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To

1. The Secretary, in-charge of Secondary Education of Rajasthan.
2. State Project Director, RMSA, Rajasthan.

Subject: 24th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and 4th meeting of unified Project Approval Board held on 20th May, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 for the State of **Rajasthan** in respect of RMSA, Girls Hostel, Vocational Education, ICT @ School and Inclusive Education.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of the 24th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) (4th meeting of Unified Project Approval Board) held on the 20th May, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 for the State of Rajasthan in respect of RMSA, Girls Hostel, Vocational Education, ICT @ School and Inclusive Education for information and necessary action at your end. Sanction letter follows.


Yours faithfully

(Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh)
Director (RMSA.1)

Encl: - as above.

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1. EC to Secretary (SE&L)
2. PPS to AS(SE)
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5. Sr. PPS to EA (SE&L)
6. Director (RMSA.1 & ICT)
7. Deputy Secretary (RMSA.2 & VE)
8. Deputy Secretary (GH & IE)
9. SO(IEDSS)/SO(ICT)/SO(GH)/SO(VE)
10. VC, NUEPA, New Delhi
11. Director (NCERT) New Delhi
12. Chairman, NIOS
13. Senior Advisor (Education), Planning Commission, New Delhi
14. Other members of PAB
15. All Consultants, TSG (RMSA)
16. Web Master, NIC, MHRD, for posting the PAB Minutes on the RMSA page of the Website.

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Minutes of the 24th Project Approval Board (PAB) (4th Integrated RMSA) held on 20th May, 2013 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 of the state of Rajasthan

The 24th meeting of the PAB (4th Integrated RMSA) for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 for the states of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat in respect of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), ICT@ Schools (ICT), Girls' Hostels (GH), Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS), Vocational Education (VE) was held on 20th May, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri. R. Bhattacharya, Secretary (SE&L).

2. The list of participants who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure I**.

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)

3. At the outset, the Secretary (SE&L) welcomed the participants. He then proceeded to review the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) activities and progress of the States in relation to the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Means and Merit Scholarship (NMMS) and National Scheme of Incentive for Girls (NSIGSE). He also reviewed the status of Annual Plan Provisions of the States in respect of School Education.

4. Secretary (SE&L) informed the participants that in respect of the scheme RMSA, the Cabinet has favourably considered various long pending demands of the States/UTs such as adoption of State Schedule of Rates (SoR) in civil works, enhancement of percentage of Monitoring, Management, Evaluation and Research (MMER), continuance of the 75:25 sharing pattern between Centre and States and extension of quality related interventions of the scheme to Government aided schools. He also clarified that the revised norms relating to SoR and enhanced percentage of MMER, will be applicable prospectively.

5. Ms Caralyn K Deshmukh, Director (RMSA I) then presented the status of the state in the secondary education sector. A copy of presentation is at **Annexure II**.



Areas of concern:

6. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in secondary classes at state level is 73.51 but the GER in the districts of Jaisalmer (37.79) Barmer (52.30), Jalore (53.21) is quite low. Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) at 39.48 at the state level is very low, with Jaisalmer (16.97) and Barmer (19.26) requiring special attention. The GPI (0.77) is also lower than the National Average. Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) is as high as 100:1 in Jaipur, 50:1 in Pali and on the other hand Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) as low as 8:1 in Kota and 5:1 in Jaisalmer.

7. Issues:

- The State Govt. has to revise the Audit Reports for 2009-10 and 2011-12 as per MHRD observation while had been communicated to the state.
- The State also needs to revise the Utilization Certificate (UC) for 2010-11 in respect of RMSA in the light of observations made and also to send the UC for 2011-12 for RMSA and also for Girls Hostel Scheme.
- The State has to refund Rs. 184.44 lakh unspent balance lying against releases for preparatory activities or this amount may be adjusted against the recurring releases.
- The state has not made much progress in teacher recruitment.

Special Focus Districts (SFD) and Convergence:

8. There are 186 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) spread over 33 districts. There are 6 Special Focus Districts (SFDs) out of which 2 are SC concentrated district and 4 are ST concentrated districts. Previously 622 schools in SFDs were approved under strengthening head. In the current year, out of total 216 schools proposed, 45 school fall under SFDs area/districts.

Progress under RMSA:

9. **Recurring:** The progress made by the state in respect of recurring activities is low. In the last financial year 2012-13, a total outlay of Rs. 25727.97 lakh was approved for the State under the recurring head with a central share of Rs. 19296 lakh, out of which Rs. 8703.95 lakh was released (after adjusting the unspent available funds of Rs. 2873.65 lakh.) The State Govt. had incurred expenditure of Rs. 5793 lakhs i.e., 20.98% expenditure out of the available fund. However, 100% expenditure on Minor Repair, Teacher Training and exposure visit of students was incurred. More than 95% expenditure had been incurred on School Grant & SMDC training

and 43% for study tour of students outside the state, while no expenditure had been incurred on salary of additional teachers approved in 2011-12 as no teachers were recruited.

10. **Non Recurring:** 4335 schools were approved for strengthening of these schools under civil works. The performance of the State in civil works is not very encouraging with completion of work of only 28% against the approvals of 2010-11 and work still to start with respect to the approvals of 2011-12. The State Govt. has clarified that the funds were released towards the end of 2010-11 and State has completed the tendering process in 2011-12, field staff has been recruited, and the work has now started.

11. The State govt. has requested for additional funds for the civil works approved under the fixed norms of RMSA earlier. However, it was clarified that no additional (extra) funds can be released to states in respect of old approvals and the SSoR or CPWD rates are applicable only prospectively , i.e, from this year onwards. The State needs to leverage funds from other sources to complete the civil works approvals accorded earlier.

12. Since the State Secretary was not present in the meeting, a number of issues raised could not be discussed. The Secretary (SE&L) directed that another meeting with the State would need to be held in order to clarify these issues. Subsequently, another meeting was held with the Principal Secretary at the Joint Secretary level.

Annual Work Plan and Budget of 2013-14:

13. Thereafter, the intervention-wise discussion was held and the following decisions were taken:

S. No.	Activities
Non-Recurring	
1.	Up gradation of new schools:
1.1	The State has proposed for 226 (one section) new secondary schools for upgrading in 2013-14. In view of the fact that the State Govt. has already notified opening of these schools, <u>no new schools upgradation was approved.</u>

2.	Strengthening of existing Govt. schools:
2.1	The State Government proposed for strengthening of 514 existing secondary schools - in which 355 schools were found eligible according to RMSA norms. In these 355 schools, the components eligible are 741 additional classroom, 274 science lab, 274 lab equipment, 189 computer room, 200 library & 272 art/craft/culture room, but due to the huge backlog of civil works approved previously, it has been decided by the PAB that the State may first complete civil works of earlier approvals and inform MHRD about completion of at least 50% works by the month of December 2013, after which, strengthening works appraised may be considered for approval.
2.2	The state had not proposed for new toilets blocks and drinking water – and it has committed that this component in school is being constructed through other schemes. The State is requested to inform MHRD of the compliance to ensure adequate separate toilets for girls and boys and of the steps taken to leverage other schemes' funds.
Recurring	
3.	Staff for new schools:
3.1	Since no new schools were approved, therefore no new teachers (including Head Masters), Lab Attendant, Office Assistant posts were considered.
4.	Salary for teachers sanctioned
4.1	With regard to the salary of the 8098 additional teacher approved previously, the state was asked to send documentary evidence of the teachers recruited after which funds will be released. However, a notional salary for one month will be made.
5.	School Grant:
5.1	Against the proposal of 11805 schools, the school grant for 11781 existing schools was approved restricting the grant to functional schools as per UDISE.
6.	Minor Repair:
6.1	Against the request of State for minor repair grant to 11697 schools, 11304 schools having their own building as per UDISE was considered and approved.
7.	Teachers' Training
7.1	Training of Head Masters
7.1.1	As against the proposal of 11805 Head Masters (HMs), the approval is restricted to the training of 7259 HMs, restricted as per U-DISE data.

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7.1.2	The proposal of 14 days Leadership training for selected Principals separately has not been approved because this activity is being carried out in collaboration with NUEPA as approved by the PAB for this year
7.1.3	The proposal of the state for a 10 day training for 2100 newly recruited Head Masters was approved as proposed.
7.2	In service training of existing teachers
7.2.1	A 5-day in service training/ need-based workshop for English, Maths, Science, Social Services to 8000 Teachers was approved as against the proposed 9304 teachers. The proposal for a 7 - day Yoga training for 25% of existing PETs was suggested to be included as part of In-service training. Therefore no separate funding will be given for this activity.
7.2.2	A 10 - day induction training for newly recruited 10000 teachers was approved as proposed in the AWP&B.
7.3	Training of Master Resource Persons
7.3.1	The proposal for 10 Days Module Development Workshop for teacher training was approved. A suggestion was made that the activity may be coordinated with NCERTs efforts.
7.3.2	A 5-Days training of Master Resource Persons for 396 Teachers was approved against 1000 teachers proposed by State Govt.. The State may take up the activity through NCERT.
7.3.3	The proposal for 3 days training for master trainers for HMs was not approved It was suggested to make it part of the HMs training approved above at 8.1.1.
7.3.4	The proposal for providing study material to training participants of in-service training and induction training as well as training of new HMs was not approved. This should be part of the training costs as at 8.2.1 and 8.2.2.
7.3.5	The proposal regarding Learning Level assessment of Class IX students is actually a proposal to develop question papers in core subjects rather than development of standard framework for learning indicators. The Learning Level Assessment Programme proposed is actually an exercise for developing a common question paper/ question bank for core subjects which can be done and should be done by teachers themselves. More innovative thinking and attempt to analyze students learning levels- learning needs- by developing a standard of learning achievements

	<p>and tools / indicators for this.</p> <p>Moreover assessing learning needs of the students should be a part of classroom process. Teachers should possess the competency to identify learning needs of the students. Teachers may make use of various group exercises, role -plays, quiz, extempore speeches, class interaction, etc. to assess learning needs of the students. CBSE has developed such type of manuals in core subjects, which can be used by the state. The same has been advised to states like Uttarakhand & Manipur.</p>
7.3.6	The proposal of state level workshops on different issues was not agreed to as the details have not been given.
7.3.7	The school leadership programme for training proposal for leadership programme through NCSL -NUEPA and UKEIRI which consists of- (1) Field workshop at Jaipur (2) 5 days training programme including to 40 lead trainers and facilitators (3) Conference of the Induction Programme for School Principals in Rajasthan (4) Three Day Cluster Based Capacity Building of Heads of Schools in Rajasthan - was approved for an amount of Rs. 68 lakhs.
8.0	Quality Interventions:
8.0.1	The State was advised to take up the proposed for excursion trip for students as a local initiative. Accordingly, the interventions i.e., Excursion trip to students within the state, Study tours for students outside the state; Excursion trip for Teachers within the State, Study tour for Teachers outside the state were not approved by the PAB.
8.1	Hub for EDUSAT
8.1.1	The proposal of Establishment of ROT's in one school per block; and maintenance cost for existing RoT's, content development was not approved.
8.1.2	The proposal for supply of sports equipments for 69 schools @ 2-5 schools per district was approved @ Rs 20,000 per school.
8.1.3	The proposal for training for Civil & Accounts wing, and orientation of district/state staff was not approved and it is suggested that the same may be met from MMER funds.
9.	Guidance & Counseling
9.1	The proposal for Honorarium for 5 State level coordinators and 33 Research Assistants was approved. However, actual release of funds is subject to receiving of formal confirmation from the State Govt. with respect to their positioning in place.

9.2	The proposal for strengthening of guidance and counseling curriculum was not approved. However, development of literature and display material for the cell was approved @ Rs. 50,000.
10	Equity Interventions
10.1	Girls oriented activities
10.1.1	The proposal for providing self-defense training to 372 girls was approved as proposed by State.
10.1.2	Excursion tours for the girls of Girls Hostels to outside the State was not considered for the reasons mentioned above.
10.1.3	The proposed 5- Day training for personality development and life skills, it was not approved, since the State is already organizing camps with the help of UNICEF and UNFPA.
10.2	SC/ST oriented activities
10.2.1	The proposal of attendance based incentives (dictionary, books etc) to the SC/ST girls was not approved.
10.2.2	The proposal of remedial teaching for 554 girls (20% of SC/ST girls) residing in the functional girls hostel was approved as per norms.
10.3	Educational Backward Minorities oriented activities
10.3.1	The proposal of enrolment drive at EBB HQ & in city/ municipal area for minority girls was approved.
10.3.2	The proposal of Attendance based incentives (dictionary / books) to minority girls was not approved as RMSA does not have norms for initiatives for individual incentives.
10.3.3	The proposal of Remedial Teaching for 2070 Minority girls was agreed but limited to 20% of weakest students in the minorities girls (2070) @ Rs. 500 per child.
11	Interventions for Out of school children
11.1	The proposals of enrolment drive for out of school children was not approved as guidelines for open schooling system are under process.
12.	Any other activity
12.1	The proposal of exposure visit of state / district officials was not approved. It was suggested that this may be carried out from MMER.

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12.2	The proposal of one-day legal and literacy training for Mahila Prakosht in-charge of every Government school; provision of a Helpbook & Information Guide for teachers; were not approved as no details were provided.
13	Community training:
13.1	The proposal of the State to organize training of 13712 SMDC members was agreed by PAB as per UDISE data on the condition that the convergence between the SMC and the SMDC should be brought out and state Govt. shall provide the progress report on the SMDC training programmes.
14	MMER: 3.5% of the approved outlay.

14. The cost sheet indicating the component wise proposal and approval for RMSA is at Annexure-III.

ICT @ School Scheme

15. Under ICT @ schools scheme, PAB was informed that 6600 schools have been covered, however, there is UDISE code discrepancy/ difference in respect of 3 schools .

Status of UDISE Code in respect of approved schools

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Schools Approved	UDISE Code	Remarks
1	2005-2006	100	100	
2	2007-2008	2500	2500	
2	2008-2009	2000	1997	• 3 School were duplicate in 2005-2006
3	2010-2011	2000	2000	
Total		6600	6597	3

16. The State Government requested for time to examine and sort out the discrepancy in the UDISE Code of the schools. However, if the state is not able to clarify the discrepancy, the funds released for 3 schools may have to be refunded by the state or deducted from later releases.

17. The proposal of State Government to cover 2000 new schools and 7 Smart Schools was not agreed to as the State Government is still to implement the scheme in respect of 4000 schools approved previously.

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