

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD (PAB) IN R/O OF WEST BENGAL HELD ON 05.03.2014 AT 10.00 AM TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS UNDER THE MODEL SCHOOL SCHEME.

8th meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for the Model School Scheme was held on 05.03.2014 in the Ministry of HRD under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) to consider proposals from the State Government of West Bengal. List of participants is appended.

2. Initiating the meeting, Joint Secretary (SE.I), D/o SE&L welcomed the participants and briefed on the overall status of implementation of the scheme as also informed of the revision proposed of the scheme.

- (i) Continuation of 75:25 sharing pattern between the Centre and the States during the 12th Five Year Plan in respect of all States/UT except for Special category States and upgraded Ashram schools in all States for which the sharing pattern is 90:10 during 12th Five Year Plan.
- (ii) Adoption of State Schedule of Rates with effect from the current year (2013-14) subject to the condition that unit cost between the state schedule of rates and the CPWD (zonal) rates, whichever is lower should be adopted for the purposes of appraisal and approval of cost of construction. Adoption of SSoR to include the sanctions accorded during 2013-14. (Financial sanction for 234 schools in Andhra Pradesh and 06 schools in Tripura).
- (iii) Sanction of recurring grants including salary of teaching and non-teaching staff based on the actual expenditure made by the States/UTs for running model schools w.e.f. current financial year 2013-14.

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3.1 It was submitted by the State Govt. that Rs.41.22 cr. were released by MHRD and state has also released matching state share to the tune of Rs.13.74 cr. and also the utilization by the state govt. including state share stands at Rs.48.34 cr. The state govt. demanded recurring grants for the 17 functional schools as well as 2nd installment of 36 approved schools and 1st

installment for already approved 25 schools. It was decided that priority would be given to West Bengal for releases of non-recurring as well as recurring grants during the financial year 2014-15.

3.2 It was informed by MHRD that the state govt. has submitted proposal in respect of 8 + 1 (already approved school). Distance from block headquarter was not provided in any of the proposed school. The state govt. provided the information about distance of location of each school in the PAB meeting itself viz English Bazar (11Km), Ratua-II (6.2 Km), Bamongola (4 km), Hamirpur (1 km), Kushmondi (1 km), Islampur (0 Km), Kaliyaganj (0 km) and Goalpokhar -I (0 km). It was decided that school in block namely English Bazar (Malda) district be not approved as it is 11 Km away from Block HQ. Another school in block Bamangola is having a land parcel of 2.47 acres. It was decided if the state is able to locate 1 acre of land adjoining the school in Bamangola block within 3 days from PAB it will be approved. It was noted that as in the past, PAB has relaxed the distance norm (from Block Headquarters) of location of the schools of 5 km to 8 km in general, and 10 kms in NE states.

3.3 State govt. also requested for approval of schools in Chanchal-II block (Malda) district and Farakka (Murshidabad) district. Since school in Farakka block is 10 kms away from the Block HQ it was not approved. The state was advised to send the proposal of Chanchal-II block (Malda) immediately and the school would be approved in this Block subject to it being an EBB, school being within 5kms from BHQ and having land parcel of 5 acre and also ownership of land with govt.

(It has been confirmed by the state govt. that they would not be able to provide sufficient documents/ information in respect of these two blocks viz Bamongola & Chanchal-II and that these proposals may be considered in the next PAB meeting.)

3.4 It was also decided that sanctions would be issued in respect of these new schools at the SSOR of 2012-13.

The list of 6 approved schools is at Annexure-I

4. The meeting ended with a word of thanks to the Chair.

Appendix

List of participants of 8th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 05.03.2014 at 10.00 a.m. to consider proposals under the Model School scheme

1. Shri Rajarshi Bhattacharya
Secretary,
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Ministry of HRD, New Delhi In Chair
2. Ms. Radha S. Chauhan
Joint Secretary (SE.I),
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
3. Shri Yogendra Tripathi
Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser
Department of School Education & Literacy
Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
4. Ms. Nita Gupta
Deputy Secretary (MS)
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
5. Shri Dr. E. Prabhakar
Joint Commissioner (Pers.),
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghathan,
New Delhi
6. Shri H.C. Chawla
Consultant
Rashtriya Adarsh Vidyalaya Sangathan
New Delhi
7. Shri Jagdish Singh
Sr. Research Officer
Planning Commission
New Delhi

Govt. of West Bengal

8. Sh. Arnab Roy, IAS
Principal Secretary (School Education)
Kolkata, West Bengal
9. Shri Debashish Sarkar
Deputy SPD, RMSA
Kolkata, West Bengal

Annexure-I**List of 6 Approved Schools (WEST BENGAL)**

S.No.	Block Name	District Name
1	Ratua -II	Malda
2	Harirampur	Dakshin Dinajpur
3	Kushmondi	Dakshin Dinajpur
4	Islampur	Uttar Dinajpur
5	Kaliyaganj	Uttar Dinajpur
6	Goalpokhar-I	Uttar Dinajpur