1. Smt Anshu Vaish, Secretary (SE&L) Chairperson
2. Smt Radha S. Chauhan, Joint Secretary (SE-I)
3. Dr. Alka Bhargava, Director(IE)
4. Ms. Sunanda Sharma Section Officer(IFD) M/o HRD
5. Shri T.D. Dhariyal, Deputy Chief Commissioner (Disabilities), O/o CCPD
6. Prof. Anita Julka, Head DEGSN, NCERT, Delhi
7. Ms. Pinki Rani, Technical Executive to Chairperson, National Trust
8. Ms. Mamta Hojai, Deputy Director of Secondary Education, Assam
9. Ms Depala Director SCERT, Government of Manipur
10. Ms. K. Surila Coordinator(IEDSS), SCERT Government of Manipur
11. Shri Alok Khare, Deputy Director (IEDSS) Government of Madhya Pradesh
12. Shri Vasudev Kumar Singh, Coordinator (IEDSS) Government of Madhya Pradesh
13. Dr. Chuba Imchan, Deputy Director, Government of Nagaland
14. Shri K.N. Sharma, Deputy Director Odisha Siksha Mission, Government of Odisha
15. Shri R.K. Sinha, Coordinator (IEDSS) Government of Maharashtra
16. Shri Aditya Chamoli, Under Secretary, M/o HRD
17. Shri Jitendra Pratap Singh, Section Officer, M/o HRD

The State representative informed that State Government has lowered the pay scales of teachers. Therefore the unspent amount of the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 were used by State Government for disbursing salary in the year 2009-10 without seeking revalidation from Govt of India. This is however not factually correct as shown on the In fact pay scales have been upgraded from 01-04-2011. The officer informed that the Government has fixed the salary for helpers which she was unable to substantiate. PMEG was of the opinion that this should rather be done by the guardians, parents.