

**MINUTES OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD (PAB) MEETING HELD ON 01.05.2014 AT 3.30 PM TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS) REGARDING OPEN SCHOOLING PROGRAMME-DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION UNDER RMSA**

The Project Approval Board (PAB) for the Model School Scheme was held on 01.05.2014 in the Ministry of HRD under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) to consider proposal from the NIOS regarding Open Schooling Programme: Framework for implementation under RMSA. List of participants is appended.

2. Initiating the meeting, Secretary (SE.I), D/o SE&L welcomed the participants.

3. Chairman, NIOS made a presentation on the proposal. Secretary (SE&L) asked Chairman, NIOS to explain the objective of the proposal in short. Chairman, NIOS stated that aim of the proposal is to develop capacity of States through state specific strategy plan for education of out of school children and to develop academic modules for such students.

4. PAB after discussion felt that the present draft Framework on open schooling may be reworked by NIOS, which should be strictly in line with the objective as prescribed in the RMSA Framework on open schooling. It should clearly specify the interventions required at the National level as well as State level along with quantifiable deliverables and the terms/conditions on which support to the State Open Schools (SOSs) would be provided.

5. Further, the Framework should clearly bring out outcomes envisaged for holding of capacity development workshops required at Central/State level on activities like development of educational modules, strengthening of SOSs, etc. Also, funding requirements of the States in their Annual Plans under RMSA regarding open schooling be clearly brought out along with its components.

6. NIOS may have consultations with various stakeholders including RMSA team and representatives from the State Govts where the SOSs have been set-up, State Govts where the SOSs are being set-up and also the State Govts where the initiative on open schooling programmes has not yet been initiated. The revised Framework on open schooling so drafted may be placed before the Executive Committee of RMSA for its consideration and incorporation as part of the RMSA Framework for implementation.

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**List of participants of Project Approval Board (PAB) Meeting held on 01.05.2014 at 3.30 pm to consider proposals of NIOS regarding open schooling programme- draft Framework for implementation under RMSA**

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Additional Secretary,  
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Joint Secretary (SE.I),  
DSE&L, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
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Deputy Secretary (Finance), DSE&L, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
5. Shri Jagdish Singh  
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6. Ms. Nita Gupta  
Deputy Secretary (RMSA-III), DSE&L, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
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Additional Commissioner (Academics),  
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghathan, New Delhi
8. Professor Yogesh Kumar,  
NCERT New Delhi
9. Dr. Manish Chugh,  
Academic Officer, National Institute of Schooling (NIOS)
10. Ms. Ranjana Arora  
Professor & Head, RMSA Project Cell, NCERT, New Delhi
11. Shri Vetukuri P.S.Raju  
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12. Dr. Biswajit Sen  
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Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)  
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13. Shri M V V Prasada Rao,  
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Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi
14. Dr. Kuldeep Aggarwal,  
Director (Academic)  
National Institute of Schooling (NIOS)
15. Shri S.S. Jena  
Chairman  
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