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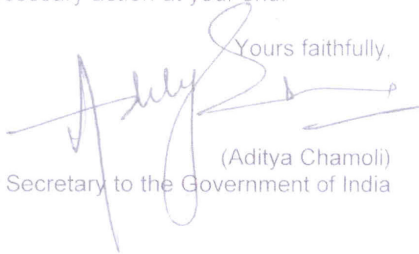
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Under Secretary to the Government of India

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The 17th meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) to consider Annual Plan proposals of Assam and Sikkim was held on July 29, 2011 under the chairpersonship of Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India.

2. List of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

3. Assam

3.1 Secretary (Education), Government of Assam made a presentation on the status of secondary education in Assam, and Annual Plan proposal 2011-12 (**Annexure-II**). Major points include:

- Since school mapping exercise is going on, the State Government did not propose opening of new schools.
- Under Annual Plan 2011-12, the State Government proposed to strengthen 1525 existing secondary schools
- The issue of inclusion of provincialised schools as a category of government schools was raised. It was explained that provincialized schools are government schools for all purposes. These schools were provincialized after an Act passed by the Legislative Assembly.

The appraisal team observed that the SEMIS data requires revisiting due to various inconsistencies. The data regarding sanctioned teachers' posts is not available and 76% of teachers in position are untrained.

3.2 In 2010-11, 1158 approved secondary schools included provincialised schools. Secretary (SE&L) directed that the matter may be examined on file so that a considered decision may be taken. The Law Department may also have to be consulted in the matter. Secretary (SE&L) felt that perhaps there is a need for making space in the RMSA framework to cover such schools. Similarly, the coverage of Madrasas and Sanskrit schools will also have to be examined and decided in order to facilitate future deliberations.

3.3 Another issue which came up for discussion was that some States have come up with the proposal of adding IX and X to already existing classes XI and XII which are located in College campuses. Secretary (SE&L) said that the effort should be rather to bring classes XI and XII to the secondary school campuses. Classes IX and X should preferably be added to an upper primary school.

3.4 It was clarified that Local Body Schools are also covered under RMSA. The State Government was advised to ensure that schools governed by autonomous Tribal Councils or Bodies such as the Bodo Tribal Council and those in North Cachar Hills and KarbiAnglong Hills Districts should also be covered.

3.5 With regard to the current year's proposal for strengthening of 1525 schools, appraisal team informed that 14 schools are State Government schools. PAB therefore approved 14 schools for strengthening. (list at **Annexure-III**).

3.6 The State Government had not submitted any proposal for major repair of classrooms and residential quarters for teachers in remote / rural areas.

3.7 With regard to the proposal of excursion trip for students, it was pointed out that the State has not prepared any detailed plan for this activity. PAB suggested that the detailed plan should be chalked out for this activity well in advance and that the purpose and expected outcomes should be part of the proposal.

3.8 After detailed deliberations, following components/activities were approved by the PAB:

(a) Non-recurring components:

(Rs in lakh)

Sl. No.	Activities	Physical	Unit cost	Total approved outlay
1	Strengthening of existing schools	14		
1.1	Additional class rooms	6	5.63	33.78
1.1	Science lab	9	6.10	54.90
1.2	Lab equipments in schools	9	1.00	9.00
1.3	Computer lab	3	5.00	15.00
1.4	Art/craft/culture rooms	14	5.00	70.00
1.5	Library	7	7.00	49.00
1.6	Toilet blocks	3	1.00	3.00
1.7	Drinking water facilities	-	0.50	0.00

2	Total	234.68
3	Total including MMER	239.37
4	Central Share @ 90%	215.43

(b) Recurring components:

Name of the component	Physical	Unit cost	Total (Rs in lakh)
School annual grant	2607	Rs 0.50 lakh per school	1303.50
Minor repair grant	2607	Rs 0.25 lakh per school	651.75
In-service training of teachers	28406	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	426.09
5 days training for master trainer	30	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	0.45
5 days training for KRPs	520	Rs 1,500/- (@ Rs 300 per day)	7.80
Excursion trip for students	231482	@ Rs 200 for students of class IX in govt. secondary schools	462.96
Science exhibition at district level	26	Rs 1.00 lakh per district	26.00
Book fair at district level	26	Rs 1.00 lakh per district	26.00
Special teaching for learning enhancement for slow learners for class IX students	46296	Rs 500/- per student (20% of class IX enrolment)	231.47
Publishing of monthly journal for teachers & students	26070	@ Rs 150/- per journal	39.11
2 days counseling camp on professional studies for BPL meritorious girls	1000	@ Rs 600 per students	6.00
Training of SMDC members	33891	Rs 600/- (@ Rs 300/- per day for two days)	203.35
Total approved outlay			3384.48
Total approved outlay including MMER			3452.17
Central share @ 90%			3106.95

4. **Sikkim**

4.1 Commissioner (Education), Government of Sikkim made a presentation on the status of secondary education in Sikkim and on the annual plan proposal 2011-12 (**Annexure IV**). Highlights include:

- 81.6% schools are under the State Government, 3.2% with Central Government and 15.2% with private organizations. GER at secondary level in 2009-10 was 43.86% which increased to 51.96% in 2010-11. As per their perspective plan, GER will reach 65% by 2012-13 and by the end of 2017, the State will be in position to achieve 100% GER.
- RMSA Society for Sikkim consists of a Governing Council headed by the Chief Minister and State Level Executive Committee is headed by the Chief Secretary. Two meetings under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary have already taken place.
- The issue of lack of teachers; especially for maths and science, was raised.
- Civil work has been started for schools sanctioned for strengthening under annual plan 2009-10.
- Various trainings were conducted under RMSA during the previous years, in-service training of teachers in 7 phases.

4.2 While discussing the RMSA set-up, it was pointed out that there is a need to have a dedicated team or set up to deal exclusively with RMSA in the State. The intention is not to establish a parallel set up in the secondary school sector. It was also stressed that it is very important to involve the District Education Officer and also strengthen the existing structure and capacity of the existing staff to undertake the various activities involved in RMSA. The resources of the department may be dovetailed and used to put in place a team that is enabled to utilise the resources optimally.

4.3 The appraisal team mentioned that information on the structure of the administration and management, the data source, the enrolment figures, for classes VIII and class IX need to be mentioned in the annual plan.

4.4 The State Government proposed opening of 9 new schools under the current year's plan. The appraisal team informed that the requisite information was not provided by the State Government. In the absence of details, proposal could not be appraised. PAB was also informed

that the State has not yet completed its school mapping exercise. Hence the proposal regarding new schools could not be considered.

4.5 The PAB was informed that out of the total 151 government schools, 76 schools were covered for strengthening in 2009-10, 42 schools were strengthened in 2010-11 and the remaining 33 schools have been proposed by the State Government in the current year. PAB approved 33 schools for strengthening of infrastructure in the 2011-12. (List at **Annexure-V**)

4.6 After detailed deliberations, following components/activities were approved by the PAB:

(a) Non-recurring components:

(Rs in lakh)				
Sl. No.	Activities	Physical	Unit cost	Total
1	Strengthening of existing schools	33		
1.1	Additional class rooms	19	5.63	106.97
1.1	Science lab	5	6.10	30.50
1.2	Lab equipments in schools	5	1.00	5.00
1.3	Computer lab	8	5.00	40.00
1.4	Art/craft/culture rooms	33	5.00	165.00
1.5	Library	20	7.00	140.00
1.6	Toilet blocks	9	1.00	9.00
1.7	Drinking water facilities	3	0.50	1.50
2	Total			497.97
3	Total including MMER			507.93
4	Central Share @ 90%			380.95

(b) Recurring components:

(Rs in lakh)			
Name of the components	Physical	Unit cost	Total
School annual grant	151	0.50	75.50
Minor repair grant	132	0.25	33.00
Training of headmaster	151	0.015	2.26

In-service training of teachers for 5 days	755	0.015	11.32
Excursion trip for students for students of class IX in govt. secondary schools	6740	0.002	13.48
Study tour for teachers	50	0.20	10.00
Science exhibition at district level	4	1.00	4.00
Special teaching for learning enhancement	543	0.005	2.71
Sports equipments	100	0.10	10.00
Awareness programme for reducing drop out children etc.	8	1.00	8.00
Salary for RPs	5	2.40	12.00
Tools	1	0.50	0.50
Sensitization programme for principal	4	0.40	1.60
Training for SMDC Members for 2 days	1510	0.006	9.06
Total approved outlay			193.43
Total approved outlay including MMER (recurring)			197.30
Central share @ 90%			177.57

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

17th Meeting of Project Approval Board to consider RMSA Annual Plan 2011-12 on 29.07.2011 in Conference Room (Room No. 112-C), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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Department of School Education & Literacy,
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5. Shri K.P. Singh
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NCERT, New Delhi

6. Ms. Shipra Vaidya
Associate Professor
7. Dr. A.D. Tewari
Associate Professor, DEME

NIOS, Noida (UP)

8. Dr. Sonia Behl
AD (Academics)

NUEPA, New Delhi

9. Dr. N.K. Mohanty
Asstt. Professor

Govt. of Assam

10. Shri Md. Sohrab Ali
Secretary cum MD, RMSA
11. Shri Sanjoy Kumar Sharma
Project Engineer, SSA & RMSA
12. Shri Ajit Kumar Chaudhary
Senior Lecturer, SCERT (A)
13. Shri Romen Das
Consultant, SBA, RMSA
14. Shri Rupshika Laskar
Consultant, RMSA
15. Shri Delwar Hussain
Consultant RMSA
16. Shri Dhandev Mahanta
Consultant, RMSA
17. Shri Jitendra Kakati
State Programmer & I/C SEMIS,
SSA & RMSA

Govt. of Sikkim

18. Shri C.S. Rao
Secretary (Education)
19. Shri M.P. Subba
20. Shri C.N. Bhatia
21. Shri T.T. Bhutia