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To

The Secretaries, In-charge of Secondary Education of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Puducherry

Sub: - 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) held on June 21-22, 2011 to consider Annual Plan Proposals 2011-12 of States/UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Puducherry.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of PAB for RMSA held on June 21-22, 2011 to consider Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2011-12 of States/UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Puducherry for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

(Aditya Chamoli)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl: - as above

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1. EC to Secretary (SE&L)
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4. Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, New Delhi
5. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi
5. The Vice-Chancellor, NUEPA, New Delhi
6. Director, NCERT, New Delhi.
8. Advisor (Education), Planning Commission, New Delhi

**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) held on June 21-22, 2011 to consider RMSA annual plan proposals for 2011-12 for the State of Andaman & Nicobar Island, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Puducherry.**

The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) to consider Annual Plan proposals of Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Uttarakhand and Puducherry was held on June 21-22, 2011 under the chairpersonship of Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India.

2. A list of participants of the meeting is at the **Appendix**.

**3. Andaman & Nicobar Island**

3.1 Secretary (SE&L) welcomed all the participants and requested the representatives of Andaman & Nicobar Island Administration to make a presentation on their RMSA annual plan proposal 2011-12. SPD, RMSA made a power-point presentation highlighting the literacy rate, habitations and access to secondary education, secondary education facilities, management-wise schools, enrollment by gender and class in government schools as well as other schools. School annual grant was released to all 82 schools in 2010-11. A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure-I**.

3.2 Under the Annual Plan 2011-12, the UT did not submit any proposals for opening of new schools. However, for strengthening of existing schools, the UT Government proposed all 82 existing government secondary schools. However, as the State Schedule of Rates (SOR) has yet to be applied to civil works under RMSA without any ceiling of cost being imposed, and as the construction cost in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is substantially higher than the present unit cost, the UT Government expressed their inability to carry out civil works under the present dispensation. The UT withdrew its proposal for strengthening.

3.3 For major repair of 26 classrooms in 7 existing schools as proposed by the UT, the total estimated cost was Rs 43.55 lakh. Considering the ceiling of 4 classrooms in each school of 4 sections each for undertaking major repair and maximum assistance of amount of Rs 4.00 lakh per school, the admissible assistance under RMSA worked out

to Rs 20.00 lakh. The UT Administration agreed to bear the additional expenditure from their own budget and, accordingly, PAB approved the proposal.

3.4 Hence, for civil works / creation of assets, following components were approved:

				(Rs. in lakh)
Sl. No.	Activities	Physical	Unit cost	Total
1	Major repair	26		43.55
2	Total Approved outlay			43.55
3	MMER 2%			0.87
4	Total approved outlay including MMER			44.42
5	Central share @ 75%			33.31

3.5 For study tour of students (visiting other States) it was felt that separate financial norms should be adopted for considering the proposals of UTs like Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep (as well as North-Eastern States like Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim). Hence, considering the travel cost by ship to and from the islands to main land, unit cost @ Rs 4,000/- per student was agreed to by the PAB. It was suggested that in some cases, study tour of teachers and students should be clubbed.

3.6 It was also felt that a workshop should be organized with the TSG's help to prepare proposals under equity interventions.

3.7 As regards the proposal to set up a language lab, PAB desired that the proposal should first be evaluated by the NCERT. Before sanctioning the proposals for language lab, the Ministry should get evaluation results of the proposal of Gujarat to which setting up of language lab on pilot basis was sanctioned in the year 2010-11.

3.8 For recurring components, based on the UT Administration's proposal, the following interventions were approved by PAB as per details given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the component	Physical Unit approved	Unit cost approved	Total approved outlay
School annual grant	82 schools	Rs 0.50 lakh per school	41.00
Minor repair grant	77 schools	Rs 0.25 lakh per school	19.25
In-service training of headmaster for 5 days	82	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	1.23
In-service training of teachers	1485	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	22.27
Training for new teachers	57	Rs 3,000/- (@ Rs 300 per day) for 10 days	1.71
Excursion trip for students	4000	@ Rs 200 for students of class X in govt. secondary schools	8.00
Study tour for students (outside UT)	500	@ Rs 4,000/- (UT has to devise a mechanism to select students for such tours)	20.00
Study tour for teachers (inter-state)	100	@ Rs 20,000/- per teacher	20.00
Book fair at district level	3	@ Rs 1.00 lakh per district	3.00
Maths kit	82 schools	Maximum @ Rs 4,500/- per school, @	3.69

		Rs 1500/- per kit	
Sports kit	17 schools	@ Rs 20,000/- per school. School-wise specific activities to be procured.	3.40
District level sports tournament (inter-district)	3	@ Rs 1.00 lakh per district	3.00
Training of SMDC members	1066	Rs 600/- (@ Rs 300/- per day for two days)	6.39
Guidance and counseling			
Salary for resource person	3	@ Rs 15,000/- per month per person for 6 months.	2.70
Setting up of Guidance Resource Centre (funds for psychological tests/tools, guidance/career literature, display materials etc.)	1	Rs 50,000/-	0.50
Total approved outlay			156.14
MMER 2%			3.12
Total approved outlay including MMER (recurring)			159.26
Central share @ 75%			119.44

#### **4. Delhi**

4.1 Director (Secondary Education), NCT of Delhi made a presentation on the present status of secondary education indicating enrollment in upper primary and secondary level, category-wise enrolment, district-wise student classroom ratio, number of new school buildings constructed during 2009-10. It was also informed to the PAB that school mapping exercise is being taken up with the Delhi State Spatial Data Infrastructure (DSSDI). A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure-II**.

4.2 Delhi Government proposed strengthening of 39 existing secondary schools which were upgraded by the State Government on their own. During pre-appraisal discussion, it was informed to the official that State Schedule of Rate (SOR) has yet to be applied, as at present unit cost is fixed for construction activities under RMSA. As the construction cost in Delhi is substantially higher than the present unit cost, the UT Government expressed their inability to carry out the various interventions for strengthening of existing schools in the PAB discussion and the proposal was treated as withdrawn.

4.3 On the proposal of major repairs, the officials of NCT of Delhi were informed that detailed estimates are required for the purpose. The Delhi Government stated that the detailed estimates are presently not available and they will approach PWD for this purpose.

4.4 During discussion of various recurring activities for the proposals of study tour for teachers, based on proposals received by the Delhi Government, PAB agreed to start with 10% of the total teachers. For leadership training programme of headmasters, the Delhi Government intimated that the training will be organized by the NCERT. Suggestive list of 10 topics has been worked out including institutional planning, development of AWP&B at school level, involvement of community in school management, innovative management techniques, execution of developed plan, techniques for interpersonal relationships with persons visiting the school etc. Resource persons from reputed institutions in the field of management and training, such as

NUEPA, NCERT, Union Territory Civil Service Training Institute, DOPT will be involved. Accordingly, the proposal for leadership programme for 95 headmasters for two weeks in SCERT was approved on the line of training of principals for 5 days.

4.5 For recurring components, based on Delhi Government's proposals, the following interventions were approved by PAB as per details given below:

Name of the components	Physical Unit approved	Financial unit cost approved	Total approved outlay (Rs. in lakh)
School annual grant	946	Rs 0.50 lakh per school	473.00
Minor repair grant	946	Rs 0.25 lakh per school	236.50
Training of headmaster s	95	@ Rs 1,500/- per headmaster @ Rs 300/- per day for 5 days	1.42
In-service training of existing teachers	13591	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	203.86
Training of master trainers	600	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	9.00
Excursion trip for students	143311	@ Rs 200 for students of class X in govt. secondary schools	286.62
Study tour for teachers	1360	@ Rs 2,000/- per teacher	27.20
Science exhibition at district level	9	@ Rs 50,000/- per district	4.50
Training of SMDC members	9460	Rs 600/- per member (@ Rs 300/- per day	56.76

		for two days)	
Total approved outlay			1298.86
MMER 2%			25.98
Total approved outlay including MMER (recurring)			1324.84
Central share @ 75%			993.63

## 5. Uttarakhand

5.1 SPD, RMSA, Government of Uttarakhand made a presentation on their Annual Plan proposal 2011-12 along with progress made during the last two years under RMSA. PAB was also informed that there is an improvement in class X results from 65.85% in 2010 to 68.14% in 2011. Regarding the position of teachers in secondary schools, out of total sanctioned posts of 18025, only 2784 posts of teachers are vacant. Around 2122 teachers will be appointed by July 2011. Out of 340 schools projected for upgradation in the perspective Plan, 81 schools have so far been upgraded in the last two years under RMSA. A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure-III**.

5.2 Under Annual Plan 2011-12, the State Government submitted a proposal for opening of 156 new schools. All schools proposed by the State Government were seen to be at a distance of 5 K.M. or more from the existing secondary school. Considering the hilly terrain of the State with low population density, PAB had already taken a view in 2009-10 that one section schools could be considered where potential enrollment is not very high. With a projected enrollment of 30 or more, 111 new one section schools and 35 two section schools with projected enrollment of 50 or more were approved by PAB.

5.3 Regarding the State's proposal to upgrade Government upper primary school Namik, Block Munsyari, District Pithoragarh, to a secondary school, the State Government informed the PAB that projected enrollment from the existing primary school is only 19 and distance from the upper primary school to the existing secondary school is 28 K.M. There is no other school in the catchment by which enrollment could be increased in the upper primary school proposed for upgradation. But this school is



located in very difficult terrain, right on the Nepal-Tibet Border and it was to upgrade the important school. However, this is only as an exceptional case and not to be replicated. Considering these facts, PAB approved the upper primary school Namik, Block Munsyari, District Pithoragarh for upgradation to a secondary school with one section. Hence a total of 112 schools with one section each and 35 schools with two section each were approved by PAB.

5.4 Government of Uttarakhand also proposed strengthening of their existing secondary schools. However, as the State Schedule of Rates (SOR) has yet to be applied to civil works under RMSA without any ceiling of cost being imposed, and as the construction cost in Uttarakhand is substantially higher than the present unit cost, the UT Government expressed their inability to carry out civil works under the present dispensation. The UT withdrew its proposal for strengthening.

5.5 For major repairs, based on the detailed estimates prepared by the State Government, major repair for 250 classrooms in 115 schools was approved. For the above works, total amount of Rs. 240.53 lakh was approved.

5.6 Thus, for civil works / creation of assets, following components were approved:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Physical</b>	<b>Unit cost (Rs. in lakh)</b>	<b>Total approved outlay (Rs. in lakh)</b>
1	New / Upgraded Schools with one section	112	46.86	5248.32
2	New / Upgraded Schools with two sections	35	58.12	2034.20
3	Major repair for 250 classrooms in 115 schools	250		240.53
4	Total approved outlay			7523.05
5	MMER 2%			150.46

6	Total approved outlay including MMER	7673.51
7	Central share @ 75%	5755.13
8	Spill over central share of outlay including MMER under annual plan 2010-11	2254.21

5.7 For English language laboratory for improvement in spoken English and personality development programme, it was decided by PAB that the proposals need to be first evaluated by NCERT.

5.8 For recurring components, based on the State Government's proposal, the following interventions were approved by PAB as per details given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the component	Physical Unit approved	Financial unit cost approved	Total approved outlay
Salary of 8 Teachers including Headmaster per school for 81 schools sanctioned during 2009-10 and 2010-11. (12 months)	648	0.38 lakh per month (as per State norm)	2954.88
Salary of Staff (Lab Attendant & Library cum Office Attendant) per school for 81 schools sanctioned during 2009-10 and 2010-11 (12 months)	162	0.10 lakh per month (as per State norm)	194.40
Salary of 6 Teachers including Headmaster per school for 147	882	0.38 lakh per month (as per State norm)	2010.96

schools sanctioned during 2011-12. (6 months)			
Salary of Staff (Lab Attendant & Library cum Office Attendant) per school for 147 schools sanctioned during 2011-12 (6 months)	294	0.10 lakh per month (as per State norm)	176.40
Salary for lab attendant in existing schools (6 months)	1766	Rs. 0.10 lakh per month, provided State had no sanctioned post for lab attendant before RMSA.	1059.60
School annual grant	1879	Rs 0.50 lakh per school	939.50
Minor repair grant	1615	Rs 0.25 lakh per school	403.75
In-service training of headmaster for 5 days	2149	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	32.23
In-service training of teachers	14260	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	213.90
Training for new teachers	567	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	8.50
Excursion trip for students	95182	@ Rs 200 for students of class X in govt. secondary schools	190.36
Promotion of science at district level	13 districts	@ Rs 1.00 lakh per district	13.00
Book fair at district	13	@ Rs 1.00 lakh per	13.00

level		district	
Satellite Interactive Terminals (SIT) at district level	13	@ Rs 5.00 lakh per SIT.	65.00
Receive Only Terminal (ROT) at remote schools	228	@ Rs 0.50 lakh per ROT	114.00
Promotion of art / craft at block level	227	@ Rs 20,000/- per block	45.40
Maths kit	1774 schools	Maximum @ Rs 9,000/- per school, @ Rs 1500/- per kit.	159.66
Special teaching for minority students (additional academic support)	2907 students	@ Rs 500/- per student for coaching of Maths, Science and English subjects in two districts (Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar), on pure outcome basis.	14.53
Training of SMDC members	28185	Rs 600/- per person (@ Rs 300/- per day for two days)	169.11
Guidance and counseling			
Salary for resource persons	5	Maximum @ Rs 20,000/- per month per person for 6 months.	6.00
Setting up of Guidance Resource Centre (funds for	1	Rs 50,000/-	0.50

psychological tests/tools, guidance/career literature, display materials etc.)			
Salaries for research assistant	13	@ Rs 1.00 lakh per persons including contingency and TA.	13.00
Examination reform			
Workshop on CCE / school grading at district level	13	@ Rs 20,000/- per district	2.60
Total Approved outlay			8800.28
MMER 2%			176.01
Total approved outlay including MMER			8976.29
Central share @ 75%			6732.22

## 6. Puducherry

6.1 SPD, RMSA, UT of Puducherry made a presentation on the annual plan proposal 2011-12 along with progress made during the last two years under RMSA. PAB was also informed that there is increase of enrollment by 3.83% from 2009-10 to 2010-11. Gross Enrollment Ratio, NER at secondary level, transition rate from class IX to X were also presented to the PAB. A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure-IV**.

6.2 Under the Annual Plan 2011-12, the UT Government proposed opening of 4 new schools. The fact that the distance from the nearest secondary school is less than 5 K.M. was pointed out by the appraisal team. SPD, RMSA, Puducherry clarified that 2 schools proposed in the annual plan are more than 6 K.M. away from the existing secondary schools. Considering that one school is facing a natural barrier and another

school satisfies the norms, PAB approved the opening of 2 new secondary schools with one section each as proposed in the annual plan.

6.3 UT Government of Puducherry proposed strengthening of 24 existing secondary schools under Annual Plan 2011-12. The appraisal team informed the PAB that out of 24 schools, 5 schools were already approved by PAB for upgradation in 2010-11. As such 19 schools were considered for strengthening of existing infrastructure and PAB approved the following interventions in these schools:

Science lab	19
Lab equipments in schools	19
Computer lab	6
Art/craft/culture rooms	16
Library	19
Toilet blocks	1

6.4 Hence, for civil works / creation of assets, following components were approved

Sl. No.	Activities	Physical	Unit cost (Rs. in lakh)	Total approved outlay (Rs. in lakh)
1	New / Upgraded Schools with one section	2	46.86	93.72
2	Strengthening of existing schools	19		
2.1	Science lab	19	6.10	115.90
2.2	Lab equipments in schools	19	1.00	19.00
2.3	Computer lab	6	5.00	30.00
2.4	Art/craft/culture rooms	16	5.00	80.00
2.5	Library	19	7.00	133.00
2.6	Toilet blocks	1	1.00	1.00

3	Total	472.62
4	MMER 2 %	9.45
5	Total including MMER	482.07
6	Central Share @ 75%	361.55
7	Spill over central share of outlay including MMER under annual plan 2009-10	215.22
8	Spill over central share of outlay including MMER under annual plan 2010-11	818.52

6.5 For recurring components, based on the UT Administration's proposal, the following interventions were approved by PAB as per details given below:

<b>Name of the component</b>	<b>Physical Unit approved</b>	<b>Financial unit cost approved</b>	<b>Total approved outlay (Rs. in lakh)</b>
Salary for 6 teachers including Head Master per school for new 9 schools approved during 2010-11 (12 months)	54	0.27 lakh per month (as per State norm)	174.96
Salary of Staff (Lab Attendant & Library cum Office Attendant) per school for 9 schools sanctioned during 2010-11 (12 months)	18	0.11 lakh per month (as per State norm)	23.76
School annual grant	126	Rs 0.50 lakh per school	63.00
Minor repair grant	117	Rs 0.25 lakh per	29.25

		school	
In-service training of headmasters for 5 days	156	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	2.34
Training of new teachers	45	Rs 3,000/- (@ Rs 300 per day) for 10 days	1.35
Excursion trip for students	10224	@ Rs 200 for students of class X in govt. secondary schools	20.44
Secondary education readiness programme to cover 3 subjects i.e. English, Maths and science	2000 hours	@ Rs 100/- per hour. This intervention will need to be reviewed for continuation after outcome is known.	2.00
Study tour for students	200	@ Rs 2,000/- (UT has to devise a mechanism to select students for such tours).	4.00
Science exhibition at district level	4	@ Rs 1.00 lakh per district	4.00
Printing handbooks / modules for Teacher training	852	@ Rs 200/- per copy	1.70
Satellite Interactive Terminals at schools	90	@ Rs 3.41 lakh per SIT.	306.90
Sports kit	17 schools	@ Rs 20,000/- per school. School-wise	3.40



		specific activities to be procured.	
Training of SMDC members	630	Rs 600/- (@ Rs 300/- per day for 2 days)	3.78
Total			640.88
MMER 2 %			12.82
Total including MMER			653.70
Central Share @ 75%			490.27

6.5 Regarding physical progress on the 24 existing secondary schools sanctioned during 2009-10, for which 60% of grant has already been released, it was informed by the SPD, RMSA, Puducherry that CPWD is not executing the work as full amount is required by them before starting the work. A line of confirmation is required from the CPWD in this regard, which may be sent by the RMSA Society of Puducherry. It was also suggested that CPWD may execute the work in 12 schools where released amount will suffice to start the work.

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

## 8. **General Issues**

8.1 As the State Schedule of Rates (SOR) has yet to be applied to civil works under RMSA without any ceiling of cost being imposed, and as the construction cost in is substantially higher than the present unit cost, the various State Governments have expressed their inability to carry out civil works under the present dispensation

8.2 On the issue of MMER, for smaller States/UTs where fund flow is very limited, instead of percentage of MMER, we should have a fixed amount on per district basis, say Rs 25.00 lakh per district, which should be kept in mind while revising the scheme.

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