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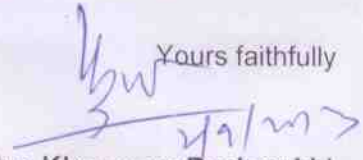
To

1. The Secretary, in-charge of Secondary Education of Madhya Pradesh.
2. State Project Director, RMSA, Madhya Pradesh.

Subject: 29th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and 9th meeting of unified Project Approval Board held on 26th June, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 for the State of **Madhya Pradesh** in respect of RMSA, Girls Hostel, Vocational Education, ICT @ School and Inclusive Education.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of the 29th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) (9th meeting of Unified Project Approval Board) held on the 26th June, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 for the State of Madhya Pradesh in respect of RMSA, Girls Hostel, Vocational Education, ICT @ School and Inclusive Education for information and necessary action at your end. Sanction letter follows.


Yours faithfully
(Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh)
Director (RMSA.1)

Encl: - as above.

Copy to:-

1. EC to Secretary (SE&L)
2. PPS to AS(SE)
3. PS to JS&FA
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6. Director (RMSA.1 & ICT)
7. Deputy Secretary (RMSA.2 & VE)
8. Deputy Secretary (GH & IE)
9. SO(IEDSS)/SO(ICT)/SO(GH)/SO(VE)
10. VC, NUEPA, New Delhi
11. Director (NCERT) New Delhi
12. Chairman, NIOS
13. Senior Advisor (Education), Planning Commission, New Delhi
14. Other members of PAB
15. All Consultants, TSG (RMSA)
16. Web Master, NIC, MHRD, for posting the PAB Minutes on the RMSA page of the Website.

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Minutes of the 29th Project Approval Board (PAB) (9th Integrated RMSA) held on 26th June, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposals 2013 – 14 of RMSA, ICT, GH, VE and IEDSS for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

The 29th meeting of the PAB (9th Integrated RMSA) for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 for the states of Madhya Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Delhi, Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Havel in respect of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), ICT @ Schools (ICT), Girls' Hostels (GH), Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS), Vocational Education (VE) was held on 26th June, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri. R. Bhattacharya, Secretary (SE&L).

2. The list of participants who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure-I**.
3. At the outset, the Secretary (SE&L) welcomed the participants and informed the participants that with reference to RMSA, the Govt. of India has favorably considered various long pending demands of the States and UTs in respect of adoption of State Schedule of Rates (SoRs) for civil work, enhancement of percentage of MMER (Management, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research), continuance of 75:25 sharing pattern between Centre and States (90:10 for the North East) and extension of quality related interventions of the scheme to Government aided schools. He also clarified that the revised norms relating to applicability of SoRs and enhanced MMER provisions will be applicable prospectively.
4. Ms Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh, Director (RMSA I) then presented the status of the State in the secondary education sector, including identifying areas of concern and highlighting the achievements of the State. A copy of presentation is at **Annexure II**.

Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA)

Areas of Strength:

5. The State has submitted Annual Audit Reports upto 2011-12 and already appointed Auditor for 2012-13. The state has used UDISE 2012-13 data for preparation of Annual Work Plan, 2013-14. The GER at Secondary level at state level is 81.31%.



Areas of concern:

6. The State GER at secondary level is 81.31% but the GER in 24 districts is lower than the State average. A gap of 28 percentage points is also observed between GER and NER. Transition rate at state level is 80.31%. The districts of Ujjain with low GPI(0.66), Shajapur (0.72) and Jhabua & Mandasaur (0.73) need special attention. The Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) at State level is 47 but the same is high in Singrauli (75), Tikamgarh (71) Satna (70) and Panna (69). 15% of teacher posts are vacant and 6.35% teachers are untrained. The State has not carried out GIS mapping (of habitations and schools available) but only done manual mapping and has been requested by PAB to undertake GIS mapping of secondary schools. The progress of civil works is not good.

7. There is lack of evidence of School based planning and the involvement of the school heads in initiating a school improvement plan.

8. Special Focus District (SFDs) and Convergence

8.1 The State has 18 Special Focus Districts. Out of these 16 are ST concentrated, One District i.e. Bhopal is Minority concentrated and one District is LWE i.e. Balaghat The State has 201 EBBs spread over 45 districts. The details of approval for SFDs are at **Annexure III**

8.2 With regard to the effort to map convergence of schemes at the schools level- that is – whether the school is completely covered with reference to the secondary education schemes of the MHRD (i.e. RMSA, ICT @ Schools, IEDSS, VE and GH), all 7176 Secondary Govt. schools are covered under RMSA (in terms of coverage for School Grant and Minor Repair-). 2230 schools out of these are covered under ICT@ School Scheme. All 7176 schools are covered under IEDSS. As far as convergence in respect of Vocational Education (VE), this could not be worked out as details have not been provided by the State. The objective is to cover the schools completely in terms of available schemes- where a school improvement plan makes use of the available schemes at the state and the centre – to ensure the holistic development and improvement of the school- Thus a school is ensured adequate and good quality infrastructure – compatible with the pedagogical needs of the different classes and subjects, teachers, teacher training, remedial teaching , libraries, laboratories, children with special needs, special educators, ICT facilities, vocational education / options , and linkage with Girls' Hostels . In addition,

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scholarships to the eligible students as well as other incentives made available by the state governments as well as the various ministries of the Central Government.

9. Progress under RMSA:

Recurring Progress:

9.01 In the last financial year, a total outlay of Rs. 219.22 crore was approved for the State, out of which Rs. 110.22 crores of the Central Share was released. The State's expenditure in respect of recurring activities is 92% of available funds in 2012-13. A total of 5664 teachers post have been approved to the State for the new schools approved under RMSA and 9665 additional posts of teachers were approved for existing schools. As against these approvals, 4280 new teachers and 1065 additional teachers have been recruited. In 2012-13, the State imparted in-service training to 4322 teachers as against the approval of 18000 teachers which is only 24% of the target.

9.02 Other grants like school grant and minor repair have been reported to be utilized for all the schools approved, excursion trip for students has been carried out for 24819 students as against the target of 25000 students. Training of community leaders has been reported to have been achieved for 72% of the SMDC members.

Non Recurring

9.03 944 new schools were approved for up-gradation from Upper Primary to Secondary schools under RMSA and 4207 schools were approved for strengthening of existing schools under civil works in the previous years. However, the performance of the State in respect of civil works is not very good. The state Govt. clarified that 72% works is completed against the sanctions of 2009-10 and 27% works completed against the sanctions of 2010-11.

10. Issues:

- Teacher Recruitment has not been completed despite the fact that two years have passed since the approval. State Govt. informed that the counselling is complete and by 1st July 2013, the recruitment process will be complete and by August 2013, 90% of the teachers will be in place.

- PTR at state level is 47 with very high PTR in some the districts as mentioned above. State Govt. clarified that once teachers are recruited, the rate of PTR will come down.

11 Thereafter, the state government made a presentation on the proposal along with educational scenario, progress made under Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Secondary Education. A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure-IV**.

Annual Work Plan and Budget of 2013-14:

12. Discussion on the intervention proposed as part of the AWP&B was held and the following decisions were taken:

Sl. No.	Activities
	NON RECURRING
1	New Schools
	The State proposed for opening of 1039 (two-section) schools. Since a huge pendency of Non Recurring civil works exist, the proposal to approve fresh schools was not agreed to. The State has requested the PAB for in- principle approval which may be made good when the state sends a progress report of the some months. Secretary-Education, MP also informed that at least 50% of the pending civil works will be completed by Dec. 2013. PAB decided that subject to the state's reporting of completion of 50% of earlier approved civil works, a special PAB meeting will be convened to consider fresh proposal to approve new schools.
2	Civil Works of New Schools
	No new works have been approved. It has been pointed out that state has built 6 rooms instead of 10 rooms in two section school building. PAB instructed the state to raise additional funds from other sources to complete the rest of the portion as per approved design.
3.	Strengthening of existing Govt. schools:
	The State Government had proposed for strengthening of 700 existing Government Schools. <u>Owing to huge backlog of civil works no new school for strengthening is approved.</u> However, it was agreed to consider holding of a special PAB meeting if the State can complete at least 50% of earlier approval by Dec. 2013 along with the proposal of New Schools.

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	State also agreed to <u>cancelling of 91 schools sanctioned in 2010-11</u> for <u>strengthening</u> as the same are covered by the State through state resources. The components cancelled are Additional Classroom: 182, Science Laboratory: 91, Lab equipment: 91, Computer room: 91, Library room: 91, Art/ Craft room: 91, Toilet block: 91, Drinking water: 91. Accordingly the funds for these components may be deducted (details at the last of the Annexure V).
4.	Major Repair
	Major Repair in 119 schools was not approved due to huge non recurring committed liability in the state.
	RECURRING
1.	Staff for New Schools (2013-14)
	The proposal of the State Govt. for the salary of Head Masters (1039); Subject Teachers (5195); Lab attendants (1039) and Office Assistant (Multitask Support Staff) (1039) was not approved as no new schools is sanctioned for 2013-14.
2.	Staff for New schools sanction in previous year (2009-2013)
	The salary component for 944 Head Masters; 4720 subject teachers; 944 Lab attendants; 944 Office Assistant (Multitask Support Staff) was approved and 6 months' salary for 240 teachers as these teachers are to be appointed by October 2013. But actual release of salary for 540 Head Masters; 4040 subject teachers; and 944 Office Assistants (Multitask Support Staff) was approved as they are in position. Salary in respect of other staff will be released only after the State Govt. confirms of their recruitment and in position. A notional amount will be allocated for this purpose.
3.	Additional staff for existing schools sanctioned till 2012-13
	The proposal of the State for salary of 9665 additional teachers was approved. But actual release of salary will be restricted to 1065 teachers who are in position. Salary in respect of other teachers will be released only after state confirms of their recruitment and they are in position. State representatives informed that the list of 7911 selected teachers is also available and can be viewed on mp-online-portal. PAB agreed salary for 7911 teachers for 6 months and 1 month for 689 teachers.
4.	School Grant:
	Against the proposal of State for School Grant to 8096 Govt. and Aided schools, the

	<u>approval</u> is restricted to 7176 Government schools as per UDISE data.
5.	Minor Repair: Minor repair grant to 4589 schools was approved as per UDISE data.
6.	Teacher Training: A. The proposal of Training for 1000 HMs, In-service training for 16000 existing teachers, training for 10000 new teachers, 60 Key Resource Persons was approved as proposed by State. State may collaborate with NCERT/RIE in this. B. Management training of 690 HMs was approved @ 8,000 per HM. The PAB suggested that this programme be carried out through NUEPA.
7.	Quality Interventions:
7.1	Excursion Trips
	A. The PAB has, in general , taken a view that in the light of the primary focus being on providing access and limited fund being available for other interventions (which includes committed components such as teacher's salary, training and related interventions), there is a need to prioritize. In the context, local excursions/tours especially in States where it has been provided in previous years successively may not be considered a priority intervention. The States may be advised to take it up as a local initiative. B. Accordingly, the interventions i.e., Excursion trip to students within the state, Study tours for students outside the state; Excursion trip for Teachers within the State, Study tour for Teachers outside the state were not approved by the PAB.
7.2	Conduct of Science Exhibition in at district level was approved for 50 districts @ Rs 1 lakh/District.
7.3	The proposal of the State for providing special teaching for learning enhancement – remedial teacher to 1,00,000 students, the approval is restricted to 60,094 students of class IX @ Rs 500/-child due to paucity of funds. The state may make a report on the activities carried out in this particular intervention, how the students were selected, what materials are used, calendar of activities, student-teacher interaction, and also if there is any impact / the result of the remedial teaching.
7.4	The proposal of Gyan Punj – Resource Persons' salary under other activities was not approved due to paucity of funds. However the proposal for Gyan Punj Mobility, on site

	support was approved @ Rs. 25,000 per district for 50 districts. On this matter, the PAB suggested that the practice in Kerala, where the Leave reserve / teachers posted in the DIETS also provide on-site support to the schools when there is a need.
7.5	Model Lesson Plan Development (Workshop & Printing) was not approved as this is a regular work of the Teacher and needs to be included in the Teacher Training.
7.6	Proposal of Science kits for 626 schools was not approved.
7.5	The proposal of the State for Sports equipment to 626 schools was restricted to 100schools as done in the other states.
7.6	The proposal of Monthly orientation and support for poor performing teachers at district level was suggested to be made part of In Service Teacher training.
8	Equity Interventions
8.1	Girls oriented activities:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal for Self Defence and Life Skill training for 201 schools was approved as proposed. A report be made on the activities under this intervention, the calendar of activities, resource materials and also the effect / impact of the training. • Self Defence training for 2 schools per block – where there is Higher enrolment of girls in 626 schools approved as per norms. • Life skill programme is approved for training of Warden in the Girls' Hostels for 5 days, module preparation and printing and activity material @ Rs. 1500 per hostel. The total cost approved for this activity is Rs. 7.03 lakh. • Residential camp/ bridge course proposed for 20100 girls is approved for 11143 girls as per the numbers enrolled in Class IX and X.
8.2	Educational Backward Minorities oriented activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality promotion programme for Madrasa was not approved as there is no norm.
9	Community Training
	The proposal of the State for Training of 14000 SMDC members approved as proposed.
10.	MMER: 2.8% of the approved outlay

The cost sheet indicating the component wise proposal and approval for RMSA is at **Annexure-V**.



ICT @ School Scheme

13. PAB was informed that till date, 2300 schools were approved for coverage under ICT @ School Scheme since 2007-08. There is no discrepancy in respect of U DISE. However an unspent balance of Rs. 8 core is lying with the State since 2007-08.

14. The issue of refund of this money was raised in the PAB as it was lying with the State for a long time. Secretary-Education, MP informed that there was problem earlier which has been sorted out and things will be in place in three months time.

15. It was also decided that further release of funds for the committed liability/ expenditure in respect of schools already approved to be covered will be subject to State Govt. utilizing the unspent balance lying with them and providing the UC/ Progress Report indicating the status of implementation of ICT scheme in the state. The state will also have to send a detailed report on the kind of MoU it has made with the BOOT Operator.

IEDSS

Non-recurring

16. State Govt. submitted the proposal for sanction of non-recurring grant of Rs.783.10 lacs for the following:

- i) 263 resource rooms;
- ii) Equipments for 313 resource rooms;
- iii) Strengthening of 9 training institutes; and
- iv) Support to 2 NGOs for development of training programmes.

17. There are total of 313 blocks in the State. As per scheme norms, one resource room is provided for each block. PAB was informed that 50 resource rooms were sanctioned to the State in 2010-11 and 313 along with their equipment were sanctioned in 2011-12. **As such no fresh resource rooms were approved by PAB for 2013-14.** PAB also **did not approve** grant for strengthening of training institutes and for support to NGOs as no details were provided by the State Govt. regarding the names of the institutes proposed to be strengthened, names of NGOs, and the type of support proposed to be given to them.

