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Department of School Education and Literacy

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated 10th October, 2013

To,

The Secretary (Education)
Secretariat, UT of Lakshadweep,
Kavaratti-682555.

Subject : 31st Project Approval Board (PAB) meeting (11th composite meeting) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) held on 20th August, 2013 to consider Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 of UT of Lakshadweep.

Sir,

I am to forward herewith minutes of the 31st meeting of PAB for RMSA held on 20th August, 2013 to consider Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 of UT of Lakshadweep for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully



(Ankita Mishra Bundela)

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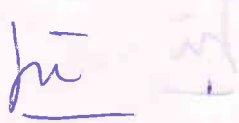
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Minutes of the 31st PAB Meeting (11th Composite Meeting) through Video Conferencing held on 20th August, 2013, for approval of the Annual Work Plan & Budget for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), for the UT of Lakshadweep.

1. The 31st PAB Meeting (11th Composite Meeting) of the Project Approval Board for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), ICT, Girls' Hostels, Vocational Education and IEDSS for the UT of Lakshadweep was held on 20th August, 2013, under the Chairpersonship of Shri R. Bhattacharya, Secretary (SE&L) through video conferencing. The pre PAB discussions with the UT were also conducted through video conferencing. List of participants who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure-I**. The Fact Sheet of the UT of Lakshadweep with educational indicators is attached at **Annexure-II**.
2. At the outset Secretary (SE&L) welcomed all the participants. The proposal for recurring interventions as granted for the year 2012-13 for the UT of Lakshadweep were considered and ratified by PAB. Thereafter, Shri V. C. Pandey, Secretary (Education), Lakshadweep shared the overall scenario of secondary education in the UT and salient points of the proposals of the UT under RMSA for 2013-14.
3. A brief overview of the status of implementation of RMSA in Lakshadweep was given by, Ms. Ankita Mishra Bundela, Deputy Secretary, RMSA II. Various aspects of implementation of RMSA in the UT including areas of concern, progress of recurring and non-recurring interventions sanctioned under RMSA were highlighted and discussed in detail. In Lakshadweep out of 13 secondary schools,



11 are run by the Department of Education. CBSE and Kerala Board syllabus are followed in all the schools.

It was pointed out that RMSA as a programme has yet to take off in the UT. No Perspective Plan has been prepared by the UT. The AWB&P submitted by the UT has not been supported by sufficient information and details.

The UT has informed that all the islands in Lakshadweep have secondary schools facility.

The GER at the secondary level in the UT has increased from 73.5 in 2010-11 to 99.32 in 2012-13. However, inconsistency in educational indicators particularly with reference to difference in GER and NER and low retention rate at 20% needs to be investigated.

4. In the 5th Governing Council Meeting of RMSA, Lakshadweep held on 25th March, 2013 following decisions were taken and communicated to the Ministry :

- i) It was decided not to undertake any school up gradation under RMSA scheme since it is not desirable to manage schools with temporary contractual teachers.
- ii) There shall be no proposal for civil works under RMSA as the money under the scheme is neither and it is not possible to complete the construction within the short time prescribed by the Ministry.
- iii) There shall be no proposal for major infrastructure development under RMSA since fund provision is limited under the scheme.

Accordingly vide letter dated 25th April, 2013 the UT of Lakshadweep has decided to withdraw the proposal for up gradation of 4 schools under RMSA. As such no schools have been up graded or strengthened under RMSA and no teachers and support staff as approved by the PAB have been recruited by the UT.

There are no Special Focus Districts and Educational Backward Blocks (EBBs) in the UT.

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PROGRESS OF WORK UNDER RMSA:

(i) NON RECURRING:

The amount of Rs.1.08 crore was release to the UT for taking up civil works in F.Y.2009-10. However, no physical and financial progress has been reported.

(ii) RECURRING:

During the F.Y. 2011-12, an amount of Rs.73.50 lakh was released to the UT as 60% of the Central Share amounting to Rs.132.19 lakh after adjusting Rs.5.81 lakh lying unspent balance of Central Share with the UT for carrying out approved activities. The UT vide letter dated 16.01.2013 requested for revalidation of funds for taking up various recurring activities approved during 2011-12 before March, 2013. Accordingly, in the F.Y. 2012-13, amount of Rs. 79.31 lakh was revalidated.

In 2012-13 for recurring interventions total outlay of Rs. 25.63 lakh, with a Central Share was Rs. 19.22 lakh was approved for the UT. Due to unspent balance lying with UT, no fund was released in 2012-13 for recurring activities. Now, the UT has reported an expenditure of Rs. 11.25 lakh under recurring head in 2012-13. Funds meant for salary of teachers, training of head masters, in-service training for existing teachers, training of SMDC members, remedial teaching, study tours for students outside the UT, science exhibition at district level and salary of research assistant could not be released.

Overall utilization of recurring funds since inception of RMSA is only 8.72%.

The UT has deposited excess state share of Rs. 84.12 lakh till 31.03.2013.

4. ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2013-14:

The proposals of the UT for the year 2013-14 were discussed at length, intervention wise and the decisions were taken as detailed below:

Sl. No.	<u>Activities</u>
	<u>NON RECURRING</u>
1.	Approval of New Schools (up gradation): Even though in accordance with the decision taken in the 5 th Governing Council Meeting of RMSA, Lakshadweep held on 25.03.2013, it was

	<p>decided not to upgrade any school or take up any civil works under RMSA during the PAB held on 20.08.2013, through video conferencing, Secretary (Education), Lakshadweep informed that the UT did not want to surrender the schools and requested one weeks time to submit a revised proposal which was agreed to by the PAB.</p> <p>In accordance with the proceedings of the 5th Governing Council meeting the request of the UT to transfer and utilize the amount of Rs. 1.84 cr released under RMSA for up gradation and strengthening of schools for construction of girls hostel at Kavarati was not agreed to by the PAB as it is not possible as per financial norms of the scheme.</p> <p>Subsequently, the State Project Director, RMSA, Lakshadweep vide letter dated 31.08.2013 has informed that all the islands in Lakshadweep have secondary schools facilities and the existing schools are able to meet requirements of the students of each island. As such there is no need to have additional school in the same island which is likely to dilute the educational system because of the sharing of resources among schools. The SPD re - confirmed the decision of the Governing Council to withdraw the proposal of up gradation of schools and proposed to surrender the amount of Rs 1.84 cr to the Ministry.</p> <p>The PAB advised the UT to surrender the amount released by the Ministry in 2009-10 along with interest within a month.</p>
	<u>RECURRING</u>
1.	<p>School Grant:</p> <p>The proposal for sanction of annual school grant in respect of 11 government secondary schools was considered and approved.</p>
2.	<p>Minor Repair Grant:</p> <p>The proposal for Minor Repair Grant in respect of 11 Government schools was considered and approved for 10 schools as one school building is reportedly under construction.</p>

3.	<p>Quality Interventions:</p> <p>(i) Organization of Science Exhibition at District Level: The proposal for organizing science exhibition at the district level in 11 secondary schools was considered and an amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh was approved in respect of for the UT being a single district UT. The UT was advised to distribute the fund amongst 11 schools equally.</p> <p>(ii) Publishing of Children's Manuscript Magazines: The proposal for publishing Children's Manuscript Magazines at school level in 11 government secondary schools was considered and the State was advised to take up the activity out of the annual school grants .</p> <p>(iii) Workshop/Training for teachers: The proposal for in service training of 200 Trained Graduate Teachers for 2 days @ 300/-per day was considered and approved in respect of 80 Trained Graduate Teachers as reflected in the UDISE. The UT was advised to seek the assistance of Regional Education Institute of NCERT for conduct of the training.</p> <p>(iv) Proposal for procurement of Math Kits @ 2 kits per school: The proposal for procurement of Math kits @ 2 kits per school for 11 Government Secondary Schools @ Rs. 10, 000/- per kit was considered and approved for Rs. 1210/- per kit as provided by NCERT. In view of limited availability of educational equipments in the island and the small numbers to be procured, the UT was permitted to procure kits from NCERT directly.</p> <p>(v) Proposal for procurement of Science Kits @ 2 kits per school: The proposal for procurement of Science kits @ 2 kits per school for 11 Government Secondary Schools @ Rs. 10,000/- per kit was considered and approved for Rs. 5,940/- per kit as provided by NCERT. In view of limited availability of educational equipments in the island and the small numbers to be procured, the UT was permitted to procure kits from NCERT directly.</p>
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4.	<p>Guidance and Counseling:</p> <p>The proposal for organizing Career Counseling programmes for 11 secondary schools for 2 days @ Rs. 40,000/- per school were considered and the State was advised to take up the activity through district Guidance & Counseling Centers already functional in the UT.</p>
5.	<p>Equity Interventions:</p> <p>Girls Oriented Activities:</p> <p>i) Health Awareness programme for girls: The proposal for organizing Health Awareness Programme for 1585 girls' students @ 200/- per student was considered and approved in respect of 1194 girls' students in Class IXth and Xth as per UDISE data.</p> <p>ii) Social Community Residential Camp: The proposal for organizing social community residential camp for 2927 students for 2 days @ Rs. 200/- per student was considered and approved in respect of 1839 students by reducing 500 students which have already covered in F.Y. 2012-13 under this intervention.</p> <p>iii) Remedial Teaching: The proposal for special teaching for learning enhancement for 1000 students @ Rs. 500/- per student was considered and approved in respect of 258 students as per RMSA norms. (i.e. 20 % of 1290 students enrolment in Class IXth as per UDISE data).</p>
6.	<p>SC/ST Oriented Activities:</p> <p>Performance Award</p> <p>The proposal for performance award for 300 students @ Rs.500/- per student was considered and could not be approved as RMSA framework does not support such interventions as they are not in accordance with the spirit of NCF 2005.</p>
7.	<p>Community Training:</p> <p>(i) Training of SMDCs members: The proposal for 1 day training of 1100 SMDC members @ Rs. 300 per day per person was considered and approved for 25 SMDC members @ 5 SMDC members each of 5 schools</p>

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	having SMDC. 1 school having common SMC and SMDC was not considered.
8.	MMER: In view of small budgetary outlay, the MMER for the UT was approved @ 5%.

5. Girls' Hostels:

As there are no EBBs in the UT, no interventions were approved under the scheme.

6. ICT@School:

The UT was sanctioned coverage of 12 schools in 2006-07 under the scheme. It has been noticed that the UDISE code does not exist for one school and as per the UDISE code the management of another sanctioned school under the scheme is private. Accordingly it has been decided to withdraw the approval in respect of these two schools and the funds sanctioned for these schools will be adjusted in against future releases.

The proposal of the UT for development of e-content material was not approved as the schools in respect of which proposal has been mooted for development of e-content were sanctioned under the old scheme under which there are not specific provisions for development of e-content. The UT was also advised to deposit the utilization certificate for an amount of Rs. 30.00 lakh sanctioned under Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (class) Scheme in 2006-07.

7. IEDSS:

The UT has proposed various activities including assessment Camp at 9 islands, Transport/Escort allowance for 10 students, assistance to 5 CWSN, 20 Aid & appliances, 10 Teaching-Learning materials for 2013-14. At the time of appraisal and during PAB, the discrepancy noticed in data pertaining to children with disability were highlighted and UT was advised to sort out the same. The State Mission Director vide letter dated 31.08.2013 submitted revised proposal indicating that the total number of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) at secondary level is

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74 as per UDISE and submitted proposal amounting to Rs.10.25 lakh for the benefit of 45 Children with acute disability. However, in the absence of details regarding services etc to be provided to profound category of children and SC/ST/General wise bifurcation has not been provided, the proposal was not approved.

8. Vocational Education:

Even though in the PAB held on 20th August, the UT was requested to consider submitting a proposal under the CSS of Vocationalization of Higher Secondary Education. The UT vide letter dated 31.08.2013 has informed that two vocational courses in Fisheries Technology and Coir Craft are already being implemented in the secondary schools and the UT does not want to submit any fresh proposal.

Based on above approvals accorded for various interventions in respect of all 5 Schemes, the total interventions amounting to Rs.23.29 lakh including the non-recurring interventions amounting to Rs.NIL lakhs and recurring interventions amounting to Rs.23.29 lakhs with the Central Share amounting to Rs.17.47 lakhs and State share of Rs.5.82 lakhs have been approved. The MMER in respect of all these Schemes for the approved interventions will come to Rs.1.11 lakhs. The Scheme-wise depiction of the proposals of the State and approvals accorded by PAB in financial term is capitulated in the following table:

Schemes-wise Proposal for 2013-14							Rs in lakh
S. No.	Scheme	Fresh Approval for 2013-14					
		Non Recurring (1)	Recurring+ MMER (2)	MMER	Total (1+2)	GOI Share	State Share
1	RMSA	0.00	23.29	1.11	23.29	17.47	5.82
2	IEDSS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	ICT@school	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Girls Hostel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Vocational Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	23.29	1.11	23.29	17.47	5.82

The schemes wise costing Sheet in respect of approved interventions are enclosed at **Annexure-IV.**

5. The release of funds to different schemes will be further guided by the following conditions:

- (i) The State Administration shall give a written commitment for meeting its share of the RMSA, ICT@ School, IEDSS, Girls Hostel & Vocational Education of the budget approved according to prescribed sharing pattern of the schemes.
- (ii) SMDCs or equivalent bodies should be constituted and accounts opened to incur expenditure under school grant, minor repair, civil works, and other such expenditures, which have to be incurred only through these bodies as per RMSA norms.
- (iii) The State Government will maintain their level of investment in Secondary education as in 2009-2010 and give the details of this to GOI before the release of second installment. The contribution as UT share for RMSA will be over and above this investment.
- (iv) The second installment would only be released after (a) the proportionate installment of State share has been transferred to the State Implementation Society, (b) at least 50% expenditure against available funds has been incurred, (c) utilization certificate has been submitted for funds released in the year 2012-13 and (d) Audit Reports have been submitted for the year 2011-12.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Annexure-I

Participants of the 31st Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) through Video Conferencing to consider Integrated Annual Work Plan & Budget, 2013-14 of RMSA, ICT, GH, VE and IEDSS scheme to be held on 20th August, 2013 in Conference Room (Room No.112-C), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

List of participants

1. Shri R. Bhattacharya
Secretary, SE&L, MHRD *Chairperson*
2. Ms. Vrinda Sarup
Additional Secretary, Elementary Education, MHRD
3. Ms. Radha S. Chauhan
Joint Secretary, Secondary Education-1, MHRD
4. Ms. Ankita Mishra Bundela
Deputy Secretary (RMSA.2), MHRD
5. Shri Sanjay Gupta
Under Secretary (RMSA.2 & CDN), MHRD
6. Shri Sushil Bhushan
Under Secretary (Vocational Education & ICT), MHRD
7. Shri Ashok Kumar
Under Secretary (IEDSS)

Lakshadweep

8. Shri V.C. Pandey
Secretary (Education)
9. Shri A. Hamza
State Project Director

TSG-RMSA

10. All consultants of TSG-RMSA

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EDUCATION INDICATORS OF LAKSHADWEEP

The focus of this section is on the major Educational Indicators of Secondary Education. This includes Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), Net Enrolment Ratio (NER), Dropout Rate, Retention rate and Transition Rate etc.

UDISE

The UT has used UDISE data for preparation of AWP&B 2013-14.

Enrolment

The total Enrolment at UT level in all secondary schools in the year 2012-13 is 2927, out of which 1342 are boys and 1585 are girls. The representation of boys and girls in the total enrolment is 45.85% and 54.15% respectively. It is pertinent to mention that the girls enrolment is more than that of boys.

Literacy

Lakshadweep is the third highest literate UT among all the UTs/UTs in the country. According to the census of 2011, the male and female literacy in Lakshadweep is 96.11% and 88.25% respectively. Lakshadweep has a literacy rate of 92.28% in comparison to the national average of 74.40%. The highest male literacy in Lakshadweep is at Bitra (98.50%) and the lowest at Kiltan (83.10%) islands. The gender gap of 7.1% in respect of literacy of female, However, in comparison to National average of male and female literacy, Lakshadweep is much high.

Gross Enrolment Ratio and Net Enrolment Ratio (Secondary Level)

The Gross Enrolment Ratio at UT level is 99.32% and Net Enrolment Ratio is 61.00%. The difference between GER and NER is 39%, which reveals that 39% children are overage and under age in the system. The GER and NER at upper Primary level are 99.60% and 98.30% and the difference in GER and NER is only 1.30%. The huge gap at secondary level is an area of concern.

Retention Rate at (Secondary level)

The retention rate at secondary level is 20%, which seems to have discrepancies.

Observations

- According to the census of 2011, Lakshadweep is the second highest literate UT in the country. The gender gap in respect of literacy of female comes out to be 7.9% instead of 7.1% as mentioned in the plan page 15.
- There is no Educational Backward Blocks (EBBs) and Special Focus District (SFD) in the UT.
- The transition rate in class VIII-IX is 100% which is quite good.
- The dropout rate is 0.00% which is quite good.
- The GPI is 1.00, which is ideal.
- The UT is dominated by scheduled Tribes community.



Annexure-III

Schemes-wise approval granted during the 31st PAB in respect of UT of Lakshadweep.

Schemes-wise Proposal for 2013-14							Rs in lakh
S. No.	Scheme	Fresh Approval for 2013-14					
		Non Recurring (1)	Recurring+ MMR (2)	MMR	Total (1+2)	GOI Share	State Share
1	RMSA	0.00	23.29	1.11	23.29	17.47	5.82
2	IEDSS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	ICT@school	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Girls Hostel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Vocational Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	23.29	1.11	23.29	17.47	5.82

Table indicating outflow of funds

Scheme	Committed Liability of GOI	Total Fresh Approval	Central Share	Total GOI Share (Committed+ Fresh Central Share)
RMSA	318.72	23.29	17.47	336.19
IEDSS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ICT	30.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
GH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	349.02	23.29	17.47	336.19

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Costing Sheet of RMSA, UT of Lakshadweep

S.No.	Activities	Proposal for 2013-14			Approval for 2013-14		
		Unit Cost	Phy	Fin	Unit Cost	Phy	Fin
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Recurring						
1	School Grant						
1.01	School Grant (Gov. Schools)	0.5	11	5.50	0.5	11	5.50
	Sub total						5.50
2	Minor Repair						
2.01	Minor Repair (Gov. Schools)	0.25	11	2.75	0.25	10	2.50
	Sub total						2.50
3	Quality Interventions						
3.01	Science exhibition at district level	0.25	11	2.75	1	1	1.00
3.02	Children's Manuscript Magazines	0.005	550	2.75	0	0	0.00
3.03	Workshop for teacher in-service teacher's training	0.006	200	1.20	0.006	80	0.48
3.04	Maths kit @ 2 kits per school	0.1	22	1.10	0.01210	22	0.27
3.05	Science kit @ 2 kits per school	0.1	22	1.10	0.05940	22	1.31
	Sub total						3.06
4	Guidance and Counselling						
4.01	Conducting Guidance & counseling	0.4	11	4.40	0	0	0.00
	Sub total						0.00
5	Equity Interventions						
	Girls oriented activities						
5.01	Awareness programe for secondary school girls @ Rs 200/- per girl	0.002	1585	3.17	0.002	1194	2.39
5.02	Social Community residential camp	0.004	2927	11.71	0.004	1839	7.36
5.03	Remedial Teaching	0.005	1000	5.00	0.005	258	1.29
	Sub total						11.04
6	SC/ ST oriented activities						
6.01	Performance Award	0.005	300	1.50	0	0	0.00
	Sub total						0.00

S.No.	Activities	Proposal for 2013-14			Approval for 2013-14		
		Unit Cost	Phy	Fin	Unit Cost	Phy	Fin
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	Community training						
7.01	Training of SDMC members @ 5 members per SMDC.	0.003	1100	3.30	0.003	25	0.08
	Sub total						0.08
	MMER@5%						1.11
	Total Recurring						23.29
	Total Non recurring						0.00
	Total approved outlay						23.29
	Central share @ 75%						17.47

3	Information						
3.01	Science exhibition at district level	0.35	11	3.75			1.00
3.02	Children's Magazine	0.002	550	2.75			0.00
3.03	Workshop for teacher in-service teacher's training	0.004	200	1.20			0.48
3.04	Maths kit @ 2 kits per school	0.1	22	1.10	0.01210		0.27
3.05	Science kit @ 2 kits per school	0.1	22	1.10	0.03940		1.31
	Sub total						2.06
4	Guidance and Counselling						
4.01	Conducting Guidance & counselling	0.4	11	4.40			0.00
	Sub total						0.00
5	Early Interventions						
	Gifted oriented activities						
5.01	Awareness programs for secondary school girls @ Rs 350/- per girl	0.002	1585	2.17	0.002	1704	2.39
5.02	Social Community residential camp	0.004	2927	11.71	0.004	1830	7.58
5.03	Remedial Teaching	0.002	1000	2.00	0.002	228	1.29
	Sub total						11.04
6	SC/ ST oriented activities						
6.01	Performance Award	0.002	300	1.50			0.00
	Sub total						0.00