

**Minutes of the Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Group Meeting held on 18.03.2008 to consider the Annual Work Plans of SIETs of Ahmedabad and Pune, Annual Work Plan of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Computer Education Plan of Govt. of Karnataka, under the Information & Communication Technology in Schools Scheme**

The ninth meeting of Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group [PMEG] for the Centrally sponsored scheme of “ICT in Schools” was held on 18.03.2008 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy. A list of participants who attended the above meeting is Annexed.

**Consideration of proposals**

**2. State Institute of Education Technology [SIET]**

**SIET, Ahmedabad**

Director of SIET made a brief presentation on the activities undertaken by the institute. He informed that programmes were telecast by Doordarshan, Gujarat. The proposal for 2007-08 is for Rs. 67.17 lakh. The institute had incurred expenditure for an amount of Rs. 48.50 lakh so far during 2007-08. After deliberation, the Committee approved the following :

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No	Item / Activity	2007-08
1	Production of 150 Video programmes @ Rs. 30,000 per production	45.00
2	Office Expenses	3.00
3	Library books, periodically, CD Rom, Software, beta cassettes	0.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>48.50</b>

The proposal for 2006-07, being excessively delayed, was not agreed to.

**2.2 SIET, Pune**

Director, SIET Pune informed that the Annual Work Plan for 2007-08 was for Rs. 315.59 lakh. The main activities for which the amount was sought were :

- i) Production of 300 educational TV programmes,
- ii) 15 audio programme,
- iii) Office expenses,
- iv) Repair / replacement of equipments,
- v) Repairs of building, A.C Plant, etc.

So far, 171 video programmes had been prepared. PMEG approved the following :

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No	Item / Activity	2007-08
1	Production of 200 Video programmes @ Rs. 30,000 per production	60.00
2	Office Expenses	3.00
3	Library books, periodically, CD Rom, Software, beta cassettes	0.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63.50</b>

**2.3** PMEG requested both the Directors to furnish their Annual Work Plans-2008-09 well in advance, preferably by 30.04.2008.

**2.4** PMEG asked Central Institute of Education Technology (CIET) to take a leadership role in guiding the SIETs in their activities. The main focus has to be on :

- i) Preparation of e-content covering the entire CBSE syllabus of classes IX to XII during 2008-09 through collaboration with SIETs and other suitable organizations.
- ii) Setting norms and standards for the content, quality and costing of audio and video programmes,
- iii) Documentation of production made by various SIETs,
- iv) Production of e-content in regional languages, through translation and later to enable State Govts. to adapt these to cover the State syllabi.

The CIET may also undertake a rapid assessment of usability of equipments available with SIETs, need for replacement, and requirement of trainings to staff in new technologies.

### **3. Proposal of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti**

The guidelines of ICT in Schools Scheme envisage that ‘Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas would be given funds @ Rs. 20,000 per neighbourhood school to impart computer literacy not more than 10 neighbourhood schools within a radius of 3-4 Kms.’

#### **3.1 Reimbursement of expenditure incurred in 2005-06 and 2006-07:**

Commissioner, NVS informed PMEG that NVs had implemented computer literacy programme in 2154 neighbourhood schools benefiting 35441 students in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Expenditure incurred for this purpose was Rs. 91.07 lakh. Students of the neighbourhood schools were given computer literacy programme on the basis of following norms:

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure</b>
1	Distribution of Course Materials and Stationery to 40 students (approx.) 1. Course Material : Rs. 70/- 2. Note books 2 nos. : Rs. 30/- 3. Stationery : Rs. 100/- (Computer paper [50 pages], Floppy, Folder, Pen, Pencil & Eraser one set containing one each)	Rs. 8000/-
2	Conveyance for transportation of students from neighbourhood school to JNV (Wherever the distances are long, students arrangement are to be done)	Rs. 6000/-
3	Other expenditure for refreshment and encouragement	Rs. 1000/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 15000/-</b>

The programme was conducted for 40 days during the summer vacations of 2005, 2006 and 2007. The total course consisted of 75 periods (25 theories and 50 practicals).

### 3.2 Proposal for 2007-08 :

NVS had also undertaken the programme in 2007-08 in 475 schools. No. of children benefited so far was 19,306. Expenditure incurred was Rs. 37.37 lakh.

3.3 After deliberations, PMEG approved release of Rs. 37.50 lakh to NVS for having undertaken computer literacy programme in 1175 neighbourhood schools benefiting over 19,000 children.

As regards the proposal for reimbursement of Rs. 91.07 lakh as expenditure incurred by NVS under the programme in 2005-06 and 2006-07, the PMEG directed that the proposal be examined by the concerned Division in the Ministry in consultation with IFD.

3.4 Commissioner, NVS was also requested to undertake the following exercise :

- i) To fix per child cost norm,
- ii) To get an impact study of the programme conducted,
- iii) Ensure submission of Work Plan for 2008-09 by 30.04.2008,
- iv) Assess the learning level of children at the end of the course and issue certificates to them.

## 4. Consideration of Computer Education Plan [CEP] of Karnataka

The Commissioner of public instructions made a brief presentation on the Govt. of Karnataka's proposal:

- i) 480 Govt. secondary schools sanctioned in 2005-06, were already covered under the ICT programme.
- ii) In 2279 Govt. schools, sanction in 2007-08, the process of installation was at final stage,
- iii) The State Govt. had felt that the remaining Govt. and Govt. aided institutions may also be covered in 2007-08 for which the present CEP was submitted for consideration. The CEP contained the proposal to cover the following remaining schools in 2007-08 :

Sl. No.	Type of School	Nature and number of school		
		Govt.	Govt. aided	<u>Total</u>
1	Secondary schools already covered under Mahithi Sindhu Project in 2000 and the system had become non functional therefore require replenishment	1000	-	1000
2	New Secondary schools	763	-	763
3	Aided secondary schools	2633	-	2633
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4396</b>

- iv) The requisite infrastructure was available in the proposed schools,
- v) Adequate budget provision is available with the State Govt. as Rs. 117.00 Cr. has been re-appropriated to meet the requirement in 2007-08.
- vi) The total cost of the project to cover 4396 schools as per the norm of Rs. 6.70 lakh was Rs. 29453.20 lakh. The Central share @ Rs. 5.00 lakh would be Rs.

21980.00 lakh and State share @ Rs. 1.70 lakh would be Rs.7473.20 lakh. This would be spread over a period of five year.

vii) The year wise phasing proposed was :

- a) In 2007-08 : Rs. 8792.00 lakh @ Rs. 2 lakh per school for 4396 schools,
- b) In 2008-09 : Rs. 6594.00 lakh @ Rs. 1.50 lakh per school for 4396 schools,
- c) In 2009-10 : Rs. 6594.00 lakh @ Rs. 1.50 lakh per school for 4396 schools.

**4.1** After the presentation, PMEG was informed that some additional funds were expected by way of internal re-appropriation of savings of various schemes. In case, any additional fund is made available for the scheme in 2007-08, the same may be considered for Karnataka as there was no other mature proposal for consideration.

**4.2** After discussion, PMEG approved the CEP of Karnataka for coverage of 4396 schools for which funds and schools would be sanctioned in following manner :

- i) In case the entire amount proposed for 2007-08 was made available for the scheme, then the Govt. of Karnataka would be allowed to implement the programme in 4396 schools and grants amounting to Rs. 8792.00 lakh as Central share, be released.
- ii) In case the entire requirement of fund was not made available, in that case the number of schools would accordingly be limited to the extent of availability, Govt. of Karnataka shall prepare a fresh CEP for the remaining schools in 2008-09 and present before PMEG for consideration.

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

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List of participants, who attended the meeting of Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group (PM&EG) was held on 18.3.2008 at 1200 noon in the Chamber of Secretary (SE&L), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

1. Shri A.K. Rath, Secretary (SE&L) - Chairman
2. Shri S.C. Khuntia, Joint Secretary (SE)
3. Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Joint Director,  
CIET, NCERT
4. Shri Gautam Bose, Deputy Director General,  
NIC
5. Shri A.K. Arora, Scientist F,  
Department of Information & Technology
6. Shri O.N. Singh, Commissioner, NVS
7. Shri G. Kumar Naik, Commissioner,  
Public Instruction, Government of Karnataka
8. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Desk Officer, IFD,  
Department of School Education & Literacy
9. Shri P.K. Mohanty, Deputy Educational Advisor,  
Department of School Education & Literacy
10. Shri Kadam M.R., Director, SIET, Pune
11. Shri J.N. Patil, Director, GIET, Ahmedabad