

STATUS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED AND FUNDS RELEASED TO THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL

I. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, a centrally sponsored scheme has been under implementation since 2009-10 with the vision to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons in the age group 15-16 years. The scheme envisages providing a secondary school within 5 kms. of any habitation.

2. During the 11th Five Year Plan, the State of West Bengal has been released a total of Rs. 15.73 crore including Rs. 9.42 crore and Rs. 4.31 crore for interventions of non-recurring and recurring natures respectively. The year wise status of sanctioned and released funds is indicated as under:

(Rs in crore)

Year	Preparatory Activities	Recurring released	Non-recurring released
2009-10	2.00	1.57	9.42
2010-11	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011-12	0.00	2.74	0.00
Total	2.00	4.31	9.42

3. During the 11th Five Year Plan, the sanction has been accorded for following interventions:

(a)	Opening of new secondary schools	:	38
(b)	Strengthening of existing secondary schools	:	103
(c)	Sanctioning additional classrooms	:	193
(d)	Science lab	:	100
(e)	Computer room	:	99
(f)	Libraries	:	99
(g)	Art/Craft/Culture rooms	:	77
(h)	Toilet blocks	:	39
(i)	Drinking water facilities	:	39
(j)	Minor repair	:	298

4. Apart from the above, the status of teachers sanctioned and recruited against new schools and teachers' training and excursion of students and teachers granted during the period is indicated as under:

(a)	Teachers training sanctioned to secondary school teachers	:	124883
(b)	Excursion trips to students sanctioned	:	8591

II. **Model School Scheme**

The Model School scheme was launched in November 2008 in pursuance to the announcement of the Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech of 2007. The scheme aims to provide quality education to talented rural children through setting up of 6,000 model schools as benchmark of excellence at block level at the rate of one school per block.

Status of Implementation	Issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total no. of EBBs: 87• 20 model schools have been sanctioned and an amount of ₹ 22.65 crore has been released in March 2010 as 1st installment of Central share.• 18 more schools have been approved in 2010-11.• Further, 14 schools have been approved by PAB in its meeting held on 17.11.2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual report and audited statement of accounts for the year 2009-10 and 2010-11 is awaited.

III. **Girls Hostel Scheme**

- There are total of 87 EBBs in the State.
- State Govt. submitted proposal for 62 girls' hostels.
- 62 hostels recommended by PAB on 13.11.2009 subject to legally binding agreements to be entered by the State Govt. with the school management committees.
- In the meanwhile cost norms for construction of hostels were revised in June 2011.
- Revised proposal based on State SORs received from the State Govt. Certain clarifications like location of the hostels, detailed estimates, readable building plan, legally binding agreements, etc. have been sought from the State Govt. Reply still awaited.

IV. **Information and Communication Technology**

The Centrally Sponsored ICT in Schools Scheme was launched in December 2004, and revised in 2010, to promote computer enabled learning and usage of ICT in teaching in Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools with emphasis on educationally backward blocks and areas with concentration of SC/ST/Minority/weaker Sections. Under the Scheme there is a provision to provide financial assistance to States/ Union Territories to procure computers and other ICT related infrastructure. The grant of Rs. 6.4 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs. 2.7 lakh (recurring) per school is given under the scheme which is shared between Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25 except for North East States where it is 90:10.

Year	No. of schools covered	Funds released	Remarks
2008-09	1400	second installment Rs.3500.00 lakh was released on 9 th August 2011	UC and Progress Report are awaited
2010 -11	2000	Rs. 1.46 crore released in 2012	UC and Progress Report are awaited

V. Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage

The aim of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of IEDSS is to enable all students with disabilities, after completing eight years of elementary schooling, to pursue further four years of secondary schooling (classes IX to XII) in an inclusive and enabling environment. The scheme will cover all children of age 14+ passing out of elementary schools and studying at secondary stage in Government, local body and Government-aided schools, with one or more disabilities as defined under the Persons with Disabilities Act (1995) and the National Trust Act (1999).

During the 11th Five Year Plan, West Bengal was released an amount of Rs.2026.15 lakhs. No Proposal under the scheme has been received from the State for 2012-13.

VI. Vocationalisation of Secondary Education

The Scheme envisages selection of vocational courses on the basis of assessment of manpower needs. The revised scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education approved by CCA on 15.09.2011 provides financial assistance for imparting vocational education in Classes XI-XII in mainstream schools with a strong partnership with industry/employers. The components include strengthening of existing vocational schools and establishment of new vocational schools through State Government, assistance to vocational schools under PPP mode, capacity building of vocational education teachers and development of competency based modules for each individual vocational course. Assistance will also be provided to NGOs to run short duration innovative vocational education programmes. An amount of Rs. 453.76 Lakhs was issued during the 11th Five Year Plan. UC and the proposals for 2012-13 are awaited from the State Government.
