

MINUTES OF THE 8th MEETING OF PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD (PAB) IN R/O STATE OF ASSAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH HELD ON 05.03.2014 AT 10.00 AM TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS UNDER THE MODEL SCHOOL SCHEME.

8th meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for the Model School Scheme was held on 05.03.2014 in the Ministry of HRD under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) to consider proposals from the State Government of Assam. List of participants is appended.

2. The proposals of Arunachal Pradesh for 17 Model Schools was considered in 4th meeting of the PAB held on 17.11.2011. The proposal was rejected and the state was advised to revise the building design as per the norms of the scheme and re-submit the proposal for consideration in the next PAB meeting. State Representative from Arunachal Pradesh informed telephonically early in the morning that they will not be coming for the current PAB meeting as they could not revise the proposal as was advised in the earlier PAB meeting.

3. Initiating the meeting, Joint Secretary (SE.I), D/o SE&L welcomed the participants and briefed on the overall status of implementation of the scheme as also informed of the revision proposed of the scheme.

- (i) Continuation of 75:25 sharing pattern between the Centre and the States during the 12th Five Year Plan in respect of all States/UT except for Special category States and upgraded Ashram schools in all States for which the sharing pattern is 90:10 during 12th Five Year Plan.
- (ii) Adoption of State Schedule of Rates with effect from the current year (2013-14) subject to the condition that unit cost between the state schedule of rates and the CPWD (zonal) rates, whichever is lower should be adopted for the purposes of appraisal and approval of cost of construction. Adoption of SSoR to include the sanctions accorded during 2013-14. (Financial sanction for 234 schools in Andhra Pradesh and 06 schools in Tripura).
- (iii) Sanction of recurring grants including salary of teaching and non-teaching staff based on the actual expenditure made by the States/UTs for running model schools w.e.f. current financial year 2013-14.

4. Assam

4.1 The Mission Director of RMSA (Assam) presented the proposal of the state govt. to set up 14 model schools in as many EBBs in the state. These schools will have classes from VI to XII and the schools will be affiliated to SEBA and AHSEC.

4.2 Secretary (SE &L) raised the issue of delay in utilization of the funds released by the Central Govt. It was pointed out that the funds were released to the state govt. in the following manner:

Year	Amount Released in Crore
2010-11	39.09
2011-12	63.45
2012-13	8.35
Total	110.89

But the state govt. has not been able to give utilization certificate for any amount released by MHRD. SPD Assam stated they are facing lots of problem in construction works of the schools. There are issues related to tendering process as well as dealing with the panchayats. The state has been facing violence of late thereby leading to delay in the process. Secretary (SE&L) stated that release of funds to the state is possible only with considerable utilization as well as progress in the construction of already approved and sanctioned schools.

4.3 The following commitments were sought from the state Govt.:

(i) prior to the coming monsoon season, 80% construction in respect of 67 sanctioned schools would be completed,

(ii) out of Rs.110.00 crore already released to Assam utilization certificate for more than 60% of amount released to enable GOI to release further funds.

(iii) Commitment to be given by the state Govt about the date by which land for new schools would be identified and handed over to SIS. It was also stated that actual sanctions for new schools will be issued after SIS is in possession of land.

4.4 Secretary Education, Assam provided the following information point-wise:

- (i) The construction of 54 model schools would be completed by June, 2014.
- (ii) The utilization of funds would be ensured and the amount released so far would be liquidated at the earliest.
- (iii) Out of the proposed 14 new schools, land for 11 schools has already been taken. Secretary Education, Assam also requested for change of location in respect of 10 approved model schools in the Dhubri district. JS(SE-I) stated that formal communication based on full justification for change of location should be given by the state. It was decided that request for change of location would be submitted by 31st March, 2014 by the State Govt.

4.5 Secretary (SE&L) also sought commitment from the state that differential cost arising out of price escalation due to delay in completion of the project will be borne by the State Govt.

4.6 It was pointed out by MHRD that out of 14 proposed schools 5 blocks meet the norms of land parcel vis-a-vis distance from location. In respect of 5 more schools land parcel is within the norms but distance from Block Head Quarter (BHQ) ranges from 6 kms. to 10 kms. PAB approved these 10 schools. It was noted that as in the past, PAB has relaxed the distance norm (from Block Headquarters) of location of the schools of 5 km to 8 km in general, and 10 kms in NE states. **The list of 10 approved schools is at Annexure-I.** It was also decided that the releases in respect of these 10 schools will be made as per SSOR of 2013-14 irrespective of the year of sanction. The 4 schools which are not approved may be taken up for consideration in the next PAB.

4.7 Secretary (SE&L) also pointed out that the State of Assam is lagging behind in making the approved model schools functional as no school has yet been made functional. State Govt. assured that the schools would be made functional at the earliest.

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

Appendix

List of participants of 8th meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 05.03.2014 at 10.00 a.m. to consider proposals under the Model School scheme

1. Shri Rajarshi Bhattacharya
Secretary,
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Ministry of HRD, New Delhi In Chair
2. Ms. Radha S. Chauhan
Joint Secretary (SE.I),
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
3. Shri Yogendra Tripathi
Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser
Department of School Education & Literacy
Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
4. Ms. Nita Gupta
Deputy Secretary (MS)
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Ministry of HRD, New Delhi
5. Shri Dr. E. Prabhakar
Joint Commissioner (Pers.),
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghathan,
New Delhi
6. Shri H.C. Chawla
Consultant
Rashtriya Adarsh Vidyalaya Sangathan
New Delhi
7. Shri Jagdish Singh
Sr. Research Officer
Planning Commission
New Delhi

Govt. of Assam

8. Shri R. C. Jain, IAS
Secretary, Elementary & Secondary Education,
Govt. of Assam
Assam
9. Shri Vinod Seshan, IAS
Mission Director,
RMSA, Assam
10. Shri Krishna Boruah
OSD, RMSA,
Assam
11. Shri Romen Das
State Consultant (Planning)
RMSA, Assam
12. Shri Kamal Gogoi
DPC, RMSA
Assam
13. Col. Sailen Das (Retd.)
Assam
14. Shri Jeherul Islam
Jr. Engg., Assam

Annexure-I**List of 10 Approved Schools (Assam)**

S.No.	Block Name	District Name
1	Birshing Jarua	Dhubri
2	Baghmara	Sonitpur
3	Diyung Valley	Dima Hasao (N.C. Hills)
4	Hapjan	Tinsukia
5	Saikhowa	Tinsukia
6	Nayar Alga	Dhubri
7	Laharighat	Marigaon
8	Mariabari	Nagaon
9	Gauripur	Dhubri
10	Dhekiajuli	Sonitpur
