

Minutes of the meeting of the 4th Central-Grant-in-Aid Committee for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) and Scheme for Infrastructure Development Private Aided/Unaided Minority Institutes (Elementary Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools) (IDMI) for the year 2012-13 held on 21.01.2013 at 6:30 pm

The fourth meeting of the Central Grant-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for considering proposals under the Scheme for Infrastructure Development Private Aided/Unaided Minority Institutes (Elementary Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools) (IDMI) was held on 21.1.2013 at 6.30 p.m. under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, School Education & Literacy. A list of participants is attached at **Annexure-1**. Shri Virender Singh, Deputy Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy welcomed the participants and presented the agenda for discussion and consideration of the Central GIAC.

Agenda-1: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 26.09.2012.

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 26.09.2012 as no objection was received.

Agenda-2: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the meeting held on 26.09.2012.

Action taken report was noted by the Committee.

Agenda-3: The fund position and expenditure under SPQEM

The Committee was informed that revised budget provision under SPQEM for the year 2012-13 is Rs. 19500.00 lakh with re-appropriation of Rs 2000.00 lakh from IDMI. The committee noted that an amount of Rs. 14140.85 lakh has been released under the scheme and balance of Rs. 5359.15 lakh is available for disbursement as detailed below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Component	Balance available
States	3758.56
UTs	50.00
NER	1550.59
General	00
TOTAL	5359.15

Agenda 4: Decision in respect of renewal proposals from Uttar Pradesh and pending proposals from Bihar and Chhattisgarh

(I) Uttar Pradesh (UP):

The Central GIAC examined the renewal grant proposals of State Government of UP. The Committee noted that the State has submitted Utilization Certificate only in respect of the teachers honorarium against the grant released for Madrasa lots 1891, 1446 and 849. Secretary, Department of Minority Welfare, Government of UP informed that the teachers honorarium component of the grant released to the above mentioned

Madrasa lots have been utilized. She requested to approve and release the due renewal grant to these madrasas. The Committee, after examining the Madrasa lot-wise utilization certificate provided by the State Government and the clarification given by the representative of the State Government, approved 50 percent (as first installment) of teacher's honorarium as renewal grant for the year 2012-13 only, considering the funds position for the years 2012-13 under the scheme. Approvals were accorded only for the Madrasas and components against which utilization certificate has been submitted by the State Government as detailed below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Madrasa lots</i>	<i>Amount of funds released previously</i>	<i>Teacher's Honorarium component</i>	<i>Utilization (submitted for teachers honorarium component only)</i>	<i>Approval (50 % of the teachers honorarium)</i>	<i>After adjusting for unspent balance</i>
1	1891	5182.65	3758.40	3663.33	1831.66	1370.60
2	1446	2958.14	2861.64	2618.28	1309.14	969.28
3	849	2331.30	1705.68	1717.91	852.84	845.84
Total	4186	10472.09	8325.72	7999.52	3993.64	3185.72

The State Government has submitted utilization certificate for 7999.52 lakh against the total funds of Rs. 10472.09 lakh released for the Madrasas referred in the table above. Utilization of Rs 1663.75 lakh becomes after March 2013; therefore, the Utilization for Rs. 808.82 lakh is still pending with the State Government of UP till date. After adjusting the unspent balance, the total amount that can be released is Rs 3185.72 lakh.

(II) Bihar

The Committee was informed of that the approved amount of Rs 4303.87 lakh in respect of 1127 Madrasas from Govt. of Bihar could not be released for want of necessary clarification from the State Government regarding budget provision for this amount under the state budget for the year 2012-13. The Committee also discussed this matter with the representative of the State Government. The committee noted that these proposals which pertains to the year 2009-10 were sent to the Ministry long back and it is possible that many changes might have happened in the intervening period. After detailed discussion the Committee advised the Ministry to take up the matter once again with the State Government and seek necessary clarification so that these proposals can be considered for the year 2013-14.

(III) Chhattisgarh

The Committee examined the revised proposal received from Chhattisgarh for grant of honorarium in respect of 106 teachers from the lot of 234 Masrasas which were

inadvertently not included in the minutes of the 3rd central GIAC. The Committee approved net difference of Rs 109.44 lakh for the proposed 106 teachers.

Agenda-5: Fresh Proposals

The Committee examined all the fresh proposals received from State Govt. of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. Details of the State wise approvals by central GIAC are given below:-

(I) ASSAM

The Committee was informed that the Hon'ble Guwahati High Court had stayed releases made by the Central Government in respect of 486 Madrasas. The Committee was also informed about two fresh proposals received from State Government of Assam and these are different from the Madrasas for which Hon'ble High Court has stayed releases. The Committee therefore approved proposal for the year 2012-13 as shown in the table below. The Committee also advised the Ministry invite more proposals from the North Eastern States (NER) as there is large amount of funds unutilized under NER component have not been fully utilized under the scheme.

124 Madrasas for the Year 2012-13

The Committee approved Rs 292.02 lakh 372 Graduate teachers, teachers training and science kits/Math. kits in 124 Madrasas as detailed below:

		<i>(Rs. in Lakh)</i>
S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount
1.	Salary for 372 Graduate teachers@ Rs. 6,000 per month for 12 month	267.84
2.	For Science and Maths kits @ Rs. 15000 for 124 Madrasa [one time]	18.60
3.	For training of 372 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	5.58
	Total:	292.02

15 Madrasas for the Year 2012-13

The Committee approved the proposal for 45 Graduate teachers, teachers training and science kits/Math kits, establishment of Science/Computer Lab and TLM in 15 Madrasas as detailed below:

		<i>(Rs. in Lakh)</i>
S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount
1.	Salary for 45 Graduate teachers@ Rs. 6,000 per month for 12 month	32.40
2.	For training of 45 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	0.68
3.	For Science and Maths kits, Computer lab and TLM @ Rs. 1,65,000/- (Rs.15,000/-, 100,000 & Td. 50,000/- respectively per Madrasas) for 15 Madrasa [one time]	24.75
	Total:	57.83

(II) CHATTISGARH

19 Madrasas for the Year 2012-13

The Committee approved the proposal for 23 Graduate teachers, 10 Post Graduate teachers, TLM, teachers training, science kits/Math kits and establishment of Science/Computer Lab./Workshops in 19 Madrasas. The committee however, did not approved the proposal for teacher honorarium of 9 intermediate teachers as the intermediate teachers are not eligible for grant under the scheme from 2012-13. The committee approved the following:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 23 Graduate teachers @ Rs. 6,000 per month for 12 month	16.56	8.28
2.	Salary for 10 Post Graduate teachers @ Rs. 8,000 per month for 12 month	9.60	4.8
3.	Library books Rs. 50,000 per Madrasa for 19 Madrasa [one time]	9.50	4.75
4.	For Science and Maths kits @ Rs. 15000 for 19 Madrasa [one time]	2.85	1.43
5.	For training of 42 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	0.63	0.31
	Total:	39.14	19.57

(III) KERALA

1462 Madrasas for the Year 2013-14

The Secretary Education Department , Kerala requested the GIAC to consider all the proposals under the SPQEM for the year 2012-13. The Committee approved the proposal for 1865 Graduate teachers, 2393 Post Graduate with B.Ed. teachers, teachers training, science kits/Math kits and establishment of Science/Computer Lab./Workshops in 1462 Madrasas. In view of the shortage of funds the Committee approved 50 percent of the proposed amount as first installment for the year 2013-14 as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary / Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 1865 Graduate teachers@ 6,000 per month for 12 month	1342.80	671.40
2.	Salary for 2393 post graduate teachers with B.Ed @ Rs. 12,000 per month for 12 month	3445.92	1722.96
3.	For training of 4258 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	63.87	31.93
4.	For Science and Maths kits @ Rs. 15000 Per Madrasa [one time] for 1462 Madrasas	219.30	109.65
5.	For Science, Computer lab, Workshops @ Rs. 1,00,000 for Per Madrasa [one time] for 1295 Madrasas	1295.00	657.50
6.	For Teaching learning material @ Rs. 50,000 for Per Madrasa [one time] for 1462 Madrasas	731.00	365.5
	Total:	7097.89	3558.94

(IV) **MADHYA PRADESH**

253 Madrasas for the Year 2012-13

The Committee approved the proposal for 527 Graduate teachers, TLM, science kits/Math. kits and establishment of Science/Computer Lab. / Workshops in 253 Madrasas. The committee however, did not approved the proposal for teacher honorarium of 125 intermediate teachers as the intermediate teachers are not eligible for grant under the scheme from 2012-13. The committee approved the following:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 527 graduate teachers @ Rs. 6,000 per month for 12 month	379.44	189.72
2.	For Science and Maths kits @ Rs. 15000 Per Madrasa [one time] for 253 Madrasas	37.95	18.97
3.	For Science, Computer lab, Workshops @ Rs. 1,00,000 for Per Madrasa [one time] for 76 Madrasas	76.00	38.00
4.	For Teaching learning material @ Rs. 50,000 for Per Madrasa [one time] for 253 Madrasas	126.50	63.25
	TOTAL	619.89	309.94

(V) **MAHARASHTRA**

35 Madrasas for the Year 2012-13

The Committee approved the proposal for 59 Graduate teachers, 45 Post Graduate with B.Ed. teachers, TLM, science kits/Math. kits, establishment of Science / Computer Lab./Workshops and Teacher Training in 35 Madrasas, as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 59 graduate teachers @ Rs. 6,000 per month for 12 month	42.48	21.24
2.	Salary for 45 Post graduate with B.Ed. teachers @Rs.12,000 per month for 12 month	64.80	32.40
3.	For equipments, Training/learning materials – computer Lab., Science and Maths kits	12.10	6.05
4.	For Teaching learning material @ Rs. 50,000 for Per Madrasa [one time] for 35 Madrasas	17.50	8.75
5.	For training of 124 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	1.86	0.93
	TOTAL	138.74	69.37

43 Madrasas for the Year 2013-14

The Committee approved the proposal for 72 Graduate teachers, 52 Post Graduate with B.Ed. teachers, TLM, science kits/Math. kits, establishment of Science/Computer Lab./Workshops and Teacher Training in 43 Madrasas, as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 72 graduate teachers @ Rs. 6,000 per month for 12 month	51.84	25.92
2.	Salary for 72 Post graduate with B.Ed. teachers @Rs.12,000 per month for 12 month	74.88	37.44

S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
3.	For equipments, Training/learning materials – computer Lab., Science and Maths kits	18.42	9.21
4.	For Teaching learning material @ Rs. 50,000 for Per Madrasa [one time] for 43 Madrasas	21.49	10.74
5.	For training of 124 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	1.86	0.93
	TOTAL	168.49	84.24

(VI) UTTARAKHAND

32 Madrasas for the Year 2012-13

The Committee approved the proposal for 34 Graduate teachers, 56 Post Graduate teachers, teachers training, Library Books, science kits/Math. kits and establishment of Science/Computer Lab./Workshops in 32 Madrasas. Teachers' honorarium has been reworked as per the scheme guidelines and detail of approval is given below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 3 Graduate teachers@ 6,000 per month for 5 month	0.90	0.45
2.	Salary for 3 Graduate(trained) teachers@ 6,000 per month for 5 month	0.90	0.45
3.	Salary for 1 Post Graduate(trained) teacher @ 10,000 per month for 5 month	0.50	0.25
4.	Salary for 2 Post Graduate(trained) teachers@ 10,000 per month for 5 month	1.20	0.60
5.	Salary for 1 Graduate teacher (trained)@ 6,000 per month for 6 month	0.36	0.18
6.	Salary for 1 Graduate teacher (trained) @ 10,000 per month for 11 month	1.10	0.55
7.	Salary for 20 Graduate teachers@ 6,000 per month for 12 month	14.40	07.20
8.	Salary for 6 Graduate teachers(trained)@ 6,000 per month for 12 month	4.32	2.16
9.	Salary for 14 Post Graduate teachers@ 6,000 per month for 12 month	10.08	5.04
10.	Salary for 39 Post Graduate teachers with B.Ed.@ 12,000 per month for 12 month	56.16	28.08
11..	For training of 66 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	0.99	0.49
12..	Library books Rs. 50,000 per Madrasa for 29 Madrasa [one time]	14.50	7.25
13..	For Science and Maths kits @ Rs. 15000 for 22 Madrasa [one time]	3.30	1.65
14.	For Science/ Computer lab, Workshops @ Rs. 1,00,000 for 3 Madrasa [one time]	3.00	1.50
	Total :	111.71	55.85

3 Madrasas for the Year 2012-13

The Committee approved the proposal for 4 Graduate teachers, 2 Post Graduate teachers and 3 Post Graduate with B.Ed teachers training, Library Books, and science kits/Math kits in 3 Madrasas, as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 4 Graduate teachers (trained) @ 6,000 per month for 12 months	2.88	1.44
2.	Salary for 2 Post Graduate teachers@ 6,000 per month for 12 months	1.44	0.72
3.	Salary for 3 Post Graduate teachers with B.Ed.@ 12,000 per month for 12 month	4.32	2.16
4.	For training of 6 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	0.09	0.04
5.	Library books Rs. 50,000 per Madrasa for 3 Madrasa [one time]	1.50	0.75
6.	For Science and Maths kits @ Rs. 15000 for Madrasa [one time]	0.45	0.23
	Total:	10.68	5.34

(VII) RAJASHTHAN

209 Madrasas for the Year 2013-14

The Committee approved the proposal for 565 Graduate teachers, 60 Post Graduate teachers, teachers training, Library Books, science kits/Math. kits establishment of Science/Computer Lab./Workshops in 209 Madrasas as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary/Other component	Amount	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 565 Graduate teachers@ 6,000 per month for 12 month	406.80	203.40
2.	Salary for 60 post graduate teachers @ Rs. 12,000 per month for 12 month	86.40	43.20
3.	Teacher training for 625 teachers for 15 days @ Rs. 100 per teacher [one time]	9.38	4.69
4.	Library books Rs. 50,000 per Madrasa for 189 Madrasa [one time]	94.50	47.25
5.	For Science and Maths kits @ Rs. 15000 for 189 Madrasa [one time]	28.35	24.17
6.	For Science, Computer lab, Workshops @ Rs. 1,00,000 for 20 Madrasa [one time]	20.00	10.00
7.	Annual Grant for State Madarasa Board @ Rs.5,00,000	5.00	2.50
	Total:	650.43	335.21

(VIII) UTTAR PRADESH (2013-14)

Three proposals from Government of Uttar Pradesh duly recommended by State Grant in Aid Committee were examined and it was observed that these included some madrasas which were previously covered under the scheme. Accordingly, these madrasas were deleted from the proposal. Further, the teachers with intermediate qualification would not be eligible for grant under the scheme from 2013-13. Therefore the same has also not been approved. The Committee approved the proposal for 27 madrasas out of the lot of 48 Madrasas, 231 Madrasas out of the lot of 399 madrasas and 201 madrasas out of the lot of 294 Madrasas for the year 2013-14 as detailed below:

27 Madarsas (out of 48 Madrasas)

The Committee approved the proposal for 52 Graduate teachers, 9 Post Graduate teachers B.Ed, one time grant for Library Books, Science and Computer lab and science kits/Math kits as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Salary/other components	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 52 Graduate/Post Graduate teachers @ 6000/- P.M. for 12 months	37.44	18.72
2.	Salary for 9 Graduate/Post Graduate teachers with B.Ed. @ 12000/- P.M. for 12 months	12.96	6.48
3.	Library Books Rs. 50,000/- per Madarsa for 27 Madarsas (One Time)	13.50	6.75
4.	For Science and Maths Kits @15,000/- for 27 Madarsas	04.45	2.22
5.	For Science, Computer lab, Workshops@1,00,000/-for 9 Madarsas (one Time)	09.00	4.50
6.	For training of 69 teachers for 15 days@100/- per teacher (One Time)	01.03	0.52
	Total	78.38	39.19

231 Madrasas (out of 399 Madrasas)

The Committee approved the proposal for 521 Graduate teachers, 49 Post Graduate teachers B.Ed, one time grant for training, Library Books, Science and Computer lab and science kits/Math kits as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Salary/other components	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 521 Graduate/Post Graduate teachers @ 6000/- P.M. for 12 months	375.12	187.56
2.	Salary for 49 Graduate/Post Graduate teachers with B.Ed. @ 12000/- P.M. for 12 months	70.56	35.28
3.	Library Books Rs. 50,000/- per Madarsa for 228 Madarsas (One Time)	114.00	57.00
4.	For Science and Maths Kits @15,000/- for 228 Madarsas	34.20	17.10
5.	For Science, Computer lab, Workshops@1,00,000/-for 67 Madarsas (one Time)	67.00	33.50
6.	For training of 570 teachers for 15 days@100/- per teacher (One Time)	08.55	04.27
Total		669.43	334.71

201 Madarsas (out of 294 Madrasas)

The Committee approved the proposal for 521 Graduate teachers, 49 Post Graduate teachers B.Ed, one time grant for training, Library Books, Science and Computer lab and science kits/Math kits as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Salary/other components	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	First installment (50 percent)
1.	Salary for 434 Graduate/Post Graduate teachers @ 6000/- P.M. for 12 months	312.48	156.24
2.	Salary for 69 Graduate/Post Graduate teachers with B.Ed. @ 12000/- P.M. for 12 months	99.36	49.68
3.	Library Books Rs. 50,000/- per Madarsa for 210 Madarsas (One Time)	105.00	52.50
4.	For Science and Maths Kits @15,000/- for 210 Madarsas	31.50	15.75
5.	For Science, Computer lab, Workshops@1,00,000/-for 31 Madarsas (one Time)	31.00	15.50
6.	For training of 503 teachers for 15 days@100/- per teacher (One Time)	07.54	3.77
Total		586.88	293.44

Agenda-6: The fund position and expenditure under IDMI

The Committee noted that the revised budget provision under IDMI for the year 2012-13 is Rs. 2839.00 lakh out of which an amount of Rs. 2106.22 lakh has been released and balance of Rs. 732.78 lakh is available for disbursement as detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Component	Budget provision	Amount released	Balance available
States	2337.00	1645.92	691.08
UTs	1.00	0	1.00
NER	500.00	460.30	39.70
General	1.00	0	1.00
TOTAL:	2839.00	2106.22	732.78

Approval of proposals:

(I) UTTAR PRADESH

The Central GIAC examined all 50 proposals received from Uttar Pradesh under the scheme. Secretary, Minority Welfare, U.P. informed that the institutes proposed for grant cater to the educational needs of the minorities and these proposals have been sent to MHRD after detailed examination by the State Govt. and the State level GIAC. She requested to consider all the proposals. The Committee however found only 7 proposals eligible for grant which the Committee approved as detailed below:

Rs. in lakh

Sl. No	Name of the Voluntary Organisation	Infrastructure approved	Amount Proposed by State	75% of the proposed amount (restricted to a max. of Rs. 50.00 lakh)	50% amount to be released as 1st installment
1	Maulana Azad Educational Society, Sakhawatganj, Quadirabad, Dist.- Sidharthnagar, U.P. Mauland Azad Inter College. Sakhawatganj, Quadirabad, Dist.- Sidharthnagar, U.P.	Separate Girls Block	65.34	49.01	24.50
2	Abdul Hakeem Agricultural School Tappa, Ujair dist. Basti, U.P.	Class room 6, Computer Lab 1, Library 1, Toilet Girls 4, Boys 2	70.84	50.00	25.00
3	Rifa-Ul-Mul Highschool, Sherkot, Bijnor, Mohalla Tarai, Kaba Sherkot, Tehsil Dhampur, Distt. Bijnor (UP)	Classroom 10 Science lab 2 Computer lab 1 Lib. 1 Toilet Girls 2 Boys 2	Amount not mentioned	50.00	25.00
4	Khadijatul Kubra Educational & Welfare Society, Vill Ajhui, Post Hasanpur, Dist Sultanpur, UP Jamia Khadijatul Kubta Lit Banat	Girls hostel - 01	75.00	50.00	25.00
5	Quami Tulimee Society, Paltan Bazaar, Quami Niswan Girls Inter College, Gabhariya Gora Baric, Sultanpur, UP	Girls hostel - 01	65.00	48.75	24.38
6	Maulana Azad Sikshan Sansatha, Nauder-Chandauli, UP-232107	Classroom 2 Science room 4 Computer Room 1 Library 1 Toilet B - 6, G - 6 Drink W. fac. 20 ltr	49.97	37.48	18.74
7	Azad Memorial Educational Society Mau, Allahabad	4 rooms 2 science lab 2 computer lab 1 library 4 girls toilet 4 boys toilet 5 drinking water facilities and others	62.50	46.88	23.44
Total:				332.12	166.06

(II) MADHYA PRADESH

The Committee examined all four proposals received from the Government of M.P. under the Scheme. As none of the proposals met with the requirements of the scheme guidelines, no proposal was approved by the central GIAC.

(III) UTTARAKHAND

The central GIAC was apprised of the request made by the Govt. of Uttarakhand to consider the revised rate and approve the balance funds. The Committee while examining this issue noticed that as sufficient infrastructure is available with the Guru Nanak Girls, E.Ka., Premnagar, Dehradun *vis-à-vis* number of students enrolled and the Student Classroom Ratio is less than 40:1. The Committee therefore decided that there is no ground for upward revision of the earlier grant to the said school.

(IV) MIZORAM

The central GIAC also did not approve the request of the Mizoram Government for addition of 'Cost Index' factor and non infrastructural component as all these issues were discussed at the time of the approval of grant.

Agenda-7: As regards the proposals of 2nd installment in respect of the grant released under erstwhile scheme of Area Intensive and Madrasa Modernization Programme (AIMMP) to K.R. High School, Bettiah received from Government of Bihar, the central GIAC observed that there has been delay on the part of the State Government of Bihar to release funds to the Institution (K.R. High School, Bettiah). The Committee advised to take up the matter with the State Government to submit the proposals under the revamped scheme of IDMI.

Agenda-8: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

- (a) Dr. S.S. Jena, Chairman, NIOS invited the attention of the Committee to non-payment of dues as reimbursement for registration of students from Madrasas under NIOS. The Chairman of the Committee desired that as the issue is pending for very long time Additional Secretary (School Education) may take a meeting with all concerned to settle the issue.
- (b) The Chairman also desired that in view of non utilization of funds under NER component of SPQEM, the matter may be taken up with North Eastern States for submitting fresh proposals during the current year. Likewise as some funds are still available under IDMI, the States/UTs may be requested to submit fresh proposals.

The meeting ended with a word of thanks to the chair.

