

Minutes of the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Council of Elementary Education (GCEE)

The 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Council of Elementary Education (GCEE) was held under the chairmanship of Shri Arvind Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department at 15:00 hours on 1st October, 2014 in the Conference Hall of the State Project Office, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Gandhinagar. A list of members who participated in the meeting is attached at Annexure-A.

Shri Mukesh Kumar, State Project Director extended a warm welcome to the Chairman and all the members of the Executive Committee present in the meeting. After acquaintance of the members with the Chairman, the State Project Director, with consent of the Chair, took up the business of the meeting as per the Agenda.

Agenda-1 : To accord sanction to the minutes of the 49th Meeting of the E.C.

- 1.1 The Minutes of the 49th meeting of the E.C. held on 17-6-2014 were confirmed as no member offered any suggestions or modifications.

Agenda-2 : ATR on the Minutes of 49th meeting of the E.C.

A presentation was made by the State Project Director on the A.T.R. on the minutes of 49th meeting of the E.C. para wise details of which are produced below:

- 2.4 On the issue of establishment/construction of 15 KGBVs, it was informed at out of 15 KGBVs, construction of 8 KGBV has been completed, while in 6 KGBVs construction work is in progress. For the remaining 1 KGBV tender has been floated. The construction of all the remaining KGBVs will be completed by the middle of next year.
- 2.8 On the issue of fund for excess cost of Text Books to students of Std. VIII, the Director of Primary Education informed that required fund will be obtained from the State Budget through R.A. The State Project Director pointed out that SSA norms stipulated that where states were providing Free Text Books to students of Primary Schools under State sector schemes and budget before the commencement of SSA, they will have to continue to fund the Text Books from the State Plan. As the State Government was providing Free Text Books to the students of Std. I to VII prior to

inception of SSA, Government of India does not consider to grant fund for Text Books to students of Std I to VII. At this juncture, the Chair wanted to know about the states which were providing Free Text Books to students from the State budget prior to the inception of SSA and, at present are not receiving any grant for Free Text Books from the SSA. As the information was not readily available, he informed to collect the detailed information in this regard and produce the same for consideration.

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- 2.9 On the issue regarding study on learning outcomes of "Pragna", it was informed that Project Review & Preliminary Findings from stage 1 & stage 2 of Gujarat were shared with SPO and State Core team - PRAGNA, while stage 3 is under process.
- 2.10 On the issue of deployment of Resource teachers at Block level, it was informed that out of 939 posts of Resource Teachers, 725 posts have already been filled up. For remaining 214 vacant posts recruitment process has already been completed and merit list has also been published. However, due to some litigation in the Hon'ble High Court by the candidates for relaxation of qualifications criteria etc., the appointment of the candidates shall be made subject to the outcome of Special Civil Application (SCA) before Hon'ble High Court.
- 2.11 It was informed that Additional State Project Director, SSA has conducted Zonal meeting in July, 2014 to orient the Project Staff working in various district for effective implementation of the programmes of SSA, including STP, IED, Transportation, Teachers Training, Pragna etc.
- 2.12 On the issue of demolition of existing damaged categories school buildings, Shri V.J.Shah, State Project Engineer informed that the procedure adopted by different districts for demolition of existing damaged school buildings was studied, and the procedure adopted by Gandhinagar District Panchayat is found simple and fast. Therefore, DDOs of different districts have been requested to adopt the same procedure for demolition of existing damaged school buildings in their districts.

- 2.13 On the issue regarding establishment of more KGBVs, it was informed that as sanctioned by the State Government 20 KGBVs of model III type have been opened from the State fund in non EBBs, where 680 girls have enrolled. Other 26 KGBVs have been upgraded to Std. 9th & 10th from June, 2014 enrolling 1020 girls.
- 2.14 On the issue regarding acquisition of land for the construction of 3 KGBVs, it was informed that land have been acquired and construction work of 2 KGBVs have been started. The “Bhoomi Poojan” of 1 KGBV is scheduled to be organized on 4th October, 2014 and construction work will be taken up soon.
- 2.15 On the issue of deployment of Science and Maths teachers in KGBVs, it was informed that out of 89 posts of Maths – Science teachers, 32 posts were vacant. After initiating recruitment procedure, 7 posts were filled up. For the remaining 25 vacant posts alternative arrangements have been made by appointing B.sc B.Ed instructors.
- 2.16 On the issue of maintenance of R.O. Systems in schools, it was informed that all the DPEOs have instructed SMCs to undertake the maintenance of R.O system from maintenance grant available to them.
- 2.17 On the issue of teachers transfers, Shri R.C.Raval, Director, Primary Education informed that the post of teachers have remained vacant in the remote area as no teachers wish to work at remote place for a long period. To deal with this problem, it has been decided to appoint the teachers in such remote places for a specific period of three or four years, and no transfer is to be made during this period. Adoption of this policy will help to reduce vacancy in remote areas.
- 2.18 On the issue of self defense training to upper primary girls students, in was informed that such training has now been arranged in P.T. period with the regular class through P.T. teachers.
- 2.19 On the issue of ERP for Gunotsav and on line Child Tracking System for learning outcomes, it was informed that SRS has been completed by INDEXT-b. Financial Proposal is awaited from INDEXT-b.

Agenda - 3: Physical and Financial Progress under the Project SSA-RTE and KGBV.

The State Project Director presented head wise physical and financial progress of SSA and KGBV as under:

3.1 Access : GIS School Mapping

To arrive at a clear picture of current availability of school within the defined area or limits of neighbourhoods, GIS School Mapping exercise was carried out, and 25 places were identified where new schools need to be opened. Accordingly, 25 new school were opened in places where they were needed.

3.2 Special Training Programme

Out of 35180 targeted out of school children, 35556 children, comprising 17410 boys and 18146 girls are covered under STP of 3/12 months duration in 3271 centres, while out of 815 deprived children, 559 comprising 365 boys and 194 girls are covered in 22 Residential Hostels and Out of 28502 Migratory Children, 10218 comprising 5100 boys and 5118 girls are covered in 302 Seasonal Hostels established by SMCs at the original places of migration.

3.3 Transport facilities :

Out of 70789 targeted children, 76582 comprising 40198 boys and 36384 girls have been provided transport facilities, arranged by the SMCs using public transport.

3.4 Quality :

Total 7,97,879 mandays training out of targetted 22,24,930 mandays (for 2,22,493 teachers with pragna teachers) has been completed and 35.86% of physical target has already been achieved till June, 2014. Remaining 2nd phase training, 3 days at Block level and 3 day at cluster level is schedule to be organized during October to December 2014.

The in service training has been provided to all teachers of Government schools. Ashram Shalas, Private- Aided and unaided schools.

3.5 PRAGNA :

Pragna- an Activity Based Learning (ABL) approach was initiated in 258 school in 2010, which at present covers 16000 schools covering 14,54,916 students in the year 2014. It has been planned to implement the Pragna across the State by 2017.

3.6 Inclusive Education :

Under inclusive education 839 Resource Rooms established at Block and Cluster level are functional. Hiring of therapy services at 205 Resource rooms. Corrective Surgery Provided to 112 children. 7603 teachers were imparted training on sign language, brail and Multy category. Students were provided with Large Print Books as per new curriculum. Transport/Escort allowance has been provided to 10796 students.

3.7 SMC Training :

State Level Master Trainers have been imparted training in September, 2014 District and Block Level Resource Persons will be imparted training in October, 2014. And SMC members will be imparted training during November, 2014. to January, 2015.

3.8 MIS :

Since the year 2012-13, all the schools with Std 1 to 12 have been covered under U-DISE. 4200 schools have been provided with Internet facilities. Information Communication Technology (ICT) has been developed for SSA.

3.9 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)

89 KGBVs under SSA and 20 KGBVs (Model III pattern) from State budget are functional with enrolment of 6183 girls, comprising 37% ST, 6% SC, 16% BPL, 2% Minority and 39% OBC, 26 KGBVs have been upgraded to Std. 9 and 10.

3.10 Infrastructure :

Work orders of all the targeted civil work pertaining to construction of 3300 class rooms, 1967 Girls Toilets, 983 Boys Toilets and 106 Major Repairing schools have been issued of which construction work of 1939 class room, 1833 Girls Toilet, 923 Boys Toilet and 95 Major Repairing are in progress, while construction of 6 Girls Toilets, 1 Boys Toilet and 11 Major Repairing have been completed.

3.11 Financial Status 2014-15

Against the total approved financial budget provisions for SSA and KGBV for the year 2014-15 Rs. 139611.79 lacs, fund received from GOI in Rs.12790.85 lacs and from GOG is Rs.65743.75 lacs. Of which a fund of Rs.53390.10 is utilized till August, 2014 which is 38.24% of the approved Budget and 67.48% of the total fund received from GOI and GOG.

Agenda-4 (a) :Progress on PAB commitments

E.C. took note of the compliances made on PAB Commitments as produced in the Agenda.

Agenda-4 (b) : SSA progress under different components in compliance to RTE Act, 2009.

E.C. took note of the development of progress under different components in compliance to RTE Act, 2009. The Chair suggested to address the issues of RTE which are under progress at various level.

Agenda-5 : To accord sanction to Audited Accounts and Audit Report of SSA, KGBV for the Financial year 2013-14.

Audited Accounts and Audit Report of SSA, KGBV for the financial year 2013-14, presented to the E.C. was approved with a consent for submission it to GOI.

Agenda-6 : To accord sanction to utilize the saving amount of Transport facilities sanctioned for primary school children in Vadodara Municipal Corporation to upper primary school children in Vadodara (Rural)

E.C. accorded sanction to utilize the saving fund of about Rs.5.07 lacs sanctions for transport facility to primary schools children of Vadodara Municipal Corporation to 169 children of upper primary schools children in Vadodara Rural area, who are really need the transport facility.

The State Project Director further presented a proposal to the E.C. to expand the transfer facility to the children of Navsari, Vadodara and Valsad districts and Vadodara Municipal Corporation, where about 23457 children do not find access to neighbourhood schools. This would require a fund of about Rs.357.86 lacs for the remaining period of 5 months in the current fiscal year.

E.C. agreed with the proposal and accorded sanction to submit a detailed proposal for the approval of GOI.

Agenda-7 : To accord sanction to rectify the costing errors in the costing sheet of AWP&B 2014-15 under the budget head 19.01 (IE for CWSN) in 18 districts 4 Municipal Corporations in Gujarat as the figures of number of beneficiaries among these are interchanged.

E.C. took note of the fact that mentioned in the agenda, and accords approval to rectify the costing errors appears in the costing sheet of the AWP&B 2014-15, under the budget head : 19.01 (district intervention of Inclusive Education for CWSN), where the number of beneficiaries among these were interchanged.

Agenda-8: Agenda Items from the Chair :

8.1 To accord sanction to the Management set-up for SSA at Newly created 7 districts.

E.C. agreed with the proposal and accorded sanction to create district level Management set-up as indicated in the agenda item, in the 7 Newly created districts.

Approval was also given to make fresh budget provisions for the proposed management set-up at district level in the next year AWP&B 2015-16. The expenditure on this account should depend on AWP&B 2015-16. The posts will be filled up through direct recruitment and not by internal transfers.

8.2 To accord sanction to carry out the construction of Toilet Blocks and to make Toilet Blocks functional where they are not functional.

E.C. considered the proposal and accorded sanctions to permit the Corporate Houses and PSUs. to undertake the construction works of Toilets and to make the Toilet Blocks functional, where they are not functional.

Permission was also granted to other Corporate Houses and PSUs who show their willingness for such task in the future.


The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the State Project Director to the Chair and members of the E.C.

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To

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

Annexure : A

The list of participants who attended the 50th Meeting of E.C. on 1st October, 2014

No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Arvind Agarwal	Chairperson, EC & Additional Chief Secretary, Education
2.	Shri Mukesh Kumar	State Project Director, SSA, Gujarat
3.	Shri R.C.Raval	Director of Primary Education, Gandhinagar
4.	Dr. Bharat Pandit	Director, Guj. State School Textbook Board, Gandhinagar
5.	Dr. R.U.Purohit	Director, GCERT, Gandhinagar
6.	Ms. Apexa Bhatt	State Programme Director, Mahila Samakhya, Gujarat
7.	Shri R.C.Patel	Nodal Officer, Moni. Insti., M.S.Uni. Vadodara
8.	Ms. Tattwamasi Paltasingh	Nodal Officer, Moni. Int., SPIESER, Ahmedabad
9.	Shri C.V.Joshi	President, GSPTF, Gandhinagar
10.	Dr. L.D.Desai	Administrative Office, MSB, Ahmedabad
11.	Shri M.Z.Valvi	President, Dang District Primary Teachers Association
12.	Ms.Mamte B. Sojitre	Assitt. Director, ICDS, Gandhinagar

Officers who attended the meeting

No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Ashok Sharma	Addl. State Project Director, SSA
2	Dr. D.R.Sharma	Secretary, SPO, SSA
3	Shri P.B.Kharchaliya	Finance and Accounts Officer
4	Shri V.G.Modi	OIC-Research & Evaluation
5	Dr. Darshana Joshi	OIC- Teachers Training
6	Shri V.J.Shah	State Project Engineer
7	Shri Asif Savant	OIC MIS
8	Shri Hitendra Joshi	OIC- A.S.
9	Sh. Vishal Soni	DBA & S.A. , CMS Branch
10	Ms. Darshna Suthar	OIC-Girls Education
11	Shri Dinesh Desai	Convener, QE Cell
12	Shri Mahesh Jani	State IED Coordinator