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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**

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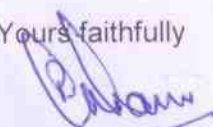
The Director NCERT, New Delhi

**Subject:** 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Integrated Project Approval Board held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 of NCERT.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Integrated Project Approval Board held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 of NCERT for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully

  
(Radha Krishan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl: - as above.

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7. Deputy Secretary (RMSA.2 & VE)
8. Deputy Secretary (GH & IE)
9. VC, NUEPA, New Delhi
10. Senior Advisor (Education), Planning Commission, New Delhi
11. All Consultants, TSG (RMSA)
12. Web Master, NIC, MHRD, for posting the PAB Minutes on the RMSA page of the Website.

Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Project Approval Board (PAB) (2<sup>nd</sup> Integrated RMSA) held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 and again on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 to consider NCERT's Annual Plan Proposals 2013 – 14 under RMSA

The 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the PAB (3rd Integrated RMSA) for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 for the states of Sikkim, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh 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) and the proposals of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 under the Chairpersonship of Shri. R. Bhattacharya, Secretary (SE&L).

2. In the preliminary discussion, the progress of programmes conducted by the NCERT in year 2012-13 under RMSA was noted and it is suggested that the research programme entitled 'Impact study of training programme in social sciences conducted by Andhra Pradesh' needs to be done with the funding under MMER of Andhra Pradesh.

3. However, after preliminary discussion on the NCERT proposals, the Secretary (SE&L) instructed that their proposal will have to be reworked and after which another meeting will be held after a pre-PAB discussion has been held at the Joint Secretary level.

4. A meeting to discuss the NCERT proposals under RMSA was held again on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 in the Conference Hall, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi at 03:00pm. The list of participants is Annexure-1.

5. After an introduction about the initiatives of the NCERT under RMSA by Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Director, NCERT, Dr. Ranjana Arora, In-charge, RMSA Project Cell, NCERT made a presentation on the RMSA proposals. A copy of the presentation and revised proposal is at Annexure

II. The NCERT proposal consists of following nine broad areas:

- (i) **Curriculum support in five States:** Curriculum support to the States of Gujarat, Tripura, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu for implementing NCF, 2005 under RMSA. Two workshops in each RIEs (with 25 curriculum developers from respective States/UTs in the region and 25 faculty members from RIEs, NIE, CIET,





and CIVE - including curriculum experts from other institutions) will be held to analyze the content of the curriculum developed by the respective states and preparation of the report. The date for commencement of this programme would be June 2013 and would be completed by December 2013 for a total of Rs – 63.17 lakhs. Approval by PAB is given to this proposal at Rs 41.68 lakh for the activities under this head.

- (ii) **Evolving Classroom Process Framework analysis at the Secondary Stage:** A study of classroom practices and processes and development of benchmarks or a framework for classroom practices at secondary stage is proposed to be done which would be the basis for teacher evaluations of classroom practices in secondary schools. This will also help States to identify the gaps in curriculum implementation. The States proposed to be studied are Kerala and Karnataka (which have revised their syllabi and textbooks and also brought out their curriculum framework), Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, and Meghalaya (States which have revised syllabi and adopted textbooks published by private publishers under State boards guidelines and Rajasthan (State which is in the process of curriculum reform and using both NCERT textbooks for secondary school as well as textbooks from other sources in Primary and Elementary school). This programme would commence on July, 2013 and would be completed by -March 2014. A total amount of Rs 22.00 lakh is proposed. Approval is given to this activity for an amount of Rs 14.94 lakh.

- (iii) **Training material-Subject specific for teachers, Quality Concerns and Academic Monitoring (for Principals):** Teacher support material (in-service teacher training packages) in the subject area of Science and Maths has already been developed. This year NCERT proposes to develop Hindi version of Science and Maths packages, and packages in languages of Social Science, Arts Education, etc. The budget proposed for this activity was 44.54 lakh, the PAB has approved it for 30.01 lakh.

Development of a modular package for Heads of Secondary School on Academic Monitoring including Quality Concerns with regard to curriculum, pedagogy,

assessment, gender issues, inclusive education, etc. The package is also to prepare Heads of Secondary School for effective academic monitoring in secondary education by orienting them on pedagogic vision, and shifts in school education as envisaged in NCF, 2005. The field testing will be carried out in the States of Bihar, Mizoram and Delhi. A pool of Key Resource Persons will be oriented for training of school Principals on this package.

The programme will be completed by March, 2014. A total amount of Rs 25.26 lakh is proposed for this activity. The programme has been approved with a suggestion that this needs to be done under the leadership programme of NUEPA.

(iv) **Regional workshops for capacity building in Science and Mathematics, (ii) Social Sciences and Languages:**

- ❖ Regional Workshops for sharing the Science and Maths Teacher Training Packages and Capacity Building of the of Key Resource Persons/ Master trainers in Secondary School Science and Maths are proposed in **Bhopal** ( for the States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Maharashtra, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Gujarat) at the rate of Rs 2 Lakhs ( TA/DA of NCERT faculty members to attend the workshop and for field visits as well as for the working lunch and arrangements for the workshop) in **Bhubaneswar** ( for the states of Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand ), at the rate of Rs 2.50 lakhs, in **Ajmer** ( for the States of Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh ) at the rate of Rs 2 Lakhs, in **Delhi** ( NIE- for the States of Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Chandigarh) at the rate of Rs 1.50 Lakhs, in Shillong ( for the States of Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Tripura) at the rate of Rs 3 Lakhs and in Mysore ( for the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands ) at the rate of Rs 2.5 Lakhs. The States will bear the cost of their States' functionaries and the KRPs / Master trainers participation in these workshops. Hence the proposal of Rs. 13.5 lakh for 6 regional workshops was approved as proposed.





- ❖ In addition, through creation of a resource pool on Inclusive education in States/UTs and development of a monograph on FAQs for implementation of IEDSS in the States/UTs. Strengthening of inclusive education planners and administrators at Secondary stage in States/UTs through regional consultations is proposed at the rate Rs. 11.65 lakh. This programme is proposed to be completed by December, 2013. The PAB has approved the proposal amounting of Rs. 9.40 lakh. The proposal of Senior Research Associates was not approved separately, existing staff to carry out the consultation.
- ❖ Creation of a resource pool of people to deal with gender issues in Secondary Education through capacity building of State RMSA functionaries in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana and Punjab. This programme has been proposed for a cost of Rs 4.92 lakhs to be completed by March, 2014 which has been approved by PAB.
- ❖ A resource pool is proposed to be created among State Government functionaries through a Capacity Building programme on implementation of Vocational Education (VE) and NVEQF for Director, Deputy Director and DEOs for all States and UTs focusing on issues related to planning and implementation of VE at Secondary Stage at the cost of Rs 13.85 lakhs and to be completed by June, 2013. Same has been approved by PAB.

(v) **Regional Workshops on Assessment and Examination Practices at Secondary Stage:** 5 Regional workshops on examinations and assessment practices at the Secondary stage , with a view to study the current practices and bring out reports and also to develop an exemplar package through involvement of resource persons and teachers , which will culminate in the development of a guideline on the CCE scheme at the Secondary stage, are proposed at the cost of Rs 50 lakhs (at the rate of Rs 10 lakhs per workshop). The workshop will involve resource persons from all States/UTs, as well as functionaries under RMSA, SSA, SCERTs and Boards of examinations. The timeline proposed for these workshops is August-September,



2013. This activity is approved at the cost of Rs 25 lakhs at the rate of Rs 5 lakhs per workshop.

- (vi) **Development of Model CCE and Exemplar package:** Study and analysis of a status o CCE in different States/UTs, development of learning indicators for major subject areas and other areas of concerns at the Secondary stage, development of a model CCE, a teacher training manual/ exemplar package in CCE, trial of the CCE package, finalization of a workable CCE package and assisting all States/UTs in implementation of the CCE package is proposed at the cost of Rs 46.10 lakh. The PAB decided that this will need a more detailed proposal and discussion with the Joint Secretary (SE).
- (vii) **Quality Monitoring Tools (QMTs) for the Secondary Stage Education:** In line with the RMSA Results Framework Document (RFD), the proposal to develop measurable quality monitoring tools for Secondary stage integrating ICT, IEDSS, Girls Hostel and Vocational Education indicators also within the RMSA also quality indicators through consultation with the resource persons at District and State level and also field testing as well as capacity building of concerned functionaries of the use of these QMTs is proposed at the cost of Rs 59.65 lakh. The timeline for this activity is proposed to be March, 2014. PAB decided that the detailed discussion with Joint Secretary (SE) would be needed before it is considered for approval.
- (viii) **Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibitions:** The proposal for organizing exhibition on Science, Maths and Environment issues in Secondary Education at the **National level** for a total of Rs 40.62 lakh and one **State level** exhibition (on Maths, Science and environment for children at the cost of Rs 34.18 lakhs) in all States/UTs which the PAB has approved.
- (ix) **ICT based Training Outreach:** A proposal for setting up ICT support structure in NCERT in all eight constituent units of the NCERT (NIE, CIET, PSSCIVE, CIVE, and all five RIEs) is proposed for a total of Rs 915.9 lakh.





It was felt that the core infrastructure of NCERT institutions cannot be considered and funded under RMSA. NCERT was advised to rework the proposal, building in funding convergence with other schemes also. In view of the budget constraint, equipping RIEs and other constituent units of NCERT with ICT facilities may not be possible to be considered under RMSA only. It was discussed that since the RIEs, NIE and PSSCIVE support the Ministry in all schemes running across Elementary and Secondary Bureau, the NCERT may, in consultation with the Bureaus, explore the possibility of implementing this proposal through the various Schemes of the Department of School Education and Literacy. The possibility of moving a Standing Finance Committee (SFC) note for strengthening of the infrastructure of the NCERT and its constituents was also discussed. However, it was informed that for any proposal below Rs 25 crores, there is no need to move for an SFC memo. The Secretary's approval, with the concurrence of the IFD will be sufficient. NCERT may accordingly take necessary action on this account.

6. A total amount of **Rs 228.09 lakhs** is approved for the above activities. Detailed costing sheet is at **Annexure-III**. The PAB also approved continuation of the activities, which were approved last year -2013-14.

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

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**Annexure-I**

**Participants of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting (the 2<sup>nd</sup> composite meeting) of Project Approval Board (PAB) to consider integrated Annual Work Plan and Budget, 2013-14 for considering NCERT's Annual Work Plan was held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 in Conference Room (Room No.112-C), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.**

**List of participants**

1. Shri R. Bhattacharya  
Secretary, SE&L, MHRD Chairperson
2. Ms. Vrinda Sarup,  
Additional Secretary, School Education, MHRD
3. Ms. Radha S. Chauhan  
Joint Secretary, Secondary Education-1, MHRD
4. Dr. C. Chandramohan  
Senior Adviser, Education, Planning Commission
5. Ms. Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh  
Director, RMSA-1, Dept. of SE&L, MHRD
6. Shri Maha Bir Prasad,  
Director, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
7. Ms. Ankita Mishra Bundela  
Deputy Secretary (RMSA.2), MHRD
8. Ms. Arun Prabha  
Deputy Secretary, Girls Hostel, Dept. of SE&L, MHRD
9. Shri Virender Singh  
Deputy Secretary, IFD
10. Shri Sushil Bhushan  
Under Secretary, Vocational Education, MHRD
11. Ms. Nagamani Rao  
Under Secretary, Girls Hostel, MHRD
12. Ms. D. S. Nagalakshmi  
Under Secretary, MHRD





**Representative of Other Organization**

13. Dr. Parveen Sinclair, Director  
NCERT
14. Dr. Rashmi Diwan  
Associate Professor,  
NUEPA
15. Dr. Kashyapi Awasthi  
Assistant Professor  
NUEPA
16. Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal,  
Director (Academic), NIOS
17. Prof. Ranjana Arora  
Associate Professor, NCERT
18. Dr. Rajaram S. Sharma,  
Joint Director, CIET, NCERT

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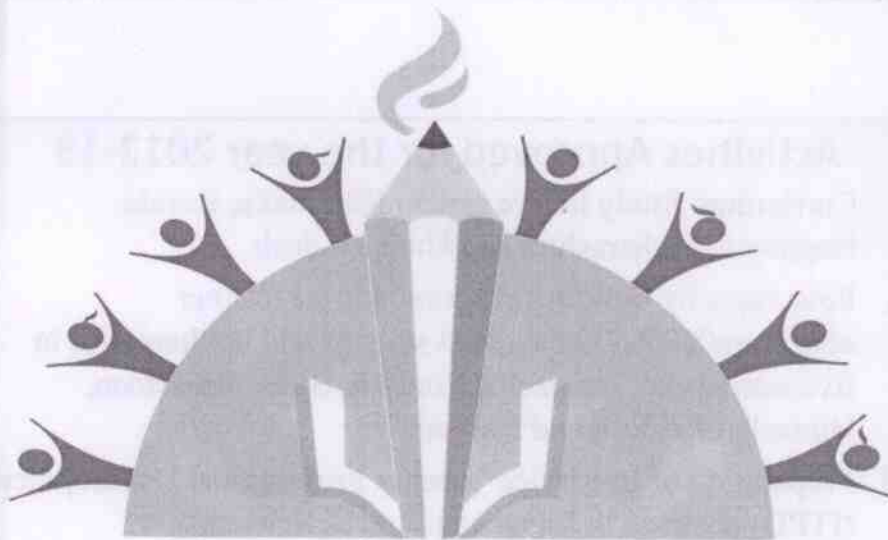
All Consultants of TSG-RMSA



## Strengthening Quality in Secondary Education

NCERT'S PROPOSALS FOR THE YEAR 2013-14 FOR  
RMSA

NCERT'S PRESENTATION  
( 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2013- P&B RMSA, MEETING)



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RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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RMSA Sr. Secondary School, Punjab



RMSA Secondary School, U.P.



RMSA Upgraded Secondary School, Punjab



RMSA upgraded secondary school, U.P.

### Activities Approved for the year 2012-13

- I. Curriculum Study in five states- Karnataka, Kerala, Nagaland, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- II. Four capacity building programmes for teacher educators/KRPs- two each in science and mathematics in five states, viz., Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana.
- III. Preparation of In-service Teacher Professional Development (ITPD) package in Languages and S. Sciences
- IV. Assessment of learning levels of students at secondary stage (class X) under RMSA (approved in 2011).
- V. Conduct of National Science, Mathematics and Environmental Exhibition
- VI. ICT based training outreach (Strengthening of PSSCIVE -with ICT facilities.)

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