

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF SSA, NPEGEL and KGBV OFSTATE FOR THE YEAR (FINANCIAL AUDIT)

BACKGROUND

The is a registered Society which is implementing the centrally sponsored Programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to attain the goal of Universalization of Elementary Education in all the districts of State for which funds are shared between the Government of India and State Government in the ratio of

OBJECTIVES

Internal Audit is a control that functions by examining and evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of other controls throughout the organisation. The objective of the current internal audit is to seek a professional opinion on the financial position of SSA, **NPEGEL and KGBV** programme. The internal auditor should also ensure that funds received and expenditure incurred for the accounting period are in accordance with the laid down financial regulations, procurement procedures and other orders issued from time to time and that proper accounts are maintained at all levels.

SCOPE

Expenditure is incurred against various activities approved in the Annual Work Plan & Budget from funds released by the Government of India and the State Government covering the programme cost. A statement of expenditure based on actual amounts spent under various interventions is sent to Government of India. The internal auditor is required to exercise tests of accounting records, internal checks and control and other necessary internal audit of the accounts as per general principles. In conducting the Audit, specific attention should be given to the following:

- (a) The internal audit activities should include payment audit as well as independent appraisals of the financial, operational and control activities of the programme.
- (b) The responsibilities of the internal auditor should include reporting on the adequacy of internal controls, the accuracy and propriety of transactions, the extent to which assets are accounted for and safeguarded, and the level of compliance with SSA, **NPEGEL and KGBV** financial norms and State Government procedures.
- (c) All funds have been used in accordance with the condition of the relevant financial norms and financial regulations with due attention to economy and efficiency, and only for the purpose for which the financing was provided.

- (d) Generally accepted accounting principles are followed by all entities who are authorised to incur expenditure under SSA, NPEGEL and KGBV.
- (e) Goods, works and services financed have been procured in accordance with relevant provisions of the Procurement Procedure prescribed for the purpose. Proper documents, namely, purchase orders, tender documents, invoices, vouchers, receipts, pay bills, TA bills etc. are maintained and linked to the transactions and retained till the end of the Programme.
- (f) All necessary supporting documents, records and accounts have been kept in respect of all programme expenditure including expenditure covered by Statement of Expenditure. Clear linkages should exist between the books of accounts and reports presented to the Government of India and the State Government.
- (g) Expenditure incurred under SSA, NPEGEL and KGBV is strictly in accordance with the financial norms prescribed in the SSA framework or any other clarifications issued from time to time. The expenditure statements / financial statements included in the statement of expenditure of the relevant period represent a true and fair view or implementation and operations of the programme at the end of the financial year and of resources and expenditure for the year ended on that date.
- (h) Expenditure is incurred with reference to the budget allocation approved by the PAB. In case the budget allocation is exceeded proper re-appropriation duly approved by the competent authority has been obtained.
- (i) SSA, NPEGEL and KGBV funds are used efficiently and economically to the purpose for which they are intended.
- (j) Reconciliation of Bank Statements and accounts is regularly carried out on a monthly basis.

OUTPUTS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Immediately on completion of the internal audit, the auditor should submit his report indicating the result of his review of the accounts. All discrepancies noticed in the financial accounts, procurement, bank reconciliation etc. should be included in the report.

GENERAL

The auditor should be given access to all legal documents, books of accounts, procurement documents, correspondence, and any other information associated with the programme and deemed necessary by the auditor.

REVIEW

A review committee consisting of SPD, head of the financial management group at the SPO and accounts officer of SPO will review the internal audit report submitted by the internal auditor and take further remedial measures on the discrepancies pointed out in internal audit.