

**Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat
Council of Elementary Education (GCEE)**

The 46th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Council of Elementary Education (GCEE) was held under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Sangeeta Singh, Principal Secretary, Primary Education, Education Department on 28th May, 2013 at the Conformance Hall of the State Project Office, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Gandhinagar. A list of members, who participated in the meeting is attached at Annexure-A.

The State Project Director welcomed Dr. Mahammed Ariz Ahammed, Director, MHRD, New Delhi and the members of Executive Committee (E.C.).

After that the State Project Director with the consent of the Chair took up the business of the meeting.

Agenda 1. To accord sanction to the Minutes of the 45th meeting of the Executive Committee (31.01.2013).

- 1.1 The minutes of 45th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 31.01.2013 were confirmed, unanimously, and actions may take as per PAB approval and SSA manual on Financial Management & Procurement.
- 1.2 The observations made by Chartered Accountant in his Statutory Audit Report (P.14-15) and Management letter (17-23) are noted and compliance of the same will be made.
- 1.3 On the issue of sanction of AWP&B for 2013-14 it was informed by the Director, MHRD that the minutes of PAB are being finalized by 28-5-2013
- 1.4 The issue raised under MHRD letter dated 27-5-2013 regarding appointment of CA firm for statutory audit for auditing the accounts of SSA 2011-12, it was mentioned that sanction appointment of CA firm for statutory audit was already accorded in the 45th meeting of the E.C.

Agenda 2. To accord sanction to the Appointment of Chartered Accountant firm as a Statutory Auditor for Auditing the Accounts of SSA Project for the Financial Year 2012-13

- 2.1 E.C. accorded sanction to the appoint of C.A. firm M/s S.K.Patodia & Associates as a statutory Auditors for auditing the accounts of SSA for the Financial year 2012-13 as per the procedure / norms provided in the Manual of Financial Management and Procurement Procedure.

Agenda 3. Progress under the projects S.S.A., N.P.E.G.E.I. and K.G.B.V.

- 3.1 The State Project Director presented the progress report of 2012-13 of SSA, NPEGEL & KGBV.
- 3.2 He informed that during the fiscal year 2012-13, total fund utilized under SSA, NPEGEL & KGBV was Rs.223362.26 lacs against budget provision of Rs.336922.41 lacs which is 66.29 % of the sanctioned budget and 96.10 % of available fund of Rs.232423.92 lacs.
- 3.3 The Chair informed that overall results of "Kanya Kelavani Rath Yatra-Shala Praveshotsav and Gunotsav" showed consistent decline in drop out rate at Primary level (Std. 1 to 5) as well as Elementary level (Std. 1 to 8). The picture of drop out rate of the last five year as under:

Year	Std. 1 to 5			Std. 1 to 7		
	Boys	Girls	All	Boys	Girls	All
2008-09	2.28	2.31	2.29	8.58	9.17	8.87
2009-10	2.18	2.23	2.20	8.33	8.97	8.66
2010-11	2.08	2.11	2.09	7.87	8.12	7.95
2011-12	2.05	2.08	2.07	7.35	7.82	7.56
2012-13	2.02	2.06	2.04	6.87	7.37	7.08

Agenda 4. Convergences with other Departments (Health, Social Justice, ICPSS)

- 4.1 It was informed that a joint meeting was held with the Principal Secretary Commissioner Disabilities, Director Health, ICPS with leading NFOs for convergence of work progress the work done in this area. The Chair informed that the Member Secretary SCPCR and the Commissioner/Director of NRHM will be invited to the E.C. Meeting henceforth.
- 4.2 At this juncture, Dr. M.ArizaAhmed, Director, DSE&L informed that the Secretary DSEL MHRD has written a letter to all States on RBSK to bring convergence with NRHM for developing common action plan for early detection of disabilities.
- 4.3 The State Project Director agreed to take follow up action in this regards.

Agenda 5. Review of RTE implementation progress.

- 5.1 The Chair informed that State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) has been constituted and the notification regarding members appointed on the Commission have been issued on 21.2.2013.

- 5.2 On the issue of admission to the extent of at least **twenty five percent (25%)** of Class-I to children belonging to weaker section and disadvantaged group in the neighbourhood unaided private primary schools, the Chair informed that the matter has been taken up on pilot basis, covering unaided schools in all Municipal Corporations areas in the State. During the current academic year it has been decided to admit 5300 children in such schools. For reimbursement of expenditure to be incurred by such schools, a fund of Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned by the State.
- 5.3 On the issue of comfortable PTR according to RTE the Chair informed that at present the general PTR is 1:29. However, in places where PTR is not comfortable the Director of Primary Education agreed to initiate appropriate action by rationalizing the teachers' strength to achieve the PTR as per RTE norms.
- 5.4 On the issue of implementation of section 31 and 32 of the Act state has been notified **local authorities** under section 9 of the Act, vide E.D. resolution dated 1-2-2013. **Mechanism for redressal of grievance** of relating to rights of the child under the Act, has also been notified vide Resolution of Education Department dated 30-4-2013.
- 5.5 On the issue of recognition of private schools online recognition system has been adopted. **Recognition** process of existing schools as well as new schools is under progress.
- 5.6 Various circulars have been issued banning on capitation fee, prohibition of holding back and expulsion of child in any class, prohibition of physical punishment and mental harassment to child.
- 5.7 As per the data collected through GIS school mapping, 29 places without schooling facilities have been identified. Accordingly, 29 new schools proposed in the AWP&B 2013-14, have been sanctioned by the PAB.

It was suggested that the Director MHRD visit BISAG. It was instructed to put up all the circulars issued by SSA on website.

Agenda 6. In the discussion that accompanied the presentation, following important issues were discussed

- 6.1 On the issue of consistent decline in enrollment at primary level in Government schools, the Chair informed that similar problems are being faced in other states also. In Gujarat efforts are being made through Kanya Kelavni-Shala

Pravesotsav and Gunotsav to increase the enrolment in Government Schools. She requested SPD for follow up action.

- 6.2 On the issue of majority of Out of school children belongs to disadvantage communities viz, SC, ST, Muslim Minority, migrants, CWSN, urban deprived & working children etc, it was informed that all categories of Out of School Children are enrolled in school and covered under STP.
- 6.3 On the issue of increase in number of habitations, the Chair assured to examine the matter, requesting the SPD for follow up action.
- 6.4 On the issue of 50 building less schools in forest area villages, the Chair assured that the matter will be resolved in consultation with forest Department on priority basis.
- 6.5 On the issue of CWSN IEPs development, less number of enrolment of CWSN girls and less number of CWSN friendly toilets, The SPD was requested for follow up actions.
- 6.6 On the issue of construction of 20 KGBV building sanctioned between 2008-09 to 2010-11, the Chair informed that actions are being taken for expeditious construction including the option of land acquisition is being explored. She further informed that fund Rs. 3480 lac has been sanctioned in State budget to construct 20 KGBVs.
- 6.7 The Chair informed the E.C. members that the implementation of CTS by Gujarat SSA has been appreciated by the 17th JRM. The JRM has highlighted that SSA Gujarat has developed migration cards with unique pre-printed numbers for both intra State and inter State migrant children.

OIC A.S. informed that based on these cards, online web-based software has been developed to ensure the tracking of these children. The card has information on the origin and destination of migrant children. Master trainers have been selected from a range of stakeholders, including NGO's. Training has then been provided for all Block and Cluster level project staff. Migration forms for online tracking have also been provided to all schools.

- 6.8 On the issue of violation of SSA guidelines for engaging contractors for school construction works, it was clarified that constructions activities under SSA are undertaken with community involvement (SMC). However, building which are multi level requiring special design and technical skills are constructed through agency as per approval of PAB/Appraisal Report recommendation. SSA Gujarat

in its 2013-14 AWP has clearly submitted before PAB that specific work like construction of KGBV, Multi level work would be taken up through agency/contractor. As per para 6.7.1 of "SSA Frame Work for implementation - March 2011." contractor can be engaged in the rare cases of such building that in the opinion of the PAB, required special design and technical skills. Gujarat SSA also get the approval of PAB for engaging contractor. Supervision and Monitoring of this works are carried out by SMC, District Authority and State Project Office.

- 6.9 On the issue of awareness of roles and responsibilities by SMC members and Head Master under RTE Act, it was informed that awareness training is being imparted by the GCERT.
- 6.10 On the issue of prevention of corporal punishment of child, it was informed that necessary measures have been taken by prohibiting on physical punishment and mental harassment of a child in a school. In such cases section 23 of the Juvenile Justice Act is enforced in the State besides the disciplinary action. Accordingly, in near past penal actions have been taken on teacher in Vadodara District for violation of the Act.

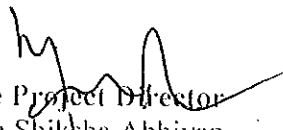
With a thanks to Chairperson and all the members of E.C. the 46th meeting of E.C. was concluded.

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1. All the Members of Executive Committee
 2. All Officers of this office.

Annexure : A

The list of participants who attended the 46th Meeting of E.C. on 28th May, 2013

No.	Name	Designation
1.	Smt. Sangeeta Singh	Chairman, EC & Principal Secretary, Primary Education
2.	Shri Mukesh Kumar	State Project Director, SSA, Gujarat
3.	Dr.Mahammed Ariz Ahammed	Director-SE&L, MHRD, New Delhi
4.	Shri R.C.Raval	Director, Primary Education
5.	Shri N.M.Patel	Director, GIET
6.	Ms. Trupatiben Seth	State Programe Director, Mahila Samakhya
7.	Dr. R.U.Purohit	Addl. Director, GCERT
8.	Shri D.B.Vyas	Executive Engineer, GWSSB, Gandhinagar
9.	Shri R.K.Patel	Dy. Commissioner, Tribal Development
10.	Shri R.C.Patel	Nodal Officer, Monitoring, SSA, M S.University, Vadodara
11.	Dr. Tatvamasi Paltasinh	Asstt. Professor, SPIESR, Ahmedabad
12.	Shri C.V.Joshi	President, GSPTF, Gandhinagar
13.	Shri R.R.Patel	District Project Coordinator, Panchmahal
14.	Shri L,D.Desai	Administrative Office, MSB, Ahmedabad
15.	Shri M.Z.Valvi	President, Dang District Primary Teachers Association
16.	Dr. Harshad	Project Officer, ICPS, Gandhinagar

Officers who attended the meeting

No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. D.R.Sharma	Secretary, SPO, SSA
2	Shri P.D.Patel	Finance and Accounts Officer
3	Shri V.G.Modi	OIC-Research & Evaluation
4	Dr. Darshana Joshi	OIC- Planning & Management
5	Shri J.L.Dasa	OIC-Teachers Training
6	Shri V.J.Shah	State Project Engineer
7	Shri Asif Sawant	OIC MIS
8	Shri Hitendra Joshi	OIC- A.S.
9	Sh. Vishal Soni	DBA & S.A. , CMS Branch
10	Shri Rajesh Mistri	IED Coordinator