

**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
Department of School Education & Literacy

**Subject: Minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee for Innovative and Experimental Programme held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.**

The 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) Projects was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 in the Conference Room No. 112 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, under the Chairmanship of Shri Champak Chatterji, Secretary (SE&L), Ministry of Human Resource Development. The list of participants is enclosed. Ms. Deepa Das and Prof. Minal Miri could not attend the meeting.

The meeting started with a round of introduction of the participants.

2. At the outset, JS (EE-II) welcomed the members and introduced the new members.
3. The GIAC then took up the Agenda Items and the following decisions were taken:-
  - (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of GIAC held on 30.4.2007. JS(EE-II) informed the Committee that the minutes of the meeting of GIAC held on 30.4.2007 were circulated to all the participants and no comments have been received from any member. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 30.04.2007.
  - (2) Action Taken Report on the decision taken in the meeting of GIAC held on 30.04.2007. The GIAC noted the Action Taken on the minutes of GIAC meeting held on 10.10.2006 and 30.4.2007. On the following items, decisions taken were as under: -

**a. Proposal of CREDA:**

*GIAC directed that SPD, SSA, UP and Secretary, CREDA may be invited in the next meeting of GIAC to sort out this long pending case, if not done before hand. The GIAC would then consider it to continue with its recommendation or drop the matter totally.*

**b. JANARTH, Aurangabad & (c) SANTULAN, Pune**

The GIAC authorised MHRD to take up the matter with SPD, Maharashtra again to ensure starting of the projects at the earliest by the State GIAC.

**(3) SANKALP, New Delhi for Orissa**

The proposal of SANKALP, New Delhi for implementation of I&E project in the districts of Keondjhar and Baleswar districts of Orissa was considered by the Committee. The Committee took into consideration the reports of the NCERT, State of Orissa and the FIT report. The representative of SPD, OPEPA intimated that VA has no office either in State Capital or in the districts headquarters in which the VA proposed to implement the project. He also informed the Committee that the VA was not in touch with the district authorities in both the

districts. The representative of SPD further informed that the list produced by VA does not contain the **out of school children** from OPEPA website.

The GIAC took note of all the facts at hand and rejected the proposal.

**(4) Priyanshi Educational Cultural and Social Society, Bhopal**

The GIAC considered the proposal of VA for opening AIE centers in the districts of Vidisa and Bhopal of Madhya Pradesh. The Committee noted reports of the NCERT, SPD, Rajya Shiksha Kendra, Bhopal and the Field Inspection Team. SPD, Madhya Pradesh, who was present in the meeting intimated the GIAC that NGO has no past experience in elementary education and the State SSA Programme under RBC/NRBC has already covered the areas proposed by VA.

The GIAC considered all the facts and rejected the proposal.

**(5) Information on proposal in process**

The GIAC noted, no other proposals were pending.

**(6) Consideration of JET report on six ongoing projects**

Copies of JET report on the projects run by the following VAs were placed before GIAC.

- (a) UTTHAN, Bhopal, MP
- (b) Aprajita, Katihar, Bihar
- (c) Gajapati Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Gajapati, Orissa
- (d) Rupantar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- (e) PRATHAM, Mumbai for Bihar Project and;
- (f) PRATHAM, Mumbai for UP project

After considering the contents of JET report as well as the response of VA in respect of Sl. No. (a) to (e) above, the following decisions were taken by the GIAC.

**(i) *UTTHAN, Bhopal, MP***

The Committee noted that the JET has recommended the proposal for continuation of the project in the second year. The Committee also noted that in view of the recommendations of the JET, the Department has released to VA the first installment of the grant for the second year of the project.

**(ii) *Aprajita, Katihar, Bihar***

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***(iii) Gajapati Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Gajapati, Orissa***

The GIAC noted that the JET report has recommended continuation of 14 centres during the second year of the project against the approved 20 centres. The GIAC also noted that the first installment of the second year has been released to VA for running 14 centres as per the recommendations of the JET.

***(iv) Rupantar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh***

The GIAC noted that the JET has recommended the continuation of the project in the second year. The GIAC also noted that the matter for releasing the first installment of the second year is under consideration in the Department.

***(v) PRATHAM, Mumbai for Bihar project***

The GIAC decided that in view of the position reported by JET that VA has not achieved the target during the first year of the project a reworked budget for the next year be worked out and released. The GIAC noted the need for the VA to set up contact points in Kishanganj and Purnia districts and also to strengthen their own supervision of the project. The GIAC also felt that SPD Bihar be given another copy of the approved project and JET report and be requested for better coordination and supervision of the project. It was clarified that the fund release will not be contingent on later issues.

***(vi) PRATHAM, Mumbai for UP project***

The GIAC noted that the report of JET was received in the Ministry on 14.11.07 only and the copy of the report is still to be sent to VA for comments. JET recommended continuation of BSKs and library interventions for the second year of the project. The GIAC further decided that, in order to review that the project is being run along approved lines, another Joint Evaluation Team visit the project in the last week of February or first week of March, 2008. The GIAC also felt that a copy of JET report and the approved original project be sent to SPD UP, with a request that the SPD make arrangements for proper supervision and coordination of the project in UP.

**(7) Ratification of the decision for replacement of Smt. Madhuri Deshpande in place of Smt. Farida Lambay and Shri Ravi Chand in place of Shri Narendra Kawade**

The GIAC ratified the decision taken by the Secretary (SE&L) for the replacement of Smt. Farida Lambay and Shri Narendra Kawade by Smt. Madhuri Deshpande and Shri Ravi Chand respectively on Joint Evaluation Teams (JET) to Rupantar and Gajapati Samaj Kalyan Samiti.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to chair.

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE GRANTS-IN-AID COMMITTEE FOR  
INNOVATIVE AND EXPERIMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECTS HELD ON  
15.11.2007**

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| 1. | Shri Champak Chatterji<br>Secretary (SE&L)<br>Department of School Education & Literacy<br>Ministry of Human Resource Development<br>Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. | <b>Chairman</b>                |
| 2. | Ms. Vrinda Sarup<br>Joint Secretary (EE.II)<br>Department of School Education & Literacy<br>Ministry of Human Resource Development<br>Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi | Member                         |
| 3. | Rev. Father Thomas Felix<br>Central Institute of Mental Retardation<br>Thiruvananthapuram<br>Kerala   | Member                         |
| 4. | Shri Shamshad Khan<br>Secretary, CREDA<br>490, Awas Vikas Colony<br>Mirzapur, U.P.  | Member                         |
| 5. | Ms. Farida Lambay<br>Nirmala Niketan<br>Mumbai  | Member                         |
| 6. | Smt. Madhuri Deshpande, Managing Dir,<br>Centre for Opportunities in Education<br>and Rehabilitation (COER),<br>Ferguson College Campus,<br>Pune, Maharashtra   | Member                         |
| 7. | Shri R.S.Julaniya<br>SPD, SSA, Madhya Pradesh<br>Bhopal   | Special Invitee                |
| 8. | Shri A,K.Behra<br>Joint Director, SSA, OPEPA, Orissa<br>Bhubneshwar (Representative of SPD, OPEPA)  | Special Invitee                |
| 9. | Shri Om Prakash<br>US (Finance)   | Representative of FA<br>(MHRD) |

Shri Ravi Chand, Under Secretary, MHRD assisted the Committee.