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Department of School Education and Literacy

Subject: Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee for Innovative and Experimental Scheme under SSA-RTE held on 28.06.2011 at -03.00 PM under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary (SE&L).

The 60th Meeting of the Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) Scheme under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)-RTE was held on 28.06.2011 at 03.00 PM under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi. A list of the participants is at Annexure-I. Sh. Arun Kapur and Dr. Shantha Sinha could not attend the meeting due to other engagements.

2. At the outset, Additional Secretary(SE) welcomed the participants, followed by a round of introductions. She briefly apprised the members about the mid-term evaluation of on going I&E scheme by BGVS and KATHA by Joint Evaluation Team (JET) appointed by the Ministry. She also intimated the participants that separate agenda item on proposal from Deshkal Society is also placed before GIAC for consideration.

3. Thereafter, GIAC took up the listed agenda items for consideration and the following decisions were taken :-

3.1 ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 59TH MEETING OF THE GIAC HELD ON 09.08.2010.

AS (SE) stated that the Minutes of the GIAC meeting held on 09.08.2010 were circulated to all participants on 30.08.2010 and no comments have been received from any participant. She requested the members to comment on the Minutes of GIAC Meeting held on 9.08.2010. However, all participants were in agreement with the Minutes of the GIAC Meeting. Therefore, the minutes of GIAC meeting held on 9.08.2010 were confirmed.

3.2 ITEM NO. 2: ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN 59TH MEETING OF GIAC HELD ON 09.08.2010.

The Committee noted the Action Taken Report on each item of the decisions taken by GIAC meeting held on 09.08.2010.

3.3 ITEM NO. 3: KATHA - INNOVATIVE AND EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME UNDER SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN – CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF JOINT EVALUATION TEAM (JET) KATHA BY GIAC – REGARDING.

3.3.1 AS(SE) apprised the GIAC that a Joint Evaluation Team (JET) comprising a nominee of SPD, SSA, Delhi and a nominee of MHRD was constituted under the Chairmanship of Sh. Arun Kapur – Member, GIAC and a copy of the JET report is placed for consideration by GIAC. She also apprised the members that a copy of the JET report was sent to KATHA for comments. The comments received vide KATHA's letter dated 02.06.2011 are also placed before GIAC for consideration. Recommending the continuation of on going I&E project by KATHA for the 2nd year, JET report made following recommendations :

- (a) Reimbursement of around Rs. 11.00 lakhs which could not be released to KATHA during the 1st year of the project:
- (b) Revision of salary to Supervisors/Senior Reading Mentors from Rs. 7,000/- to Rs. 9,000/- per month, for Reading Mentors from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- per month; and
- (c) Revision of monthly rent of reading rooms from Rs. 1200/- to Rs. 3,000/- per month.
- (d) JET also suggested for linkages of reading centres being run by KATHA in few slum areas with MCD schools.

3.3.2 Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan of KATHA made a presentation before GIAC. In brief, she highlighted the following issues :-

- (a) The deduction in the second instalment has highly affected their day to day transactions in managing all components, though VA agreed to the late opening of 9 centres but the hard work of KATHA made an impact on 13,942 children instead of restricting to 12,000 and the same for KENGA.
- (b) Regarding increase in rent, VA stated that they have been facing problems due to size of KIRC.
- (c) Low paid salaries have increased rate of attrition.
- (d) JET's suggestions for linkage Reading Centres in few slums areas with the MCD schools have been agreed to by KATHA but necessary action in this regard is to be taken by Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi / SSA, Delhi and MCD Authorities.
- (e) She also clarified that as per latest DISE Data there are 37,400 out of school children which are to be mainstreamed by the concerned Authorities of Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi / SSA, Delhi and MCD.

3.3.3 During the discussions, the members of GIAC made the observations as under :-

- (a) Ms. Venita Kaul desired to know the views of KATHA on linkage of reading centres of KATHA with MCD schools

and efforts made by them so far, especially on library component.

- (b) Ms. Rajul Padmanabhan expressed concern regarding the coverage of disabled children and wanted to know about the efforts made by KATHA in this regard. She also desired to know the hours being spent by learners in reading centres and libraries of KATHA
- (c) The representative of SSA, Delhi said that the Society has no comments to offer.

Responding to the observations made by members, Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan, mentioned that Katha have approached the concerned Authorities for linkages of its reading centres with MCD schools but there was no progress in this regard. She further clarified that the Reading material of KATHA are always available in their centres and there is flexibility of timings for the learners to attend the reading centres / libraries. So far as coverage of disabled children is concerned, KATHA always give preference to such children. She circulated in GIAC meeting a copy each of the under mentioned publications brought out by KATHA :-

- (1) BIOSCOPE (Hindi & English version).
- (2) the MYNA (Hindi & English version).
- (3) I am Aan (Hindi & English version).
- (4) Kumhar Basti ki Bailgadi (Hindi version).
- (5) Mahi aur Ped ka Haathi ((Hindi & English version).

3.3.4 After detailed discussions, GIAC took the following decisions:-

- (a) The project may be continued in the 2nd year of the project started on 01.04.2011.
- (b) KATHA should submit the utilisation certificate in the prescribed format together with Audited Accounts. VA should seek the reimbursement of expenditure incurred on 9 centres from April to July, 2010 on actual basis duly audited by Chartered Accountant.
- (c) GIAC approved the enhancement of budget on the following components for 2nd year of the project :-
 - (i) Revision of salary to Supervisors/Senior Reading Mentors from Rs. 7,000/- to Rs. 9,000/- per month, for Reading Mentors from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- per month; and
 - (ii) Revision of monthly rent of reading rooms from Rs. 1200/- to Rs. 3,000/- per month.

AFA, IFD suggested that the budget of KATHA for the 2nd year may be reworked and the per child cost should be as per I&E guidelines.

- (d) KATHA will furnish to the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi / SSA, Delhi and MCD Authorities the list of reading centres and libraries being run by KATHA together with the names and details of 37,400 out of school children, under intimation to MHRD,

so that the Directorate of Education may take up this matter with MCD Authorities at appropriate level.

3.4.1 ITEM NO. 4 : INNOVATIVE & EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME UNDER SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN FOR SPREADING AWARENESS AT THE GRASS-ROOT LEVEL ON THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO FREE & COMPULSORY EDUCATION (RTE) ACT, 2009 – CONSIDERATION OF JET REPORT.

3.4.2 AS(SE) appraised GIAC that a Joint Evaluation Team (JET) was constituted by this Department comprising of Sister Cyril, Prof. D. S. Bhattacharjee – both GIAC Members, 3 nominees of MHRD and nominees of SPDs of 7 States, under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Venita Kaul for carrying out mid-term evaluation of ongoing I&E project being run by BGVS. JET has submitted its report on 19.05.2011. The main recommendations made by JET are as follows:-

- (1) BGVS has been able to demonstrate very good results with respect to the first objective of creating awareness about the RTE in its first year of implementation. The project should therefore be continued into the second year as approved, to give it an opportunity to work on the other three important objectives which it has laid out for itself. However, it may also be mentioned at this point that projects like these with a social development agenda need to be envisaged of a longer duration than just two years, to enable them to really demonstrate meaningful impact.
- (2) In terms of its implementation approach for the second year, BGVS may need to both broaden and deepen its agenda of intervention. As discussed above, BGVS aims to develop and strengthen sustainable institutions at the Panchayat level which can demonstrate capacity and confidence in being able to elect and support an SMC according to the statutory specifications, monitor its functioning and ensure the authority and funds delegated to it are utilized optimally for community betterment. To enable this to happen, it will have to necessarily both 'broaden' its agenda to cover larger quality and inclusion related issues and 'deepen' its approach to move beyond trainings to institute processes of consistent hand holding and confidence building of the Shiksha Adhikar Samiti and, through it the SMCs, till community representatives come on their own.
- (3) BGVS may need to further think through and clearly articulate for all levels of functionaries its strategy to move beyond the *kalajathas* to the next stage of formation of capable and confident Shiksha Adhikar Samitis and the further process of their supporting the formation of SMCs and preparation of model plans.

- (4) BGVS may improve its coordination with SSA at all levels for more effective project outcomes, as already discussed above in detail. In this context it may also consider proactively seeking partnerships with other government programmes like Mahila Samakhya, KGBV and NPEGEL for more convergent planning and action leading to better outcomes.
- (5) BGVS may consider adopting a more 'bottom up' approach in its second year of implementation with concentration on instituting processes at decentralized , block and panchayat levels for capacity building, while utilizing the national and state resource groups more productively for directly supporting and strengthening the efforts at these levels, rather than in a cascade mode.
- (6) BGVS may concentrate efforts at building capacities at its own decentralized levels of its functionaries and its volunteers to be able to identify local priorities and issues and explore local solutions rather than following a centralized agenda.
- (7) JET recommends to MHRD to consider approval of change in one district in Orissa, change of Blocks and Panchayats, as given in this report.

A copy of the JET Report was sent to BGVS for comments but their comment have not yet been received.

3.4.3 Ms. Asha Mishra, Secretary of BGVS made a presentation before GIAC highlighting the progress made by BGVS during the 1st year of the project which was noted by GIAC members with appreciation. She however, admitted that BGVS could cover only 3,883 Panchayats, instead of 4,000 Panchayats approved by GIAC, the details of which are given below:-

States	No. of Blocks, as per proposal of BGVS	No. of Blocks, as per information given to JET by BGVS	No. of Panchayats proposed to be covered as per proposal of BGVS & approved by GIAC	No. of Panchayats, as per information given to JET by BGVS
Bihar	20	20	800	368
Chhatisgarh	5	5	300	353
Jharkhand	15	15	600	304
Madhya Pradesh	20	20	800	1551
Orissa	20	20	800	489
Rajasthan	15	15	400	558
Uttarakhand	5	5	300	260
TOTAL	100	100	4000	3883

Ms. Asha Mishra clarified GIAC members that BGVS tried their level best to cover 4000 Panchayats in 100 Blocks in 20 districts in seven States, as per approval of GIAC but due to some administrative reasons and local problems in the concerned Blocks, BGVS could

covered only 3883 Panchayats in 100 Blocks of 20 districts against the approval of 4000 Panchayats.

3.4.4 Prof. D. S. Bhattacharjee desired to know the reasons for change of one district in Orissa from Nabrangpur to Cuttack. Ms. Asha Mishra clarified that the change was made on the request of Government of Orissa. She apprised the Committee that the BGVS has submitted the utilization Certificate and Audited Accounts for the 1st year of the project ended on 31.03.2011.

3.4.5 After detailed discussions, GIAC took the following decisions:-

- (a) Continuation of I&E project being run by BGVS for awareness of RTE Act during the 2nd year of the project started on 01.04.2011;
- (b) The change of one district in Orissa from Nabrangpur to Cuttack district and change in few blocks and Panchayats, as per details given in para 3.4.3 above was approved;
- (c) BGVS was asked by GIAC to follow the suggestions made by JET report during the 2nd year of the project for further improvement.

3.5.1 ITEM NO. 5 : PROPOSAL OF DESHKAL SOCIETY, DELHI FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED UNDER INNOVATIVE & EXPERIMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

AS(SE) informed the GIAC members that Deshkal Society, New Delhi has submitted a proposal for learning enhancement of 40,000 children in classes I to V in Wazirgunj Block of Gaya District in Bihar State. A copy of the proposal was sent to SPD, SSA, Delhi to furnish comments on credentials of NGO from SPD, Delhi. Copy of the proposal was also sent to SPD, SSA, Bihar to furnish comments on the requirement for enhancement of learning level of children in Wazirgunj Block of Gaya District in Bihar State. A copy of the proposal was also sent to NCERT for Desk Appraisal. A field inspection team, comprising of a nominee of MHRD, a nominee of Director(NCERT) and a nominee of SPD, Bihar has conducted the field inspection and recommended the project with higher outlay. SPD, SSA, Delhi has intimated that the UEEM, Delhi has no comments to offer. The comments of SPD, SSA, Bihar have not been received. However, GIAC noted that the nominee of SPD, SSA, Bihar (Mr. Sujay, State Consultant – AIE, Bihar Education Project Council) has signed the FIT Report recommending the project proposal of Deshkal Society.

3.5.2 Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Deshkal Society, New Delhi made a presentation in GIAC meeting. During the presentation, VA highlighted that the project intends for enhancement of learning achievement and retention of children from socially diverse communities in rural primary schools through various innovative nature to cover 40,000 children in classes I to V in Wazirgunj Block of Gaya District in Bihar State.

3.5.3 Dr. Gauri Srivastava, Prof. & Head, Department of Women Studies, NCERT commented that the FIT visited Majholi village and

found that the objectives of the proposal are to cater the children of Mushahar community at ground level through the community support and to enhance the learning level of the children. She apprised the Committee that the NGO has already running one such centre in the area. She also stated that the NGO has been keeping record through mapping of children in respect of marginalized children, which is as per the need under RTE Act. Dr. Srivastava also pointed out that the NGO has been using the local dialect. Dr. Srivastava, however, desired that NGO needs to clarify the methodology to enhance the learning level of the children.

3.5.4 Sister Cyril opined that the concept of the proposal is very good but the strategy to implement the concept needs to be clearly spelt out by VA.

3.5.5 Prof. Venita Kaul stated that there is a need to change the attitude of teachers for implementation of such a project.

3.5.6 Shri Sanjay Kumar clarified the stand of the NGO as under :-

- (a) Deshkal Society has the reach in local community in the concerned block and will be able to get the support of local community.
- (b) The child profile and social mapping are available with the Society and will be utilized on home based support.
- (c) Deshkal Society will focus on the quality of teachers and their training through local BRC / CRC.
- (d) The representative of Deshkal Society assured that the project will be implemented in collaboration with the local Authorities in Gaya District and State Authorities.
- (e) The NGO will focus on class room process, various formats and educational material to be used by them for implementation of the project.

3.5.7 After detailed discussions, GIAC approved the proposal of the Deshkal Society for a period of two years, based on the original budget, projected by NGO with the condition that the outlay projected for District level workshop, State level workshop and Mid-term & End-term evaluation will not be provided, as the project is to be implemented in one block of Gaya District and Mid-term evaluation will be conducted by MHRD through a Joint Evaluation Team. Therefore, the budget needs to be reworked. The date of commencement of the project and outlay for two years will be decided by the Secretary(SE&L) and Chairperson of GIAC.

3.6.1 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 : STATUS OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED UNDER I&E COMPONENT OF SSA SINCE LAST MEETING OF GIAC HELD ON 09.08.2010.

GIAC noted that the proposals received from three NGOs were referred to SPD, SSA, Uttar Pradesh for appropriate action by State level GIAC, while the proposals received from 25 NGOs were returned to the concerned NGOs as the proposals were not covered under I&E Scheme.

3.7.1 The Chairperson thanked all the members of GIAC. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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