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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy

Subject: Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee for Innovative and Experimental Scheme under SSA-RTE held on 06.05.2013 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (SE&L).

The 61st Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) Scheme under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)-RTE was held on 06.05.2013 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Bhattacharya, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi. A list of the participants is at Annexure-I. Dr. Mithu Alur, Dr. S.N. Methi and Sister S.M. Cyril could not attend the meeting due to other engagements.

2. At the outset, Additional Secretary (SE) welcomed the participants, followed by a round of introductions. She briefly apprised the members about the agenda items pertaining to submission of reports of ongoing projects under I&E scheme by Nirantar, Sabrang Trust and Deshkal Society submitted by Joint Evaluation Team (JET) appointed by the Ministry. Thereafter, she requested DS(VS) to take up the agenda items.

3. Thereafter, GIAC took up the listed agenda items for consideration and the following decisions were taken:-

3.1 ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 60TH MEETING OF THE GIAC HELD ON 28.06.2011.

DS(VS) stated that the Minutes of the GIAC meeting held on 28.06.2011 were circulated to all participants on 26.07.2011 and no comments have been received from any participant. He requested the members to comment on the Minutes of GIAC Meeting held on 28.06.2011. However, all participants were in agreement with the Minutes of the GIAC Meeting. Therefore, the minutes of GIAC meeting held on 28.06.2011 were confirmed.

3.2 ITEM NO. 2: ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN 60TH MEETING OF GIAC HELD ON 28.06.2011.

The Committee noted the Action Taken Report on each item of the decisions taken by GIAC meeting held on 28.06.2011. However, with regard to sub item No. 3, the GIAC noted that a complaint was received from Shri Rajkumar Singh, Vice President, Bhartiya Janta Mazdoor Mahasangh, New Delhi regarding misutilisation of Government fund received by the VA 'KATHA', New Delhi and exploitation of staff. The Committee was constituted comprising Shri Asadullah, Chief Consultant, TSG, Ed.CIL, New Delhi and Shri Satish

Kumar Kataria, EE(M)-II, office of South MCD to investigate the matter. The team visited VA's Head Office on 12.03.2013. Shri Asadullah has submitted the report pertaining to educational aspects of the complaint. However, Shri Satish Kumar Kataria has still to supplement the report by giving inputs pertaining to civil aspects of the complaint, in spite of a lot of follow up with him.

The GIAC after taking into account of the report submitted by Shri Asadullah which reveals prima-facie no evidence of misutilisation of funds and exploitation of staff, directed the release of the balance amount to the VA, KATHA can be considered by the Ministry.

3.3 ITEM NO. 3: CONSIDERATION OF JET REPORT IN RESPECT OF NIRANTAR TRUST, NEW DELHI

3.3.1 DS(VS) apprised the GIAC that a Joint Evaluation Team (JET) comprising a nominee of SPD, SSA, Delhi and a nominee of MHRD was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.N. Methi – Member, GIAC and a copy of the JET report is placed for consideration by GIAC. The Members of GIAC appreciated the content and quality of the books developed by the VA. Chairman suggested to upload these books on the website of the MHRD for larger discussion. He also desired these to be disseminated to participants in the next round of meeting with SPDs and Education Secretaries. He also requested the representative of NCERT to link with NCERT and MHRD's website and report to the Ministry. AS(SE) suggested to write a letter to all Hindi speaking States to include these books in KGBVs.

The representative of the VA stated that they have shared these booklets along with soft PDF version to all the State SSA programmes, so that they may print more copies from them as per their requirement. She stated that the Gender Resource Manual is still to be completed and would require another six months for writing, editing and production work.

Shri Arun Kapur, Member stated that the good work done by the VA should reach out the users. We should create some mechanism for ensuring its dissemination and use.

AS (SE) suggested that these books and Resource Manual may be disseminated in the next Gender workshop of SSA, wherein the VA may also be invited to make a presentation. She agreed with the suggestion of Shri Arun Kapur that creating a mechanism for larger dissemination of the material was needed. She also informed that the feedback should also be taken by the SPDs. Ms. Venita Kaul, Member stated that library funds available with schools can be utilised for these books.

After detailed discussions, the GIAC accepted the JET report and granted the cost neutral extension of the project for next six months.

3.4 ITEM NO. 4: CONSIDERATION OF JET REPORT IN RESPECT OF SABRANG TRUST, MUMABI

3.4.1 Shri Virender Singh, Deputy Secretary (EE-II) apprised the GIAC that a Joint Evaluation Team (JET) comprising a nominee of SPD, SSA, Maharashtra and a nominee of MHRD was constituted under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Venita Kaul, Member, GIAC and a copy of the JET report is placed for consideration by GIAC.

Ms. Venita Kaul while commenting on the JET Report, informed that the project has good interventions on the desired objectives. The proposal of Subrang Trust was approved by the GIAC on 09-08-2010 to cover 6,000 children in 75 schools in the State of Maharashtra including 33 schools with 2,000 students in the districts of Mumbai sub-urban Thane and Kalyan. A sum of Rs. 1,17,45,000/- was approved for the 1st year and Rs. 88,57,000/- was approved for the 2nd year of the project. A sum of Rs 58,72,500/- was released to the VA as the first instalment of first year vide this Ministry's letter 03-02-2011. The VA had reported a saving of Rs. 23,80,000/- (Rs. 8,80,000 from the head of development of learning materials + Rs. 15,00,000/- from the head of children's library). The VA had sought the permission from the Ministry to utilize this saving for the development of Audio Visual Teaching Aids for children, Khoj Audio Profile Teaching and Modules during the first year of the project. The VA was requested to furnish clarifications to certain queries. The clarifications from the VA were not found convincing, it was decided to refer this matter to the Joint Evaluation Team (JET), which was constituted by the Ministry to make a mid-term appraisal of the project.

After considering the JET report, the GIAC approved the extension of the project to Nandurbar and Dhule districts based on the circumstances explained by the VA in the meeting. AS (SE) stated that training manual developed need to be widely disseminated and the NCERT also utilise the training material developed by the VA, once the project is over. The VA stated that Manipur, Assam and Andhra Pradesh have approached them for the training material for teachers.

After detailed discussions, the GIAC approved the JET report and granted the cost neutral extension of the project for next six months, i.e. upto 31st July, 2013. The GIAC also allowed the VA to develop audio visual teaching aids for children, Khoj audio profile, teaching and modules. The GIAC also approved the release of fund to the tune of Rs. 54,20,848/- as the second instalment of second year of the project.

3.5 ITEM NO. 5: CONSIDERATION OF JET REPORT IN RESPECT OF Deshkal Society, Delhi

DS (VS) apprised the GIAC that a Joint Evaluation Team (JET) comprising a nominee of SPD, SSA, Bihar and a nominee of MHRD was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.N. Methi – Member, GIAC and a copy of the JET report is placed for consideration by GIAC.

The VA stated that the project is being implemented in 160 schools of Ismailganj block of Gaya district of Bihar, where the population of Musahar

community is in majority and this project is being implemented to ensure the enrolment the children belonging to Musahar community and their regular attendance. For this, they are strengthening the CRCs by way of imparting training to teachers.

The Chairman enquired about the aspects of teacher training imparted by the VA. He also requested the VA to comment on the innovative content of the project. The VA stated that they prepare the child profile to ensure learning of the child in classroom. Ms. Venita Kaul, Member stated that there should be some logical baseline survey which can be compared after the achievement of the project. The GIAC was of the view that the outcomes of the project in relation to the project objective are not clear from the JET report and neither was it fully explained by the VA's representation.

After detailed discussions, the GIAC did not accept the JET report and decided to depute a special evaluation team chaired by Shri Arun Kapur, Member, GIAC in July-August, 2013. For this a baseline format on the basis of existing data as per DISE and Bihar Government for the relevant district would be prepared for the evaluation team. The release of funds may be decided after receiving the JET report in August, 2013. The release of Rs. 10.00 lakh as the first instalment of the second year of the project may be withheld till then.

3.6 ITEM NO. 6: RATIFICATION IN RESPECT OF EXTENSION OF PROJECT “PEOPLES’ MOBILISATION FOR CHILDREN’S RIGHT TO EDUCATION” IN RESPECT OF BHARAT GYAN VIGYAN SAMIT (BGVS), NEW DELHI AS A SPECIAL CASE, FOR PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS W.E.F. 01.04.2012 TO 30.09.2012, WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN THE FINANCIAL OUTLAY OF THE PROJECT.

The GIAC ratified the earlier decision for extension of the project for a period of six months w.e.f. 01.04.2012 to 30.09.2012, without any increase in the financial outlay of the project.

3.7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 : STATUS OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED UNDER I&E COMPONENT OF SSA SINCE LAST MEETING OF GIAC HELD ON 28.06.2011.

The GIAC noted that the proposals received from 22 NGOs were referred to SPDs, SSA of various States for appropriate action by State level GIAC as they were not innovative but had implementation capacities, while the proposals received from 13 NGOs were returned to the concerned NGOs as the proposals were not covered under the contours of the I&E Scheme.

The Chairperson thanked all the members of the GIAC. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
