

Minutes of the Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group Meeting held on 14th September, 2011 to consider the Computer Education Plans of State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and UT Administration of Puducherry and proposals from SIET- Thiruananthapuram and SIET- Hyderabad.

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The second meeting of the Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group (PMEG) for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'ICT in Schools' was held on 14th September, 2011 at 1100 AM in Conference Room under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) to consider the Computer Education Plans (CEPs) received from the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, The UT Administrations of Lakshadweep and Puducherry, and proposals from SIET, Thiruananthapuram and SIET, Hyderabad. Representatives of the State of Uttarakhand and UT Administration of Lakshadweep did not attend the meeting. Hence the CEPs of these States were not discussed. The list of participants is Annexure I.

2. At the outset, JS (SE-1) welcomed all the members of the PMEG, representatives of State Governments/UT Administrations/Organizations.

3. Thereafter the Computer Education Plans of the States/UTs were taken up for consideration by PMEG.

4. Madhya Pradesh

4.1. Commissioner Public Instruction, Madhya Pradesh made a presentation (Annexure II) and highlighted the following:

- Reasons for lack of progress under the Scheme despite release of funds by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.
- State Govt. had submitted a proposal for coverage of 4000 schools which included previously sanctioned 2000 schools but current proposal is to cover only 2000 previously sanctioned schools under BOOT Model.
- Rs.8.00 crores released in 2007-08 for 320 schools sanctioned under the earlier ICT Scheme is still unutilized and revalidation permission for utilizing the same during the current financial year.

- Outline of the model that the State has worked out to dovetail its efforts to implement the ICT Scheme on a PPP mode.
- Even though the cost of implementation of the scheme as per the proposed model would be higher, the State does not demand funds in excess of the ICT in Schools Scheme, the balance funds required for running the scheme will be provided by the State Government.
- The State has made a budgetary provision of Rs.40.00 crores (Rs.30.00 crores for Central share and Rs.10.00 crores as State share).

4.2. Secretary (SE&L) noted with concern that the State did not implement the scheme in the first four years of the XIth Five Year Plan and has now come out with a new model for implementation of the scheme at the end of the Plan period. She emphasized the need for the State Government to ensure that the implementation of the scheme as proposed by the State Government is smooth, particularly with reference to use of the infrastructure after school hours for commercial purposes by the vendor. Members expressed their apprehension that the school students may be forced to take coaching after school hours which will defeat the basic purpose of the initiative. Commissioner, Public Instruction, Madhya Pradesh, stated that adequate steps have been taken in the drafting of contract/service level agreements and assured that the apprehensions/concerns of the members and the Chairperson would be suitably addressed.

4.3. It was also suggested that State Government could implement the scheme on pilot basis, which could be evaluated for further continuation. The parameters of evaluation would need to be evolved. Prof. Gautam Bose, DDG, NIC sought clarification about the content as well as teachers training as the proposal appears to cater only to the hardware component. It was clarified by the State representative that Government of India guidelines are being adhered to in the matter of localization and development of e-content and teacher training.

4.4. It was clarified to the State representative that recurring expenditure, as per the scheme, is to be provided for a period of 5 years.

4.5. After discussion, following decisions were taken:

- (i) 2000 schools already approved by PMEG under the pre-revised scheme would be cancelled.

- (ii) PMEG approved for coverage of 2000 schools under BOOT Model for a period of five year w.e.f. 2011-12 to 2015-16. (List at Annexure III) – list of schools will be loaded separately.
- (iii) The central share of Rs.4.8 lakhs per school (Non-recurring) would be released as follow:
 - (a) 2011-12 for 2000 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school.
 - (b) 2012-13 for 2000 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - (c) 2013-14 for 2000 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - (d) 2014-15 for 2000 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - (e) 2015-16 for 2000 schools @ Rs0.80 lakh per school
- iv) Unspent balance of Rs.8.00 crore lying unutilized with the State Govt. would be revalidated and necessary permission granted for utilizing the same for coverage of the 2000 schools at (ii) above under BOOT Model.
- v) State Govt. would first utilize the unspent balance and based on the UC of earlier release the balance of 1st year's installment would be released subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) State Govt. would submit the list of 2000 schools in which the scheme would be implemented.
 - (b) State Govt. would submit details of SC/ST students in 2000 schools as funds have to released under 'General', 'SC' and 'ST' Sub Heads.
- vi) State would share the SLA/contract with the NIC & CIET.
- vii) Recurring expenditure would be processed on file on reimbursement basis on submission of actual expenditure incurred and on installation of infrastructure.

5. Meghalaya

5.1. Secretary, Education, Govt. of Meghalaya, made a presentation (Annexure IV), highlights of which are as under:

- Present proposal is to cover all the remaining 164 schools (134 secondary and 30 higher secondary schools) in the State.
- State Govt. also proposes to establish 4 Smart Schools

- Third Party Evaluation of the implementation of ICT scheme was under taken by IIM Shillong.
- Computer labs will be set up in all the schools to be covered under the scheme.
- Teachers appointed by the vendors gets salary as per the provisions of the scheme, as there is an active involvement of the community in the process. Any mismatch in the salary being given and provided for is immediately reported to the Principals of the schools.

5.2. The following observations were made by the members:

- State Govt. has indicated that some of the schools do not have electricity. Members desired to know as to how the State proposes to implement the scheme in schools which do not have electricity. It was clarified by the representative of the State Govt. that electricity is available even in remote villages. However, the schools have to get connections from the transformers, for which action is already under way.
- As regards approval sought for establishment of 4 smart schools, it was clarified to the State that PMEG had already approved the establishment of 4 smart schools in its meeting held on 1.10.2010. However, the funds have not been released due to non furnishing of details of SC and ST students as required.

5.3. After discussions, following decision were taken:

- i) PMEG approved coverage of 164 schools (134 secondary and 30 higher secondary schools) under BOOT model for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 2011-12 (List at Annexure V).
- ii) The Central assistance would be phased at the rate of Rs.1.76 lakh per school for the first year and Rs.1.00 lakh for the next four years.
 - (a) 2011-12 for 164 schools @ Rs 1.76 lakh per school.
 - (b) 2012-13 for 164 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - (c) 2013-14 for 164 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - (d) 2014-15 for 164 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - (e) 2015-16 for 164 schools @ Rs1.00 lakh per school

6. **Mizoram**

6.1. State Government's proposal was for establishment of 4 Smart Schools. However, the representative of the State Government of Mizoram sought a deferment of discussion on the proposal. This was agreed to.

7. **Uttar Pradesh**

7.1. Secretary, Secondary Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, made a presentation (Annexure VI), highlights of which are as under:

- 4000 schools (631 secondary and 3369 higher secondary schools) have already been covered under ICT scheme.
- Present proposal is for coverage of remaining 1608 schools (972 secondary and 636 higher secondary schools).
- 1500 schools in the second phase are being implemented through BOOT model with UPDESCO as implementing partner. UPDESCO, in turn, has signed a MOU with TCIL for implementation of the scheme.
- Installation of computer and accessories in all 4000 schools along with instructors is in place. The Curriculum has been approved by the Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad, Uttar Pradesh.
- State Level Cell has been constituted for monitoring the implementation of the scheme. Monthly reviews are held.
- State Govt. has implemented the project in the 1st phase @ Rs.8.36 lakhs against Rs.6.70 lakh sanctioned by the Government of India. The State representative suggested that financial assistance for recurring expenditure be enhanced.
- Members observed that evaluation of the scheme needs to be carried out by a third party and not by another department of the State. It was also clarified that enhancement of recurring expenditure norms was presently not on the cards.

7.2. After discussions, following decisions were taken:

- i) PMEG approved coverage of remaining 1608 schools (972 secondary and 636 higher secondary schools) under BOOT model for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 2011-12 (List at Annexure VII).

- ii) The central share of Rs.4.80 lakhs per school (Non-recurring) would be released as follow:
- a. 2011-12 for 1608 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school.
 - b. 2012-13 for 1608 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - c. 2013-14 for 1608 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - d. 2014-15 for 1608 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - e. 2015-16 for 1608 schools @ Rs0.80 lakh per school
- iii) Recurring expenditure would be processed on file on reimbursement basis on submission of actual expenditure incurred and on installation of infrastructure.

8. Rajasthan

8.1. Director, Secondary Education, Govt. of Rajasthan, made a presentation (Annexure VIII) and highlighted the following:

- 6500 schools (3546 secondary and 2954 higher secondary schools) have already been covered under ICT @ School scheme.
- State Govt. sought approval of PMEG for coverage of 2000 schools (1869 secondary and 131 higher secondary schools).
- State proposes to get the scheme evaluated through Banasthali Vidyapeeth and sought PMEG's endorsement for the same.
- The State also proposes establishment of 4 smart schools in the State.

8.2. The following observations were made by the Members:

- 2000 schools, for which the State Govt. had sought approval, had already been recommended for coverage by PMEG vide its meeting held on 27.1.2011. However, due to paucity of funds, funds were not provided in 2010-11.
- Funds for the same would be released during the current financial year on submission of utilization certificate of earlier releases; budgetary provision made for 2011-12 and details of SC and ST students proposed to be covered in these 2000 schools.
- No proposal for establishment of 4 smart schools has been received nor approved by PMEG.

8.3. After discussions, following decisions were taken by PMEG:

- i) Financial assistance for coverage of 2000 schools would be released subject to the State submitting utilization certificates of earlier releases; budgetary provision made for 2011-12 and details of SC and ST students proposed to be covered in these 2000 schools.
- ii) Proposal for establishment of 4 smart schools would be considered by PMEG after submission of the same along with details of location of the schools; infrastructure available in these schools; student: teacher ratio, etc.

9. Puducherry

9.1. Secretary, Education, UT Administration of Puducherry, made a presentation (Annexure IX), highlights of which are:

- 25 secondary schools have already been covered under ICT scheme under Outright purchase in 2006-07.
- 169 schools were approved for coverage under BOOT model in 2007-08. However, due to writ petition filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, the scheme could not be implemented. The writ petition has been dismissed in August 2011.
- UT Administration proposes to cover remaining 182 schools (129 secondary and 53 higher secondary schools) under BOOT model.
- UT Administration also proposes to establish 4 smart schools, one in each district of Puducherry, by converting existing schools.
- The UT representative sought revalidation of funds lying unutilized by the UT Administration and permission for using the same in the current financial year.
- Budgetary provision for coverage of remaining schools and establishment of 4 smart schools has already been made in the UT budget.

9.2. After the presentation, following observations were made by the Members:

- Location of the schools proposed to be upgraded as Smart schools along with details of whether infrastructure is available; teacher student ratio, etc. has not been provided. It was clarified that the scheme would be operationalized by February 2012.
- Details of SC and ST students in the schools proposed to be covered is not available.

9.3. After discussions, following decisions were taken by PMEG:

- i) 182 schools (129 secondary and 53 higher secondary schools) were approved for coverage under BOOT model for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 2011-12 (List at Annexure X). The central share of Rs.4.8 lakhs per school (Non-recurring) would be released as follows:
 - a. 2011-12 for 182 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school.
 - b. 2012-13 for 182 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - c. 2013-14 for 182 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - d. 2014-15 for 182 schools @ Rs 1.00 lakh per school
 - e. 2015-16 for 182 schools @ Rs0.80 lakh per school
- ii) 1st year installment for coverage of 182 schools would be released after utilisation of the unspent funds with the UT Administration and on submission of utilization certificate.
- iii) Recurring expenditure would be processed on reimbursement basis on submission of actual expenditure incurred and on installment of infrastructure.
- iv) PMEG approved establishment of 4 smart schools, one in each district under BOOT model for a period of 5 years.
- v) Central share would be released for establishment of 4 smart schools subject to UT Administration submitting location and details of infrastructure available in these schools along with student: teacher ratio.

10. Proposal of SIET Hyderabad

10.1. Director, SIET, Hyderabad made a presentation, highlights of which are as under:

- Proposal was prepared based on the resolution taken in 21st Meeting of Executive Committee and Governing Body of APSIET, Hyderabad on 29.06.2011.
- Proposals include programme production, action plan, modernization of equipment and other items of expenditure for the financial year 2011-12.

10.2. During the presentation, it was found that financial assistance is being sought for production programmes without details required to arrive at an informed decision. It was

decided that the proposal of SIET Hyderabad be deferred. The proposal would be discussed afresh in the next meeting subject to Director SIET submitting the proposals along with the details of programmes proposed.

11. Proposal of SIET Kerala

11.1 Director, SIET Kerala made a presentation (Annexure XI), highlights of which are as under:

- Proposal is for reimbursement of expenditure incurred amounting to Rs.8.27 lakh in connection with Seminar and Workshop conducted from 14.11.2010 to 16.11.2010 at Thunchanparambu, Tirur.
- 14,000 schools participated in the Children's Film Festival and the Seminar and Workshop was organized on the sidelines of the Children's Film Festival.
- One time lunch was provided to the participating 3500 children for 3 days.
- Boarding and lodging of children participating in the Children's Film Festival was taken care of by the Principals of the schools of these children.

11.2. The Members observed that a report on the business conducted in the above mentioned Workshop/Seminar and its outcomes has still not been received.

11.3. After discussions, PMEG approved for reimbursement of the expenditure incurred subject to SIET Kerala submitting a report on the business conducted and the outcomes of the above Workshop/Seminar.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

List of participants, who attended the meeting of Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group (PM &EG) was held on 14th September 2011 at 1100 AM in Conference Room, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

1. Ms. Anshu Vaish, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy.-
Chairperson
2. Smt. Radha Chauhan, Joint Secretary (SE)
3. Dr. Alka Bhargava, Director (VE)
4. Smt. Sarita Mittal, Joint Secretary (Fin), Department of School Education & Literacy.
5. Shri Gautam Bose, Deputy Director General, NIC.
6. Shri Rajaram S. Sharma, Joint Director, NCERT.
7. Shri A. K. Arora, Scientist 'F', Department of Information Technology, New Delhi
8. Shri M. Dilip Kumar, Under Secretary (Sch.5), Department of School Education & Literacy.
9. Shri . T. Sreekanth (IAS), Secretary (Edu), Government of Puducherry.
10. Shri J. Krishna Raju, Joint Director, Government of Puducherry.
11. Shri Alok Gupta, Director Secondary Education, Government of Rajasthan.
12. Shri Arun Kumar Sharma, Asst. Director Sec. School Education, Govt. of Rajasthan.
13. Shri Pallav Mukherjee, Incharge (ICT), Directorate of Sec. Education, Government of Rajasthan, Bikaner.
14. Smt. Lalrinpull, Audio Producer, ICT, SCERT, Mizoram.
15. Shri Lalchhuanmawia, Graphic Artist, SCERT, Mizoram.
16. Shri Frederick R. Kharkongor, IAS, Secretary Education, Govt. of Meghalaya.
17. Shri G. Barman, AI(SC), Meghalaya.
18. Shri Jitendra Kumar, Secretary Secondary Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.
19. Shri Prem Chandra Yadav, Directorate of Secondary Education. Govt. of UP.
20. Shri Ashok Barnwal, Commissioner of School Education, Govt. of MP.
21. Shri P. Prabhakar Rao, Director, SIET, Hyderabad.
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