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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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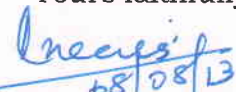
The Secretary (Education)
Government of West Bengal,
Secondary Education (RMSA),
Kolkata-700091

Subject: 29th Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB (9th composite meeting) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) held on 26th June, 2013 to consider Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 of State of West Bengal.

Sir,

I am to forward herewith minutes of the 29th meeting of PAB for RMSA held on 26th June, 2013 to consider Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 of State of West Bengal for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,



(Ankita Mishra Bundela)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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Encl: As above

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
07th August, 2013

Subject: Minutes of the 29th Project Approval Board Meeting (the 9th composite PAB) held on 26th June, 2013, for approval of the Annual Work Plan & Budget for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), West Bengal.

The 29th meeting of the Project Approval Board for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2013-14 for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), ICT, Girls' Hostels, Vocational Education and IEDSS for the West Bengal was held on 29th June, 2013, under the Chairpersonship of Shri R. Bhattacharya, Secretary (SE&L). List of the participants who attended the meeting is placed at **Annexure-I**.

2. At the outset, the Secretary (SE&L) welcomed all the participants. JS (SE-1) briefed that the State has submitted its Annual Work Plan & Budget to the Ministry, however, due to the on going process of taking over of the non-government aided schools and resultant discrepancies in UDISE data, the Annual Work Plan & Budget could not be appraised.

3. Shri Arnab Roy, Secretary (Education), Government of West Bengal informed the PAB that the State of West Bengal has not been able to avail benefits of RMSA since 2009-10 because a number of provisions of RMSA do not cover government aided schools and out of 8000 secondary schools in the State, large number of schools are government aided schools and only 103 schools are "government" and "government sponsored" schools. Now a decision has been taken by the Government of West Bengal on 22.02.2013 for

conversion of willing “non government aided secondary schools” to “government sponsored schools”. Accordingly, a Gazette Notification No. 491-SL/5S-264/12 dated 20.03.2013 was issued by the Government of West Bengal and was widely circulated for inviting options from willing schools for conversion from “non government aided secondary schools” to “government sponsored schools”. Upon receiving of the willingness from different school authorities “in writing” for conversion of the status from non government aided to government sponsored schools, the State has drawn a comprehensive list of 6633 schools. He further informed that authorities of some non government aided schools have filed writ petition(s) in the Hon’ble Calcutta High Court against parts of the said Notification, the same is pending without any interim order effecting conversion. Secretary (Education), West Bengal added that the Gazette Notification regarding conversion of these schools to government sponsored status will be issued after completion of the forthcoming Panchayati Election of the State in July, 2013 and the data of the State reflected in UDISE will also be suitably amended.

4. Secretary (SE&L) sought a clarification from the State Government regarding the difference between a “Government school”, “Non-Government aided school” and “Government sponsored schools”, since such a categorization is typical to West Bengal and does not exist in other States. He stated that absolute clarity regarding ownership of land; building/infrastructure; recruitment, appointment, management of teachers; payment of their salary and pension; composition and appointment of management committees of schools etc. is required, in order to examine whether the “Government sponsored schools” can qualify for sanction of interventions under RMSA meant for “Government schools”. As regards taking decisions under the programme, the PAB has to operate within the remit defined under the RMSA scheme, and there cannot be any slip on the criterion laid down.

5. After completing the necessary procedural formalities for conversion of the non-Government aided schools, the State was advised by PAB to update the UDISE and revert back with the Annual Work Plan and Budget clearly prioritizing the schools and interventions to be considered for implementation in the current financial year under RMSA. It was decided that the other schemes viz. ICT, IEDSS, Girls' Hostels and Vocational Education will be appraised and evaluated jointly with RMSA after issue of the Notification and correction of UDISE data by the State as their appraisal is also based on UDISE data.

6. It was brought the notice of PAB that a NVEQF pilot for introduction of vocational education across 93 schools under the scheme of Vocationalization of Higher Secondary Education was approved for the State of West Bengal in **2011-12** and funds were also released. However, in spite of constant persuasion and handholding, the pilot project has yet to be implemented in the State. PAB requested Secretary (Education), West Bengal to personally look into the issue and expedite implementation of the scheme in the current academic year.

7. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

Participants of the 29th Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) to consider Integrated Annual Work Plan & Budget, 2013-14 or RMSA, ICT, GH, VE and IEDSS scheme to be held on 26th June, 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, Elementary Education, MHRD
3. Shri Yogendra Tripathi
JS & FA, MHRD
4. Dr. Nagesh Singh
Economic Adviser, Dept. of SE&L, MHRD
5. Ms. Pratibha Singh
NIC, MHRD
6. Ms. Ankita Mishra Bundela
Deputy Secretary (RMSA.2), MHRD
7. Ms. Arun Prabha
Deputy Secretary, Girls Hostel, Dept. of SE&L, MHRD
8. Shri Sanjay Gupta
Under Secretary (RMSA.2 & CDN), MHRD
9. Shri Sushil Bhushan
Under Secretary, Vocational Education, MHRD
10. Ms. Nagamani Rao
Under Secretary, Girls Hostel, MHRD
11. Ms. D. S. Nagalakshmi
Under Secretary, MHRD

12. Ms. Sunanda Sharma
Section Officer (IFD)
13. Ms. Gurvinder Kaur
Section Officer (IEDSS), MHRD
14. Mr. J.S. Asthana
Section Officer (Sch.5) MHRD.

West Bengal

15. Shri Arnab Roy
Secretary, Education
16. Ms. Choten D. Lama
State Project Director, RMSA
17. Shri Debasis Sarkar,
Dy. SPD, RMSA

Other Organization

18. Dr. C. Chandramohan
Sr. Adviser, Planning Commission
19. Prof. Ranjana Arora
Associate Professor, NCERT, New Delhi
20. Mr. Sukhvinder
ESD, NCERT
21. Prof. Sridhar Srivastava
Head, ESD-NCERT

TSG-RMSA

22. All Consultants of TSG-RMSA