MINUTES OF THE 9th MEETING OF PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD (PAB) HELD ON 02.04.2014 AT 10.00 AM TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS UNDER THE MODEL SCHOOL SCHEME.

9th meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for the Model School Scheme was held on 02.04.2014 in the Ministry of HRD under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) to consider proposal from the State Government of Meghalaya. List of participants is <u>appended</u>.

2. Initiating the meeting, Secretary (SE.I), D/o SE&L welcomed the participants.

3. <u>Meghalaya</u>

3.1 Background of the proposal for model schools in Meghalaya was that 9 model schools were approved in the state of Meghalaya in the PAB meeting held on 16th December 2011. This approval was based on the DPRS provided by the State Govt. wherein the plinth area for constructions of schools was as per the norms of the scheme. Later State Govt. revised the DPRs and reduced the plinth area for various schools by 24% to 37% that was much below the scheme norms. Accordingly this PAB has been scheduled for considering the revised proposals of the State Govt. for approval of model schools.

Secondary 3.2 Principal Secretary, Education, Government of Meghalaya made a presentation on the present status of already approved 9 model schools. It was stated that State Govt. has again revised the DPRs and now the plinth area of all the schools are as per or above the norms specified in the scheme which was approved by the PAB. Further it was informed that the tendering process for construction work is under process and the construction will start immediately after the general elections 2014 are over in the state. The State Govt. also committed that extra funds due to cost escalation during this long period i.e. 2011 when the schools were approved till date; required for construction activities would be borne by the state govt. Further, the schools would be made functional during the current year.

3.3 Secretary (SE&L) stated that since Rs.15.03 Cr. were released way back in 2011-12 to the State Govt. as non-recurring grant, the utilization of the aforesaid grants should be expedited. The State Govt. assured that steps will be taken for ensuring utilization of the above amount during the current financial year 2014-15.

List of participants of 9th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 02.04.2014 at 10.00 a.m. to consider proposals under the Model School scheme

- 1. Shri Rajarshi Bhattacharya In Chair Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
- Ms. Radha S. Chauhan Joint Secretary (SE.I), Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
- Shri Anil Kakaria, Deputy Secretary (Finance) Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
- 5. Shri Jagdish Singh SRO, Planning Commission, New Delhi
- Ms. Nita Gupta Deputy Secretary (MS) Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
- Shri Dinesh Kumar Additional Commissioner (Academics.), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghthan, New Delhi
- Ms. Nagamani Rao Under Secretary (Girls Hostel & RMSA) Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi

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- 8. Shri P.K. Srivastava, Principal Secretary, Secondary Education, Meghalaya
- 9. Shri M. Tariang, Chief Technical Consultant, Meghalaya
- 10. Shri Jonathan Vanlalruata Engineer, Meghalaya