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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy

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To,

1. The Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu -600009.
2. The Principal Secretary (Education), Government of Gujarat, New Sachivalaya, Block No. 5, 7th Floor, Sardar Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar – 382010.
3. The Secretary (Education Department), Govt. of Assam, Block-C, Assam Sachivalaya, Dispur, Guwahati – 701006.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Project Approval Board to consider State proposals for Model School Scheme held on 22.7.2010.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith minutes of the meeting of the Project Approval Board to consider proposals of State Governments under the Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence held on 22.7.2010 for information and necessary action at your end.

2. The State Governments, who are yet to submit bond, resolution, ECS authorization etc., are required to furnish the same, in order to enable us to release the central share.

3. The concerned State Governments are also requested to make provisions for applicable State share at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENTS UNDER THE MODEL SCHOOLS SCHEME HELD ON 22.7.2010

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A meeting of the Project Approval Board for 'Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence' was held on 22.7.2010 in the Conference Room of Ministry of HRD to consider proposals from State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Assam under the Model Schools Scheme. A list of participants is appended.

2. Tamil Nadu:

2.1 Principal Secretary (Education), Government of Tamil Nadu made a presentation on the proposal to set up 26 Model Schools in as many as EBBs. The salient features of the proposal are:

- (i) All Schools will have classes from VI – XII.
- (ii) The Schools will be affiliated to Tamil Nadu State Board. The medium of instruction is English.
- (iii) Five acre or more land is available in each case and the ownership is with the School Education Department of Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
- (iv) The Scheme will be implemented by Tamil Nadu State Mission of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). Provision has been made in the state budget for the state share.

2.2 Secretary (SE&L) inquired about the progress of implementation for 18 schools sanctioned last year. Principal Secretary, Tamil Nadu informed that construction agency for these schools has been identified. The schools will be constructed through Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation, but the construction is yet to start. However, all necessary formalities have already been completed.

2.3 JS (SE) advised the State Government to start and complete the construction early as it may not be possible to release funds for the next round of schools unless some progress has been achieved with respect to the schools sanctioned last year.

2.4 Principal Secretary, Tamil Nadu informed that the State Government proposes to start running these 18 schools from temporary locations during the current academic year. Admission tests for this purpose have already been conducted and there has been overwhelming response for admission. On an average, seven students appeared for each seat. In the first year, the State Government plans to start classes VI, VII, VIII, IX and XI. From the next year, admission will be conducted primarily for class VI.

2.5 The design of the Model School building was also presented before the Committee. Principal Secretary, Tamil Nadu informed that a three-storey (G+2) structure has been proposed in order to ensure maximum amount of open space.

2.6 Secretary (SE&L) observed that there was nothing particularly innovative in the design. The setting up of the Model Schools gives the States an opportunity to come out with quite innovative design and think out of box. Besides, the Model School building need to be disabled friendly, she pointed out. Secretary advised the State Govt. to conduct a design contest for evolving a better design.

2.7. Principal Secretary, Tamil Nadu stated that while selecting the design of the schools being sanctioned in the second phase, the suggestions of the Government of India to evolve a better design through design contest would be kept in mind.

2.8. Selection of Teachers: As regards selection of teachers, Principal Secretary, Tamil Nadu informed that the best teachers will be taken from the common pool of the State Government. JS(SE) suggested that while the teachers can be selected from the common cadre, once a teacher is posted to a Model School, he or she should preferably remain with the school till the next promotion.

2.9 The PAB recommended 26 Model Schools in Tamil Nadu. The list of blocks where these schools have been sanctioned is at Annexure I.

2.10 As regards the proposal to start 18 schools in temporary locations, the State Government was advised to send detailed estimates with relevant details in respect of the recurring grant, and that can be sanctioned on file.

3. Gujarat :

3.1 Secretary & Commissioner, Secondary Education, Govt. of Gujarat presented the proposal of the Gujarat Government to set up 20 Model Schools in the state. This is the 3rd instalment of proposal from the State Government. Earlier, 43 and 12 schools were sanctioned to Education Department and Tribal Development Department respectively.

3.2 It was stated that all schools will be having classes from VI to XII, the medium of instruction being both Gujarati and English. At least 5 acre of land has been identified for all schools except for Meghraj Block in Sabarkantha district.

3.3 The proposed design is for a two-storey structure and is as per the KV template. Secretary (SE&L) observed that there was nothing particularly innovative in the design and the structure looked like a regular Government school building. She suggested that the state Government should organise a design contest and select an attractive design.

3.4 The proposal of the State Government to have two different media of instruction in the same school was also discussed. Commissioner, School Education, Gujarat Govt. clarified that this was a standard practice in the state and such schools were continuing for quite some time. Out of the two sections, one section will be in English medium and the other in Gujarati

medium. Separate set of teachers will be provided by the State Govt. for teaching in English and Gujarati.

3.5 19 schools in the State were recommended by the PAB. The list of blocks where these schools have been sanctioned is at **Annexure II**. So far as the Meghraj block is concerned, the State Govt. was advised to resubmit the proposal after identifying adequate land.

4. Assam:

4.1 Secretary Education, Govt. of Assam, presented the proposal of the State Government to set up 25 model schools in as many EBBs. As per the proposal all the schools will have classes from VI to XII and the medium of instruction will be Assamese.

4.2 As regards the ownership of plots at Amri block in Karbi Anglong district and Murkongselek block in Dhemaji district, Commissioner (School Education), Govt. of Assam, clarified that these districts being schedule districts, the land is in the name of the community. However, this would not be an impediment to construction of model schools.

4.3 The proposed design of the model school was also discussed. Secretary, Education Govt. of Assam, informed that the design was provided by IIT Guwahati. Secretary (SE&L) felt that the design was conventional without any innovation. The passages were very narrow and the building was not fully disabled friendly. She advised the state government to select a better design through a design contest.

4.4 It was observed that the unit cost of constructing a model school has been estimated as Rs. 3.62 crore, which included staff quarters. Assam being a NER State, is eligible for upto 20% higher unit cost, but staff quarters are not included in the scheme. The PAB asked the State Government to submit a revised design excluding the staff quarters. JS(SE) advised the state government to explore the possibility of funding the teachers' quarter from RMSA.

4.5 PAB decided to recommend a model school at Matia block in Goalpara district as availability of land at 4.75 acre was only marginally below the desired availability of 5 acre.

4.6 As regard Rupshi block, it was observed that the block does not figure in the list of EBBs. Therefore, a model school in this block was not recommended.

4.7 24 Model schools in as many EBBs were recommended, as at **Annexure III**. The State Government is required to submit a revised building design excluding the staff quarters.

5. Other issues discussed:

5.1 Building design: PAB observed that the building designs proposed by the State Governments were conventional and did not indicate much of an innovation. Secretary (SE&L) felt that since the fund available for Model Schools was substantially higher than conventional secondary/higher secondary schools, the building designs should also reflect the modern trend. Lot of organisations have suggested innovative designs for school buildings to maximise utilization of space, better viewing of black/white board from any part of the classroom, wide corridor, multiple access to play ground etc. All Model schools should also be disabled friendly. Secretary suggested that State Governments should organise a design contest. She also advised the Bureau to organise a National workshop on building design to work out a good design.

5.2 Implementation Society: Several State governments have decided to implement the Model School scheme through the RMSA society. PAB felt that for States having large number of EBBs, it may not be possible for RMSA society to manage Model Schools. PAB, therefore, advised these states to constitute a separate dedicated society for Model Schools.

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

List of participants for the PAB meeting on Model School Scheme held on 22.07.2010

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List of EBBs in Tamil Nadu recommended by the PAB under the Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block level as benchmark of excellence

S. No.	Name of Block	Name of the District where block situated
1	Ariyalur	Ariyalur
2	Mangalore	Cuddalore
3	Karimangalam	Dharmapuri
4	Palakodu	
5	Sathiyamangalam	Erode
6	Thalavadi	
7	Anthiyur	
8	Kundadam	Thirupur
9	Thaly	Krishnagiri
10	Vapanapalli	
11	Veppur	Perambalur
12	Nangavalli	Salem
13	Sankagiri	
14	Veerapandi	
15	Pethanayakanpalyam	
16	Tharamangalam	
17	Kolathur	
18	Magudanchavadi	
19	Panamarathupatti	
20	Yercaud	
21	Jawadhu Hills	Thiruvannamalai
22	Thirunavalur	Villupuram
23	Thiruvennainallur	
24	Kalvarayan Hills	
25	Ulundurpet	
26	Mallasamuthiram	Namakkal

List of EBBs in Gujarat recommended by the PAB under the Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block level as benchmark of excellence

S. No.	Name of Block	Name of the District where block situated
1	Bavla	Ahmedabad
2	Dantivada	Banaskanta
3	Deesa	
4	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar
5	Mahuva	
6	Palitana	
7	Devgadhbhariya	
8	Dhanpur	Dahod
9	Garbada	Junagadh
10	Sutarpada	
11	Sami	Patan
12	Santalpur	
13	Jambughoda	Panchmahal
14	Chuda	Surendranagar
15	Dasada(Patdi)	
16	Halvad	
17	Limbdi	
18	Nizar	Surat
19	Songadh	

List of EBBs in Assam recommended by the PAB under the Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block level as benchmark of excellence

S. No.	Name of Block	Name of the District where block situated
1	Tapattary	Bongaigaon
2	Chamaria	Kamrup
3	Goroimari	
4	Moirabari	Morigaon
5	Lakhipur	Goalpara
6	Matia	
7	Murkongselek	Dhemaji
8	Sissiborgaon	
9	Barpeta	Barpeta
10	Paka Betbari	
11	Gomafulbari	
12	Chenga	
13	Mandia	
14	Gobardhana	
15	Rupshi Pt.	
16	Amri	Karbi Anglong
17	Samelangso	
18	Langsomepi	
19	Rongmongve	
20	Socheng	
21	Rongkhang	
22	Barkhetri	Nalbari
23	Tamulpur	Baksa
24	Batadrava	Nagaon