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New Delhi, Dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

To

1. The Principal Secretary (Education Deptt.), Government of Himachal Pradesh, H. P. Secretariat, Shimla-171002.
2. The Principal Secretary (Education), Government of Mizoram, Secretariat, Block 'C', Mizoram, Aizawal-796001.
3. The Secretary (School), Government of Punjab, Room No. 527, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Mini Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh-160009
4. The Secretary, School Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai-600009.

**Subject:** Minutes of the meeting of the Grants in Aid Committee to consider the proposals of State Governments under the 'Scheme for scaling up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence' held on 11th July, 2009.

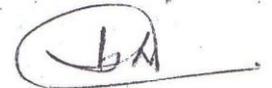
Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of the above mentioned meeting for information and necessary action.

2. All State Governments are requested to furnish the following in order to enable this Ministry to release the grant, expeditiously.

- (i) Details of the implementing society
- (ii) Bank account details of the society.
- (iii) Advance bond, resolution etc.

Yours faithfully,



(B. Dasgupta)

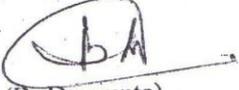
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Copy for information to:-

1. The Adviser (Education), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Joint Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi.
3. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi- 110016.

  
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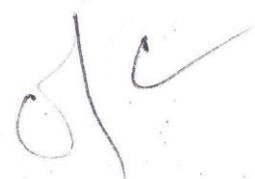
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1. Senior PPS to ES *10/5/29/7*
2. AS & FA, Ministry of HRD - *08/29/7*
3. JS (SE)
4. Dir (SE)

  
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**Minutes of the meeting of the Grants in Aid Committee to consider the proposals of State Governments under the 'Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence' held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2009**

A meeting of the Grants-in-aid Committee (GIAC) was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 in the Conference Room of Ministry of HRD to consider the proposals of Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Mizoram under the Model Schools scheme. A list of participants is **annexed**.

**2. State Specific Issues:** The proposals from the concerned State Governments, except Chhattisgarh, which was not represented in the meeting, were discussed, and the following decisions were taken,

**2.1 Tamil Nadu**

(i) Principal Secretary (School Education) Government of Tamil Nadu made a presentation on the State government's proposal to set up 20 schools with total non-recurring cost of Rs.60.40 crore @ Rs.3.02 crore per school.

(ii) He clarified that the programme would be implemented through RMSA society, which will be shortly set up. He clarified the following points,

- Sites for all these schools have been identified and are in the possession of the State government.
- Rs.200 crore has been provided in the State budget towards the State share.
- The implementation Society will be constituted shortly.
- The building plans are being prepared.
- All schools including the school in Mulanur block will be having classes VI to XII (in the proposal, the school in Mulanur block was shown to have classes up to X only).

(iii) It was observed that 2 blocks Thandrampet and Narikudi did not figure in the list of EBBs and therefore, were not eligible for Model Schools.

(iv) The GIAC recommended 18 Model Schools in Tamil Nadu as proposed by the State government (after excluding two schools at Thandrampet and Narikudi blocks) as per the norms of the scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.54.36 crore. The central share @ 75% of the approved project cost is estimated to be Rs.40.77 crore with the State share at Rs.13.59 crore.

(v) The State government was advised to furnish the bank accounts details of the implementation society alongwith resolution and advance bond etc. so that the assistance could be released expeditiously.

## **2.2. Himachal Pradesh**

- (i) Principal Secretary (Education), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh presented the proposal of the State Govt. to set up 5 Model schools in as many EBBs with estimated non recurring cost of Rs. 20.52 crore. All the schools would be in English medium and were expected to be operationalised from next year. He vehemently argued for higher cost norm for the State considering its hilly terrain. He stated that many central government organisations including Military Engineering Service (MES), Border Roads Organisation (BRO) etc. were working in the State and that the schedule of rates followed by them should also be applicable for the Model Schools and Girls' Hostel schemes.
- (ii) It was observed that the scheme provided for adoption of CPWD norms applicable to the particular locations. Also Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan norms permit higher cost for hilly and remote areas.
- (iii) Considering the above, GIAC recommended 5 Model Schools in the State with admissible non-recurring cost of Rs.18.10 crore @ Rs.3.62 crore per school (at 20% higher cost norm). The central share at a sharing pattern of 90:10 (Himachal Pradesh being a special category State) is Rs.16.29 crore.
- (iv) State government was advised to send account details of the implementing society along with advance bond and resolution etc. so that the grant could be released expeditiously.

## **2.3. Mizoram**

- (i) Secretary (Education) Government of Mizoram presented the proposal of the State government to set up Model School in the only EBB in the State. The cost of the school (excluding the indoor stadium, which is not admissible) has been projected at Rs.3.40 crore. The Secretary clarified that the programme would be implemented by the RMSA society. He was confident that the school would become operational from the next academic year (starting in January, 2010). He requested for liberal cost norms for the State considering its remote location and hilly terrain.
- (ii) JS (SE) stated that while it would be desirable for States with large number of EBBs to have separate societies for Model Schools and Girls' Hostel Schemes, Mizoram which has only one EBB, could manage this scheme under RMSA society. However, accounting and fund flow for scheme should be kept separate.
- (iii) GIAC recommended setting up of one Model School in Lungsei block of Mizoram with projected non-recurring cost of Rs.3.40 crore, at 20% higher cost norm.
- (iv) State government was advised to send details of Bank account of the implementing society along with advance bond and resolution etc. so that the grant could be released expeditiously.

## **2.4. Punjab**

- (i) Director General (Secondary Education), Govt of Punjab presented the revised proposal of the State Government to set up 21 Model Schools in

as many EBBs. All of these would be new schools. Land has been identified for every school and for 14 of them, the extent of land availability is ten acres or more. For 3 schools, the land identified is 5 acre, and for 1 school the land available is marginally less than 5 acre. For the remaining schools the availability of land is between 5 and 10 acres. The unit cost projected by the State Government is Rs. 6.58 crore, the total project cost being Rs. 138.13 crore. The project will be implemented by RMSA society, in which a separate unit will be opened for the Model School Scheme. DG (Secondary Education), Govt of Punjab also stated that the State Government had decided to go for a school based cadre for the Model schools. He was confident that the schools would be operational within six months. The DG (SE), Govt of Punjab further submitted that while the State Government would earnestly request the Govt of India to sanction higher amount as per the CPWD rate applicable to Punjab, the State Government was committed to bear the additional cost over and above the scheme norm of Rs. 3.02 crore.

- (ii) Having considered the revised proposal, the GIAC recommended setting up of 21 Model Schools at an admissible cost of Rs. 63.42 crore, the admissible unit cost being Rs. 3.02 crore. The Central share at a sharing pattern of 75:25 is Rs. 47.57 crore. The remaining amount, including the 25% state share will be borne by the State Government.
- (iii) State government was advised to send details of bank account of the implementing society along with advance bond and resolution etc. so that the grant could be released expeditiously.

## **2.5 Chhattisgarh**

No representative of Government of Chhattisgarh attended the meeting and therefore their proposal was not taken up for consideration.

## **3. General Issues**

**3.1 Commencement of Project at temporary sites:** Most of the State Governments evinced interest in starting the Model Schools/ Girls' Hostels at temporary buildings. Secretary (SE&L) advised the state governments to send specific proposals after identifying temporary sites. As the academic session 2009-10 has already commenced, Model Schools can be started in temporary buildings only from next academic year. It was decided by the GIAC that the proposals for starting projects at temporary sites need not be placed before GIAC. Such proposals can be processed on file for approval.

**3.2 Constitution of separate society/separate accounting:** All state governments were advised to constitute the implementing societies urgently. AS & FA pointed out that the budget provision for Model School scheme was under the head meant for releasing fund to societies, and therefore no fund could be released to State Governments unless and until the implementing societies have been put in place. JS (SE) stated that states with large number of EBBs would have to manage large number of Model Schools and Girls' Hostels and it might be desirable to constitute separate societies for Model

Schools and Girls' Hostels. However, states with few EBBs can manage these schemes under the RMSA society. Secretary (SE&L) stated that accounting and fund flow for each scheme must be kept completely segregated even if the schemes are implemented by a single society. All State governments were advised to send details of society, account details and provision for State share at the earliest so that release of fund is not held up. State governments are also required to send bond and resolution in advance.

**3.3 Innovative designs for Model Schools and Girls' Hostels:** JS(SE) suggested to the State governments to consider entrusting the work of construction of Model Schools and Girls' Hostels on "design and build" basis so that innovative designs for the Model Schools and Girls' Hostels can be evolved. Secretary (SE&L) stated that it was time for looking beyond conventional designs of school buildings to make schools interesting to the students. If the innovations are adopted in the design itself, the cost may not be much higher. She suggested that the States could consider having a "design" contest to evolve an innovative design for each scheme.

**3.4 Flexibility in Cost Norms:** The issue whether a higher cost norm as per the applicable CPWD schedule of rates can be permitted was discussed. It was observed that the Model School scheme permitted flexibility in this regard. The GIAC agreed for a 20% higher cost norm for hilly states keeping in view the established practice in KVS. The relevant provision in the scheme (para 9.3) reads as follows,

"The actual cost norms for setting up Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and State sector schools will be based on CPWD schedules of rates applicable to the particular location and the norms indicated above are only estimates".

AS & FA stated that this matter would be looked into based on the Cabinet decision. Secretary (SE&L) stated that there was a need to link the cost norms with the changing price indices.

**3.5 Teaching Cadre for Model Schools:** The desirability of having a school based cadre for teachers of Model Schools was also discussed. Secretary (SE&L) suggested that this aspect might be examined in consultation with all State Governments.

**3.6 Submission of Account Details of Implementing Society, resolution bond etc.:** All State governments were advised to send details of bank accounts of the implementing society alongwith advance bond and resolution etc. so that release of grant is not held up.

4. Secretary (SE&L) directed that letters may be sent to all State governments clarifying the issues discussed in the meeting.

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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## Annexure

### **List of participants in the meeting of the Grants in Aid Committee to consider the proposals of State Governments under the 'Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence' held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2009**

1. Ms Anshu Vaish, Secretary,  
Department of School Education and Literacy,  
New Delhi In Chair
2. Sh. S.K. Ray,  
Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser,  
Ministry of Human Resource Development,  
New Delhi
3. Shri S.C. Khuntia,  
Joint Secretary,  
Department of School Education and Literacy,  
Ministry of HRD  
New Delhi
4. Shri Satish Nambudiripad,  
Director,  
Department of School Education and Literacy,  
Ministry of HRD  
New Delhi
5. Shri Bhaskar Dasgupta  
Under Secretary,  
Department of School Education and Literacy,  
Ministry of HRD  
New Delhi
6. Ms. Kusam Mishra  
Deputy Secretary,  
National Commission for Women,  
New Delhi
7. Sh. Madhau Vasani Patkar,  
Asstt. Commissioner(Fin),  
KVS, New Delhi

**Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.**

8. Sh. P.C. Dhiman  
Principal Secretary(Education)  
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
9. Dr. Yogesh.  
Jt. Director Higher Education  
Directorate of Higher Education, HP

**Govt. of Mizoram**

10. Sh. K. Riachho,  
Secretary, School Education,  
Government of Mizoram,  
Mizoram
11. Sh. Robert R. Rotte,  
OSD, Mizoram Education Society  
Mizoram

**Govt. of Punjab**

12. Sh. Krishan Kumar  
Director General (SE)  
Govt. of Punjab.
13. Ms. Sushma Sharma  
Dy. SPD, SSA  
Punjab.

**Govt. of Tamil Nadu**

14. Sh. M. Kutralingam,  
Principal Secretary,  
School Education,  
Government of Tamil Nadu
15. Dr. P. Perumalsamy,  
Director of School Education,  
Government of Tamil Nadu