

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

**Subject: Minutes of 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Grants-in-aid Committee for Innovative & Experimental Scheme held on 22.12.2009 at 4.00 P.M. under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L).**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) Scheme under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was held at 4.00 PM on 22.12.2009 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

2. Shri Shamshad Khan, Secretary, CREDA, Mirzapur, Ms. Farida Lambay, Vice Principal, College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai, Father Thomas Felix, Director, Central Institute of Mental Retardation, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. V. P. Singh, State Project Director, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Delhi and representatives of NCERT and Ministry of Human Resource Development participated in this meeting. Ms. Deepa Dass, Smt. Madhuri Deshpande and Prof. Mrinal Miri could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements. The State Project Director, SSA, Madhya Pradesh, though informed over telephone earlier that he would depute his nominee, intimated again on 20.12.2009 that it would not be possible for the concerned officer of the Society to attend the meeting due to sudden illness. The representatives of two organisations i.e. Katha., New Delhi and Narayani Sewa Trust, District Harda, Madhya Pradesh also participated as Special Invitees. A complete list of participants is annexed.

3. JS(EE-II) welcomed the members of GIAC . This was followed by a round of introduction by the members of Committee and other participants.

4. JS(EE-II) outlined the I&E component of SSA and the GIAC's role and procedures for the meetings of GIAC.

5. Thereafter, Chairperson, GIAC took up the listed Agenda items for consideration and the following decisions were taken :-

**Item No. 1 – Confirmation of the minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GIAC held on 27.05.2009.**

The minutes of the GIAC meeting held on 27.05.2009 were confirmed.

**Item No. 2 – Action taken Report on the decisions taken on 27.05.2009.**

The Committee noted the Action Taken Report on each item. On the query raised by a member of the Committee, it was clarified that the matter relating to the claim of PRATHAM –for reimbursement of an amount of Rs. 1.06 crore for their I&E Project run in a few Districts of Bihar was under consideration in the Department; and GIAC desired that the claim of NGO may be settled by the Ministry at the earliest.

Ms. Farida Lambey and Sh. Shamshad Khan raised the issue that the meetings of the State level GIACs being held regularly in many States/UTs and there was delay in release of fund even in respect of proposals approved by the State level GIAC. GIAC desired that the matter should be further pursued with all the States/UTs and they may be asked to submit a report on quarterly basis indicating the proposals received, approved, fund sanctioned and released.

**Item No. 3 – Consideration of new proposals of Voluntary Agencies :**  
**Item No 3(a) – KATHA, New Delhi.**

JS(EE-II) introduced the proposal stating that KATHA proposal comprises five components, namely, (i) Reading Centres, (ii) English Academy, (iii) Research & Documentation, (iv) Faculty Development and (v) Production of Print and E-Material. She stated that the project period is two years and the estimated budget is Rs.1,46,38,000/- for first year and Rs.1,38,86,400/- for the second year. JS(EE-II) also apprised the members of GIAC that no report was received from the State Project Director, SSA, Delhi but the NCERT and the Field Inspection Team (FIT) have recommended the proposal with some observations, which were brought to the notice of KATHA and comments of KATHA on those observations have been received. She requested Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan of KATHA to make a presentation before GIAC members.

Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan in her presentation talked about the various components of the proposal and explained KATHA's response to the observations of NCERT and FIT. She elaborated the concept of story pedagogy and reading leagues aimed at enhancing reading skills of the children in slum areas through innovative teaching learning materials. She also dwelt on the element of action research as a crucial ingredient of the proposal for contextualizing the TLMs and approach to teaching learning.

Father Thomas Felix asked if thought had been given to the development of perception and internalization of the content while designing interventions for enhancing reading skills.

Sh. Shamshad Khan sought clarification on the strategies for coverage and retention of the seasonally migrant children, and suggested that it was perhaps too ambitious to target the street children and the proposal could be confined to slum children only.

Ms. Farida Lambey stated that the major outcomes and deliverables of the proposed project need to be spelt out clearly, and that there should be clarity as to how could the experience and gains of the project should be mainstreamed and incorporated in the teaching-learning system in formal schools.

Dr. V. P. Singh, SPD, SSA, Delhi underlined the need for sharing data on out of school children between the NGO and the State Implementation Society.

Prof. G. Ravindra Joint Director, NCERT stated that system being proposed should not be a parallel to SSA and asked about the relevance of the English Academy and the methodology of using internet, blogging etc. for reaching to the target group. They also underlined the need for using the available research material on the issues involved rather than initiating fresh research.

JS(EE-II) advised KATHA to ensure that a robust monitoring and tracking system is developed and periodic reports are regularly shared with MHRD.

After detailed discussion, GIAC decided that KATHA should submit a supplementary note to MHRD highlighting (1) Measurable outcomes and deliverables of the project, (2) Methodology for joyful reading, (3) Target groups of the project, (4) Modalities of action research (5) Effective monitoring child tracking system, (6) Linkages with formal school system, and (7) English Lab and Computer Aided Learning. The project proposal along with the supplementary note would be considered by the GIAC in its next meeting.

**Item No. 3(b) – Narayani Sewa Trust, District Harda, Madhya Pradesh.**

JS(EE-II) apprised the GIAC that VA proposes to run 100 centres in tribal villages of Harda district of Madhya Pradesh for the coverage of 2500 children in the age of 5 – 14 years. The project is of three years duration and the estimated cost of the project is Rs.40,78,650/- per year. She stated that the proposal was forwarded by the State Project Director, SSA, Madhya Pradesh for consideration by the MHRD. Both FIT and NCERT have not recommended the proposal.

It was also apprised to GIAC that Sh. Sanjay Jangre, representative of Narayani Sewa Trust, Harda, who was present at the start of the meeting had left the meeting without intimation when the proposal of KATHA came up for discussion.

Since the representatives of Narayani Sewa Trust, Harda chose to leave the meeting of GIAC and the proposal was not recommended by FIT and NCERT, GIAC decided to close the proposal.

**Item No 4 – Consideration of fresh proposals or status thereof received in the Ministry since last meeting of GIAC held on 27.05.2009.**

GIAC noted that three proposals of VAs (KATHA, New Delhi; Narayani Sewa Trust, District Harda, Madhya Pradesh and Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti, New Delhi) were under consideration of the Department of School Education & Literacy and 14 proposals received from various NGOs from 30.05.2009 to 4.12.2009 had been forwarded to the concerned State Project Directors of the States/UTs for consideration by the State level GIAC under EGS/AIE component of SSA.

GIAC desired that Field Inspection Team (FIT) in future must have a nominee of the State Government.

**Tabled Item No.1: Minor modification in guidelines for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) Projects under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) –**

GIAC approved the minor modification in I&E guidelines to reduce the time limit for submission of the comments by the concerned State Government(s) to 45 days from three months. The recommendation of the GIAC should be placed before the Executive Committee (EC) of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for approval.

6. Chairperson thanked all members of the GIAC for their contribution and work.
7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE GRANTS-IN-AID COMMITTEE FOR  
INNOVATIVE AND EXPERIMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECTS HELD ON  
22.12.2009**

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| 1. | Ms. Anshu Vaish<br>Secretary (SE&L)<br>Department of School Education & Literacy<br>Ministry of Human Resource Development<br>Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.      | Chairperson |
| 2. | Ms. Anita Kaul,<br>Joint Secretary (SE&L)<br>Department of School Education & Literacy<br>Ministry of Human Resource Development<br>Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi | Member      |
| 3. | Father Thomas Felix,<br>Director,<br>Central Institute of Mental Retardation (CIMR)<br>Thiruvananthapuram<br>Kerala   | Member      |
| 4. | Shri Shamshad Khan<br>Secretary,<br>CREDA<br>490, Awas Vikas Colony<br>Mirzapur, U.P.   | Member      |
| 5. | Ms. Farida Lambey,<br>Vice Principal<br>College of Social Works,<br>Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai,<br>Maharashtra   | Member      |
| 6. | Dr. V.P. Singh,<br>State Project Director,<br>SSA, Delhi  | Member      |
| 7. | Ms. Rajni Taneja,<br>AFA,<br>Shastri Bhawan,<br>New Delhi   | Member      |
| 8. | Ms. Archana Awasthi,<br>Director, Room NO. 303<br>A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan<br>New Delhi   | Member      |

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| 9.  | Sh. G. Ravindra,<br>Joint Director,<br>NCERT<br>New Delhi  | Member              |
| 10. | Ms. Kavita Sharma,<br>NCERT,<br>New Delhi  | Member              |
| 11. | Shri A.K. Srivastava<br>DERPP, NCERT<br>New Delhi  | Member              |
| 12. | Prof. R.B.L. Soni,<br>DEE, NCERT<br>New Delhi  | Member              |
| 13. | Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan<br>KATHA,<br>New Delhi   | Special Invitee     |
| 14. | Ms. Kriti Singh<br>KATHA,<br>New Delhi   | Special Invitee     |
| 15. | Shri Sanjay Jangre<br>Naryani Seva Trust,<br>Harda, Madhya Pradesh   | Special Invitee     |
| 16. | Shri P.K. Tiwari<br>Director,<br>Department of School Education & Literacy<br>Ministry of Human Resource Development<br>Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. | Member<br>Secretary |

Shri Ravi Chand, Under Secretary, Department of School Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development assisted the Committee.