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

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To

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

**Subject:** 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of unified Project Approval Board held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 for the State of **Uttarakhand** 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 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) (7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Unified Project Approval Board) held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 to consider Annual Plan Proposal 2013-14 for the State of Uttarakhand 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



(Radha Krishan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl: - as above.

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1. EC to Secretary (SE&L)
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7. Deputy Secretary (RMSA.2 & VE)
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9. VC, NUEPA, New Delhi
10. Director (NCERT) New Delhi
11. Chairman, NIOS
12. Senior Advisor (Education), Planning Commission, New Delhi
13. Other members of PAB
14. All Consultants, TSG (RMSA)
15. Web Master, NIC, MHRD, for posting the PAB Minutes on the RMSA page of the Website.

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**Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Project Approval Board (PAB) (7<sup>th</sup> Integrated RMSA) held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 of the state of Uttarakhand**

The 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PAB (7<sup>th</sup> Integrated RMSA) for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 for the states of Meghalaya, Uttarakhand and Manipur 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 12<sup>th</sup> June, 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. Ms. Radha S. Chauhan, Joint Secretary (SE I) informed the participants that under RMSA, the Govt. of India has favourably considered various long pending demands of the States in respect of adoption of State Schedule of Rates (SoR) for civil work, enhancement of percentage of Management, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research (MMER), continuance of 75:25 sharing pattern between Centre and States and extension of quality related interventions of the scheme to Government aided schools. She also clarified that the norm of revision relating to applicability of SoR and enhanced MMER provisions will be applicable prospectively.

4. A presentation on the status of the state in the secondary sector including identifying areas of concerns and highlighting achievements of the State was made by Ms. Ishrat Jahan, RMSA - Technical Support Group (TSG). A copy of presentation is at **Annexure II**

**Areas of Strength:**

5. The State Govt. has submitted the Annual and Audit Accounts upto 2011-12. The state has recently made good progress in respect of construction activities in civil works with a progress of 65.5 % in earlier civil work approvals.





### **Areas of concern:**

6. GER has been shown to have fallen from 87% in 2010-11 to 75.8% in 2012-13. NER is 45.68%. The district of Dehradun with 41.78% NER requires special attention. The dropout rate at state level has gone up from 10.15% in 2010-11 to 11.48% in 2012-13. The Districts of Haridwar – with regard to GER for boys (26.94%) and Champavat with regard to GER for girls (15.67%) need special attention in relation to dropout rate.

### **Special Focus Districts (SFD) and Convergence:**

7. Out of the 13 districts in Uttarakhand, 3 districts are Special Focus Districts (SFDs - one SC + two Minority). There are 19 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) in the State. In so far as ICT interventions are concerned, there is no fresh approval for 2013-14. The details for district-wise physical and financial allocation (out of total approvals to SFDs) are at **Annexure III**.

8. With regard to the effort to map convergence of schemes at the schools level- that is – whether the school is completely covered with reference to the secondary education schemes of the MHRD (i.e. RMSA, ICT @ Schools, IEDSS, VE and GH), out of 2088 Secondary Govt. schools, all schools are covered under RMSA (in terms of coverage for School Grant and Minor Repair-) and 623 schools covered under ICT. However, information was not available regarding convergence with regard to other schemes i.e. VE, IEDSS and GH. The objective is to cover the schools completely in terms of available schemes- where a school improvement plan makes use of the available schemes at the state and the centre – to ensure the holistic development and improvement of the school- Thus a school is ensured adequate and good quality infrastructure – compatible with the pedagogical needs of the different classes and subjects, teachers, teacher training, remedial teaching , libraries, laboratories, children with special needs, special educators, ICT facilities, vocational education / options , and linkage with Girls' Hostels. In addition, scholarships to the eligible students as well as other incentives made available by the state governments as well as the various ministries of the Central Government.

### **9. Progress under RMSA:**

9.1 **Non Recurring:** 228 new schools had been approved in the previous years for up-gradation from Upper Primary to Secondary schools under RMSA and 1108 schools were

approved for strengthening of these schools under civil works. The performance of the State in civil works with completion of 67.4 % of earlier approvals is encouraging.

**9.2 Recurring:** A total of 1530 teachers (including HM) were approved in 228 schools since 2009-9, against which State has recruited 497 teachers i.e. 32.4% out of total approval. The State has utilised 100% school grant and 98% Minor repair grant. As far as teachers' training is concerned, State has trained only 40% teachers of the total approved teachers to be trained since 2009-10, which is a matter of concern.


9.3 In the last financial year, a total outlay of Rs.10655.44 lakh was approved for the State under the recurring head with a central share of Rs.7991.58 lakh, out of which Rs. 5030.79 lakh was released. Progress of 49.9% of has been shown with an expenditure of Rs 4850.424 lakh.

#### 10. Issues:

- Unspent balance of preparatory fund to the tune of Rs. 29.67 lakh need to be refunded/adjusted against the recurring release.
- The initial slow progress of civil works was discussed, which the Uttarakhand Education Secretary attributed to the fixed norms under RMSA. State has put in additional amount of Rs. 50 crores as additional State share and are likely to complete sanctioned works by the end of this financial year.
- The slow progress in respect of teacher training is a matter of concern in the State. The correctness of data was also discussed in that enrolment was shown as 0 in 26 schools out of 2088 schools in the UDISE. The State Government informed that there is some correction that needs to be made in UDISE. The State Govt. was requested to cleanse the UDISE data so that accurate status is reflected. State Govt. committed to this by July 2013.

#### Annual Work Plan and Budget of 2013-14:

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





Sl. No.	<u>Activities</u>
	<b><u>NON RECURRING</u></b>
1.	<p><b>Up gradation of new schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of the state's proposal for 63 schools for Hill area and 16 schools for Plain areas, PAB approved 37 one section schools (31 Hills area+6 Plain area) and 6 two section schools in Plain area (a total of 43 schools). 36 schools are not approved due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i). 1 school is not eligible since it is an already an existing secondary school having highest class as class X( according to UDISE,) (JHS Kama Kanalgaon, District Almora.)</li> <li>ii). 3 schools i.e. JHS Chaurkalet, Almora, JHS Odyura, Almora and UPS Lakhnauta, Haridwar, are situated within a distance of 5km of an existing secondary school.</li> <li>iii). 25 schools are not eligible due to low enrolment and 4 schools do not have sufficient land for construction.</li> <li>iv) And estimates of 3 schools have not been furnished by the State.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Civil works of new schools</b></p> <p>Out of the total proposed 257 schools for strengthening in the existing schools , 33 has been approved by PAB. 27 Schools have already been covered in the previous year, 20 Schools do not have buildings &amp; 15 schools are not having the land for expansion as per the UDISE data-base. The State has submitted the costing and estimates for only 33 (28 hills+5 plains) Schools with school wise need assessment.</p>
3	<p><b>Major Repair</b></p> <p>Major repair for Govt school was not approved as costing details were not provided by the State.</p>
	<b><u>RECURRING</u></b>
1	<b>Staff for new school (2013-14)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Govt. has proposed for the salary of Head Masters (79) and Subject Teachers (395) Lab attendants (79) and Office Assistant (79) (Multitask Support Staff). 1 month salary in respect of 43 HMs, 215 subject Teachers, 43 Lab Attendants and 43 Office Assistants was approved . However, actual release of funds in respect of other staff is subject to receiving of formal confirmation from the State Govt. with respect to their recruitment and actual positioning with supporting documents.</li> </ul>

2.	<b>Staff for new schools sanctioned in previous years (2009-2013)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposal of the State Govt. for the salary of the previously approved post of Head Masters (228) and Subject Teachers (1302) Lab attendants (228) and Office Assistant (228) (Multitask Support Staff) was approved. Salary in respect of 97 HMs, 394 subject Teachers, 72 Lab Attendants and 72 Office Assistants who are in position was approved for 12 months and 1 month for the balance staff.. However, actual release of funds in respect of balance (yet to be recruited staff) staff is subject to receiving of formal confirmation from the State Govt. with respect to their recruitment and actual positioning with supporting documents.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Additional staff for existing schools sanctioned till 2012-13</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAB approved 12 months' salary in respect of 1471 Lab Attendants who are in position and 1 month salary for balance 292 lab attendant was approved. However, release of salary in respect of balance 292 lab attendant will be subject to receiving of formal confirmation from the State Govt. with respect to recruitment and actual positioning with supporting documents.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>School Grant:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Against the request of the State for school grant to 2081 schools, School Grant was approved for 2062 schools, as per UDISE data.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Minor Repair:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Against the request of the State for minor repair grant to 1842 schools, Minor repair grant was approved for 1757 schools, as per UDISE data.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Teacher Training:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposals of training for 364 Head Master was approved as proposed by the State. However, this activity needs to be routed through NUEPA.</li> <li>In service training for 12924 existing teachers was approved as per UDISE data against the proposal of 12962 teachers .</li> <li>The proposal of training for 380 new teachers was not approved, since they are not in position yet.</li> <li>The proposal for training of 104 KRPs was approved as proposed by the State.</li> <li>Against the request of the State for training of 712 Master Resource Persons, 342 MRPs was approved @ 6 Master Trainers/Training venue for 57 training venues as per RMSA norm for 5 days subject to be done through NCERT.</li> <li>The proposal of the State for training for Lab Attendants/ Office Attendant was not</li> </ol>





	<p>approved as it is out of the purview of RMSA norms.</p> <p>G. Against the request of the State for training for 2030 HM Orientation, training for 1033 HM Orientation was approved, restricted as per UDISE data.</p>
7.	<p><b>Quality Interventions:</b></p> <p>A. The PAB has, in general , taken a view that in the light of the primary focus being on providing access and limited fund being available for quality interventions (which includes committed components such as teacher's salary, training and related interventions), there is a need to prioritize. In the context, local excursions/tours especially in States where it has been provided in previous years successively may not be considered a priority intervention. The States may be advised to take it up as a local initiative.</p> <p>B. 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.</p> <p>C. Conduct of Science Exhibition at district level was approved for 13 districts @ Rs 1 lakh/district as proposed by the State.</p> <p>D. The proposal of the State for organizing book fairs in 13 districts was approved. The State was suggested to organize the book fairs in association with National Book Trust and may also look at holding a joint book fair with SSA.</p> <p>E. The proposal of the State for providing special teaching for learning enhancement was approved as proposed by the State Government.</p> <p>F. The proposal to provide teachers diary &amp; guide book was not approved as details were not provided.</p> <p>G. Sports equipment (per block one school) in 95 schools was approved as proposed.</p>
8.	<p><b>Guidance and Counselling:</b></p> <p>A. The salary for 5 Coordinators was approved for 7 months and 1 RA for 12 months and the rest of 12 RAs for 7 months as the State has committed that coordinators will be appointed by September'13.</p> <p>B. As regards the proposal for sensitization of 121 Principals, the approval is restricted to 52 Government schools Head Masters/Principals as per RMSA norm i.e. " <i>Sensitisation programmes (2 days) for Principals (35-40) by State Bureaus @ Rs.40,000/- per programme per state for 35 States plus contingency</i>" ( RMSA framework-Page No. 36 , Para 5.10.7).</p> <p>C. The proposal for purchase of literature and display material was not approved as the</p>

	strengthening for Guidance & Counselling cell had been approved in 2011-12.
9.	<b>Equity Interventions:</b>
9.1	<b>Girls oriented activities:</b>
	<p>A. The proposal for girls oriented activities with Education Girls Globally was not approved as training of Master trainers are covered under SMDC training. Travel &amp; communication, Surveys and programme monitoring and evaluation, report writing etc. Apart, there are no details regarding life skill programme</p> <p>B. The proposal of the state for Self Defence &amp; Yoga for girls in 119 schools was approved @ Rs. 8000 per schools per trainer.</p> <p>C. The proposal of the state for transportation facility was not approved as there is no norm, under RMSA for transportation program.</p>
9.2	<b>SC/ST oriented activities</b>
	<p>A. The proposal of the state for special teaching for learning enhancement for class X was approved as proposed @ Rs 500/Student.</p> <p>B. The proposal of the state for promotion of Art &amp; Craft was approved as proposed.</p>
	<b>Open School System</b>
	Opening of New District Centres; Per Child expenditure as per SOS framework and State Level Activities (Identification SIM, training programme & MMER) was not approved as guideline has not yet been finalized .
10	<b>Community Training</b>
	The proposal of training of 41640 SMDC members for 2 days @300 per day, was restricted to 34620 SMDC members, after excluding the schools with common SMCs/SMDCs and hence already covered under SSA.
11.	<b>MMER:</b> 4.5% of the approved outlay

12. The cost sheet indicating the component wise proposal and approval for RMSA is at **Annexure-IV.**

### ICT @ School Scheme

13 PAB was informed that so far 625 schools were covered under ICT@ Schools scheme The year wise status of approvals under the scheme with receipt of UDISE code is as under.





**Status of UDISE Code in respect of approved schools**

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Schools Approved	UDISE Code
1	2005-2006	25	25
2	2007-2008	100	100
4	2010-2011	500	500
<b>Smart Schools</b>			
<b>Total</b>		<b>625</b>	<b>625</b>

**Proposal for 2013-14**

14. The State proposed for ICT @ schools coverage 548 normal and 4 smart schools through BOOT model of implementation.

15. In view of the fact that the state is still to implement 600 schools approved earlier and due to limited availability of funds under ICT scheme, no fresh proposal was considered for approval.

16. It was also decided that further release of committed liability/ expenditure in respect of schools already covered will be subject to cleansing/ clarifying the details of the schools (name, location, Govt. or Govt aided, Secondary/ Higher Secondary/ Middle Schools etc) along with providing the U DISE code for schools approved earlier apart from providing other documents such as Utilisation Certificate, Progress Report etc.

**Vocational Education**

17. As part of Integrated Annual Work Plan and Budget submitted by the Government of Uttarakhand, proposal for introduction of vocational education in 29 schools from the academic year 2014-15 was considered by the PAB.

18. After detailed discussions, in view of the fact that vocational education as per National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF) is being implemented by the State for first time ,the State decided to reduce the number of schools and also sectors to be covered in the first phase. The current academic year which has started in April shall be utilized for making preparatory works pertaining to procurement of tools and equipments, sensitization of parents and mobilization of students and general orientation of all towards NVEQF

