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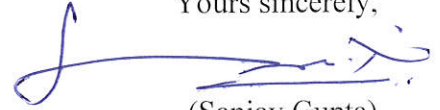
The Director (NCERT)  
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**Subject:** Minutes of the Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016 for approval of Annual Work Plan & Budget 2016-17 of NCERT.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016 for approval of Annual Work Plan & Budget 2016-17 of NCERT for information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,



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**Minutes of the meeting of the Project Approval Board of RMSA held on 3<sup>rd</sup> may, 2016 for approval of Annual Work Plan and Budget of NCERT for 2016-17.**

1. The meeting of the Project Approval Board of RMSA to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget 2016-17 of NCERT was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. S.C. Khuntia, Secretary (School Education and Literacy).
2. The list of participants who attended the meeting is at **Annexure-I**.
3. Ms. Nigar Fatima Husain, Director, RMSA-1 made a presentation on the progress of work and proposals of NCERT for 2015-16. Thereafter, PAB reviewed the progress of various interventions against the previous approvals and the new activities proposed. After detailed discussions the following activities/interventions were approved:-

**I. ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING LEVELS OF STUDENTS AT SECONDARY STAGE (CLASS X<sup>TH</sup>) UNDER RMSA (SECOND CYCLE):**

Prof. Y. Sreekanth, Head of Educational Survey Division (ESD), NCERT informed that the National Achievement Survey (NAS) for Class X (first cycle) has been administered in all the States/UTs except Bihar and Manipur. He further informed that from the current FY i.e. 2016-17, the second cycle for NAS class X will be initiated, for which activities are proposed for approval. Prof. Y. Sreekanth also placed the following issue before the PAB with regard to NAS Class X [first cycle] before the PAB: -

Approval for a sum of Rs. 5,54, 58,193/- towards the expenditure incurred in the conduct of NAS 2015 for Class X is required as the States/Boards of School Education have conducted the survey utilizing their own funds. It was also stated that the request for allocation of additional funds for NAS Class X had been made in the PAB meeting for FY 2015-16 held on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, however no additional fund allocation was made. Subsequently, request for release of additional funds has been made to MHRD. The estimated additional requirement is of about Rs. 3,67,49,590/-.

The Director (RMSA.1) informed that the enhanced expenditure of NAS was mainly on two items i.e. on the administration of tools for main survey from Rs. 85 lakhs to Rs. 216 lakhs and for payment of honorarium to State functionaries from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 179.18

lakhs and stated that the enhanced expenditure had not been approved by the Project Approval Board. It was also informed that the details of expenditure being provided by NCERT for conducting NAS-Class X has been revised on 2-3 occasions. Secretary (SE&L) desired that the issue should be resolved urgently after examination on file.

## II. QUALITY INTERVENTIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING (NCERT)

(Rs. in lakh)

Sr. No.	Activity	Issues / suggestions / deliverables	Approved outlay	Timeline
1.	Setting up of SRG in Science and Mathematics at secondary stage and capacity building of its members	<p>NCERT informed that this activity was undertaken in the year 2015-16 and Uttarakhand, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh were covered for the capacity building of the State Resource Group. Other States could not be covered as they were reluctant to conduct training of State Resource Group members @ Rs. 300 per day per participant. Therefore, this year, the activity has been proposed with enhanced rate.</p> <p>The proposal was considered and keeping in view that the present norms of training under RMSA @ Rs. 300 per day per participant, the same was approved with the observation that the issue of enhancement of rate of payment per participant for training for SRG members may be examined separately.</p>	42.36	March, 2017
2.	Development of on-line In-service Teacher Professional Development (ITPD) Programmes in Science and Social Sciences at the secondary stage	The proposal for review of In-service Teacher Professional Development (ITPD) packages in science and social sciences and development of various audio-video and multi-media programmes for converting these packages into on-line courses was approved.	10.10	March, 2017
3.	Try out of RMSA Quality Assessment Tools in five states viz., Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka	The proposal for use of RMSA Quality Assessment Tools for external evaluation of quality interventions was approved.	9.60	March, 2017
4.	Meeting of National	National Resource Group meeting is an on-going	3.00	March,

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	Resource Group for RMSA	activity, which is proposed to be organized twice a year.  Keeping in view, the expenditure of Rs. 2.75 lakh incurred for undertaking this activity in 2015-16, the activity was approved with an outlay of Rs. 3.00 lakh.		2017
5.	Curriculum study in Tamil Nadu	As 18 States/UTs have developed their own syllabi and textbooks at the secondary stage and NCERT has already conducted curriculum study in 17 States/UTs, the proposal was approved for a sum of Rs. 3.00 lakh.	3.00	December, 2016
6.	Development of brief package on Inclusive Education	The package for the training programmes conducted under IEDSS component, was approved for an outlay of Rs. 2.00 lakh.	2.00	November, 2016
7.	Development of secondary school preparedness packages	Secondary School Preparedness has already been pilot tested in three states. Based on the feedback received from the field an SSP package will be developed for the teachers.  The proposal was considered and approved for an outlay of Rs. 6.49 lakh.	6.49	March, 2017
8.	Translation of ITPD packages in Social Sciences, Arts education and Guidelines on Guidance and Counseling	The project was approved for a total outlay of Rs. 3.5 lakh in 2015-16. Keeping in view that an amount of Rs. 1,26,750/- has already been spent by NCERT and the project is likely to be completed by October, 2016, approval was accorded for completing this activity during 2016-17 alongwith the remaining funds of Rs. 2.23 lakh.	2.23	October, 2016
9.	Training on Gender Concerns in Education for RMSA Key Resource Persons/School Principals for the States of Gujarat and Rajasthan	In view of the problem of low girls' enrolment in Gujarat & Rajasthan (GER for Girls in Gujarat is 66.09 and Rajasthan is 69.55), proposal for undertaking training of 30 KRPs (school principals) from district having low enrolment of girls at secondary schools was considered and approved for an amount of Rs. 4.83 lakh.	4.83	March, 2017

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10.	In-service Teachers' Professional Development Programme for Master Trainers in Arts education.	The proposal for in-service teachers professional development programme for secondary teachers was approved with the suggestion that in place of one or two States, the entire region needs to be covered for the training of Master Trainers, so that representative master trainers from all the states/UTs in at least one region may get this training.	7.38	December, 2016
11.	Analysis of Social Science Textbooks of Secondary level (Classes IX-X) of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat from a Gender Perspective	The proposal was approved with an outlay of Rs. 13.81 lakh to build the capacity of the State curriculum developers to deal with gender perspectives in the curricular material addressing gender biases and stereotypes.	13.81	March, 2017
12.	State Level Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibitions (SLSMEE) for Children	The proposal for organizing State level science, maths and environment exhibitions was approved.	45.00	
13.	43 <sup>rd</sup> Jawaharlal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition (JNNSMEE) for Children-2016	The proposal for organizing 43rd Jawaharlal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition (JNNSMEE) for Children-2016 was approved.	45.00	March 2017
14.	Kala Utsav- A National Initiative to promote Talent in Arts at Secondary Level of School Education	In view of the expenditure incurred last year, an amount of Rs. 275 lakh was approved with the suggestion that all out efforts should be made to ensure that the objectives of the programme are achieved efficiently and effectively.	275.00	November - December, 2016
15.	Organization of Yoga Olympiad at National Level	This programme will be organized in association with SSA and accordingly an amount of Rs. 40.00 lakh was approved with the suggestion that synergies for organizing the programme and effectively with Ministry of Youth Affairs should be ensured.	40.00	March, 2017
16.	Workshops with School Boards of Education for Development of Training Package for State Board Personnel	Approved in 2015-16. Out of Rs. 10,00,000, Rs. 3,40,830/- has been spent, and balance amount was approved in 2016-17. Draft package is ready. Finalization and Pilot Testing of this package will be done this year.	6.60	December, 2016
<b>Sub Total (QI) 1</b>			<b>516.4</b>	

### III. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY(ICT)

(Rs. in lakh)

Sr. No	Activity	Issues / suggestions / deliverables	Approved outlay	Timeline
1.	National ICT Award for School Teachers	The proposal was approved for an outlay of Rs. 25.00 lakh keeping in view the expenditure incurred in the previous year.	25.00	September, 2016
2.	NROER	The proposal was approved for an outlay of Rs. 100.00 lakh keeping in view the expenditure incurred in the previous year and for design & development of digital resources for the repository of CIET, for capacity building and sourcing of resources from different States/ Agencies, Management of repository and online platform, validation of digital resources – vetting by review committee etc.	100.00	FY 2016-17
3.	E-Pathshala (epathshala.gov.in)	The proposal was approved for a revised outlay of Rs. 65.00 lakh keeping in view the expenditure incurred in the previous year and the activities to be undertaken during the current year, including design maintenance upgrade of NCERT e-book reader/apps on regular basis as well as converting resources as e-books through workshop with States/UTs and also testing and evaluating of e-books for finalization and uploading final e-books on e-pathshala website alongwith staff support. In addition it also includes development and dissemination of publicity material on ICT initiatives of MHRD.	65.00	FY 2016-17
4.	Organization of Contests, Festival, ICT Mela of digital contents and coordination with States/ UTs.	The proposal was considered and keeping in view that this is a regular exercise undertaken by NCERT, the same was approved.	32.86	December, 2016

Sr. No.	Activity	Issues / suggestions / deliverables	Approved outlay	Timeline
	<b>Sub Total (ICT) 3</b>		<b>222.86</b>	

#### IV. National Achievement Survey (Class X) Cycle 2

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Activities	Issues / suggestions / deliverables	Project outlay	Timeline
1.	Assessment of Learning Levels of Students at Secondary Stage (Class X) – cycle 2	For the proposed activities to be carried out in 2016-17, an outlay of Rs. 187.75 lakh was approved.  For the entire cycle of 2 <sup>nd</sup> NAS for Class Xth (2016-2018), a total outlay of Rs. 1003.80 lakhs was approved.	187.75	March, 2017
	<b>Sub Total 4 (NAS)</b>	<b>187.75</b>	<b>187.75</b>	

#### V. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

(Rs. in lakh)

Sr. No.	Activity	Issues / suggestions / deliverables	Project outlay	Timeline
1.	Development and vetting of Competency based Curricula for Classes 9 to 12 (NSQF levels 1-4) (for 300 job roles)	The proposal for development of curriculum for 100 job roles across various sectors for which Qualification Packs have been developed by the SSCs at level 4 as per the scheme norms including teachers handbooks, students handbook, teaches training manuals, assessment guidelines and learning material etc. was approved with the advice that PSSCIVE should select the job roles in accordance with the demand of the States under intimation to the Ministry.  NCERT further informed that out of these 100 job roles, 10 will be developed for the Students with Special Needs as resolved by Executive Committee of NCERT.	150	March 2017. The courses already approved by the PAB for various States/UTs should be taken up first.
2.	National Consultation	The proposal was approved for an outlay of Rs.	4.00	March,



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	Meeting on Implementation of Vocational Education under NSQF	4.00 lakh.		2017
	<b>Sub Total (VE)</b>		<b>154</b>	

## **VI. Kala Utsav (Ratification of the approval of additional activities and budget)**

During the PAB meeting in the year 2015-16, an amount of Rs. 75.00 lakh was approved for holding the national level function of Kala Utsav 2015 at New Delhi. Since the scope of Kala Utsav 2015 held in w.e.f. 08-11 December, 2015 was enhanced, hence an overall expenditure of Rs. 3,34,69,724/- was incurred on the event for which in-principle approval of Secretary (SE&L) after concurrence of IFD was taken with the condition that the same would be ratified by the PAB. The proposal for additional expenditure of Rs. 2,59,69,724/- for organizing Kala Utsav 2015 was placed before the PAB, which was duly approved.

## **VII. General instruction for implementing the approved interventions:**

- a) The PAB emphasized the need for quarterly review of progress against NCERT's annual Work Plan at the Joint Secretary level.
- b) The PAB stated that UCs alongwith progress report will be submitted by each unit of the NCERT (CIET, PSSCIVE, ESD and RMSA Project Cell) separately. Fund release will not be made to the respective unit of the NCERT, without prior submission of UC. However, this will not affect the fund releases of other units.
- c) The re-appropriation of expenses between budget heads for meeting unexpected expenditure will be done by NCERT on the basis of PAB approvals. However, the same will be sent to MHRD, for approval of the competent authority.
- d) Approval of MHRD will be obtained for incurring additional expenditure, if any, on items not included in the approval.
- e) The PAB decided that a detailed, item wise report on the progress as well as the financial statement on each head for every quarter will be submitted by the respective unit (CIET, PSSCIVE, ESD and RMSA Project Cell) of the NCERT.

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



## Annexure-I

Participants of the Project Approval Board (PAB) Meeting to consider integrated Annual Work Plan and Budget, 2016-17 for NCERT held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016 in Conference Room (Room No.112-C), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

### List of participants

1. Dr. S. C. Khuntia, Secretary (SE&L), MHRD Chairperson
2. Ms. Rina Ray, Additional Secretary (SE), MHRD
3. Ms. Darshana M Dabral, JS & FA, Dept. of HE, MHRD
4. Ms. Nigar Fatima Husain, Director (RMSA-1), MHRD
5. Shri Anil Kakria, DS (Finance), MHRD
6. Shri Sanjay Gupta, US (RMSA-1), Dept. of SE&L, MHRD

### Representatives from NCERT

7. Shri Anupam Ahuja, Head, DEGSN, NCERT, New Delhi
8. Ms. Pawan Sudhir, Professor, DEAA, NCERT, New Delhi
9. Ms. Ranjana Arora, RMSA Project Cell, NCERT, New Delhi
10. Prof. Y. Sreekanth, Head, ESD, NCERT, New Delhi
11. Shri Sharad Sinha, Professor, RMSA, Project Cell, NCERT, New Delhi
12. Dr. Sharad Kumar Pandey, RMSA Project Cell, NCERT, New Delhi
13. Dr. Satya Bhushan, Assistant Professor, NCERT, New Delhi
14. Shri Sridhar Srivastava, NCERT, New Delhi
15. Dr. A. P. Behera, Professor, NCERT, New Delhi
16. Dr. Hrishikesh Pandey, Director, NCERT, New Delhi
17. Prof. B. K. Tripathi, Joint Director, NCERT, New Delhi
18. Dr. A. D. Tewari, Professor, ESD, NCERT, New Delhi

### Representatives from Other Organization

19. Dr. Punam Srivastava, Dy. Adviser, NITI Aayog, New Delhi

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