

## Samagra Shikshana Karnataka

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SAMAGRA SHIKSHANA KARNATAKA

**VENUE:** Office of the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner and KSWAN VC Room No 122, Vikasa Soudha

Date:12/11/2020 Time:4:00 PM

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The 3rd meeting of the Executive Committee of Samagra Shikshana – Karnataka (SSK) was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 under the chairpersonship of Smt. Vandita Sharma, the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka. The list of the members who attended the meeting is annexed.

The following agenda points were discussed.

#### Agenda No.

### 1. Action taken on the decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting:

Sri. Uma Shankar, Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education and Smt. Deepa. M, State Project Director, Samagra Shikshana – Karnataka briefed the committee regarding the discussions and decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting. The committee approved the action taken report related to the decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting.

#### 2. Seeking approval for the committed expenditure of the year 2019-20.

The details regarding the amount which was committed for various approved activities of 2019-20 and the status of expenditure as on date was placed before the EC. It was brought to the notice of the EC that from the total amount of committed expenditure of Rs. 10,574.09 lakhs for the year 2019-20, an expenditure of Rs. 4,422.73 lakh has been incurred for the activities of 2019-20 and an amount of Rs. 5,583.41 lakhs was spent during 2020-21. However, the balance amount of Rs. 567.95 lakhs was unspent as salaries to personnel under KGBV intervention was not paid so far and delay in printing of NISHTHA training modules due to COVID -19 pandemic issues.

Decision: The committed expenditure was recorded by the EC.

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#### 3. Details of expenditure for 2019-20.

The activity wise details of approvals by the PAB-2019-20 and the expenditure incurred from this amount during 2019-20 was placed before the EC. The committee noted that actual financial releases by the GoI was less than 60% of the agreed share for the year 2019-20. It was also comparatively less than the releases of the previous year by the GoI. The contribution of the GoK was however considerably higher.

**Decision:** The EC noted the details of approvals, releases and the expenditure. It was decided to request the GoI for release of funds as per approvals in the PAB and the releases should be made component wise rather than providing a lump sum amount.

#### 4. Activities as approved in PAB- 2020-21

The details of the estimated budget for activities to be implemented by SSK during 2020-21, the activity wise approvals by PAB, the agreed share by the GoI and GoK and the budget allocation earmarked was placed before the EC for approval.

Decision: Approval was accorded by the EC.

#### 5. Releases, expenditure and progress till September 2020 as per PMS.

EC noted the release of funds to various interventions of SSK till September 2020, the expenditure and progress for the same.

**Decision:** Since, the funds are yet to be released by GoK, it was decided to request the GoK for release of funds.

#### 6. Payment of renewal fees of SSK society.

The committee was briefed about the fees for renewal of SSK society which is estimated at 0.1% of the audit expenditure of 2019-20 (Rs. 121232.27 lakh) as reported in PMS which will come to Rs. 121.23 lakhs. EC was requested to approve the payment of renewal fees out of MMER funds.

**Decision:** The committee noted that since SSK is a Government sponsored society, clarification can be sought from the concerned co-operative society whether SSK is eligible for any concession in this regard. The Principal Secretary, DoE will verify and discuss this issue with the Principal Secretary, Cooperation Department and finalise the matter.

#### 7. New Education Policy 2020.

An overview of the recommendations of the NEP 2020 in School Education was briefed to the committee. Details of the steps taken by SSK to analyse the different aspects of the policy and the implementation action plan by the State was placed for the information of the committee. The Principal Secretary also explained the roadmap that can be suggested for better and effective implementation of the policy in the State. He laid emphasis on the fact that the Primary and Secondary department of the Education Sector will have to work in co-ordination with the Women and Child Development Department and Pre-University Department to align the structural pedagogical change of 5+3+3+4 as recommended in NEP - 2020. He mentioned about the importance of fixing specific responsibilities to the various departments especially regarding the Early Childhood Care and Education and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy and taking care of the children in the age group 3 – 8 years.

**Decision:** The EC noted about the current status of the implementation of NEP – 2020 in the State and advised SSK to continue its efforts in this regard.

#### 8. Allocation of funds for KPS

The EC was briefed about the State budget announcement regarding the allocations of funds of Rs. 100 Crores to 50 Karnataka Public Schools. It was also explained that there was no allocation of additional funds for KPS from the PAB. Shri Nalin Atul, I.A.S., Addl Commissioner of Public Instruction, Kalburgi Division requested for funds to KPS in Kalburgi Division .

**Decision:** The committee noted the information placed. The Principal Secretary informed the committee that the matter related to allocation and release of funds for social sector by KKRDB for KPS in districts of Kalyana Karantaka region will be discussed with the Planning Department.

#### 9. Creation of Inclusive Education Cell (IEDSS Cell)

The need for creation of an Inclusive Education Cell in SSK was placed before the EC for approval. It was briefed that IEDSS is a broad component with availability of funds of nearly Rs. 47 crores and the amount needs to be effectively utilized for support to the specially abled children. The chairperson welcomed the idea to set up an IEDSS cell and advised to seek the support and co-ordination of related departments like WCD, DSCWD, Health and Family Welfare. It was also opined that the expertise of organizations like NIMHANS, Speech and Hearing Institute, Mysuru and the SPASTIC society would add value to the cell. Smt Vyjayanti, Akshara Foundation suggested that



the said cell should cater to the needs of children from the emergent education levels. The chairperson apprised the committee about a structured curriculum to support children with learning disabilities which was prepared under the leadership of Dr. Shobha Shrinath from NIMHANS. It was advised to include such experts in the cell. Further, Sri. Uma Shankar, Principal Secretary, DoE suggested to also consult members of Doctors Association and doctors from KIMS, Bengaluru. State Project Director, SSK suggested the formation of a State Level advisory committee regarding constitution of the cell.

Decision: EC accorded approval for creation of an IEDSS cell at O/o SPD, SSK.

### 10. Enhancement of the salary for DPEP C & D Group Contract Employees:

The request for enhancement in salaries of the C & D group employees recruited under DPEP scheme and continued under Samagra Shikshana – Karnataka was placed before the EC. EC was briefed about the proposal to hike their allowances by 10% per month on an annual basis. The committee noted that the previous hike in the salaries of the said employees was effected from 01.08.2018. The committee felt that as the hike was effected only two years ago, it is not appropriate to consider the proposal for this year.

**Decision**: The EC did not approve the proposal of enhancement of salaries for the DPEP C & D group contract employees.

## 11. Post Facto approval regarding appointment of Chartered Accountants for Internal audit for the financial year of 2020-21 and 2021-22.

The committee was informed on the appointment of Sharaf and Chandra, Chartered Accountants through e-procurement process for accounting and internal audit for the financial year 2020-21.

**Decision**: EC accorded post facto approval for the appointment of CAs for internal audit of SSK for the financial year of 2020-21 and 2021-22.

#### 12. Creation of NEP cell at O/o State Project Director, Samagra Shikshana – Karnataka.

The committee was briefed about the need for setting up of a State Level cell at the O/o of the State Project Director, SSK for implementation of National Education Policy in the State.

**Decision :** EC approved the creation of NEP cell with the State Project Director as the Head of the cell.

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## 13. Approval of annual report of Samagra Shikshana – Karnataka for the year 2019-20.

The annual report of SSK for the year 2019-20 was placed before the committee for the approval.

**Decision:** EC approved the annual report of SSK for the year 2019-20.

#### 14. Approval for the creation of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Cell.

The need for creation of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Cell to process and plan for strategic mentoring and monitoring activities related to learning of children at foundational stage was placed before the EC.

**Decision :** EC approved the creation of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Cell to deal with all the learning activities related to the foundational stage of children.

#### 15. Constitution of academic cell for vocational Education.

The committee was briefed about the need to create an academic cell for vocational Education as NEP-2020 lays a lot of emphasis on integrating vocational education with regular curriculum .

**Decision:** EC approved the constitution of an academic cell for Vocational Education.

# 16. Continuation of Samagra Shikshana Scheme and proposed programmatic and financial norms .

The committee was briefed about the stand of MoE on norms for the programmatic and financial assistance to States and continuation of SSK. The committee was also appraised about the suggestions and comments given by the State to the proposed norms of the MoE.

**Decision :** EC approved the suggestions and comments listed for the proposed norms related to continuation of Samagra Shikshana Scheme.

#### 17. Other Discussion Point:

The ACPI, Kalaburgi requested that a Cell be created in the office of the CPI, Kalaburgi to focus specifically on the activities of the Samagra Shikshana, Karnataka.

**Decision :** The SPD of SSK will assess the requirement of the posts in the office of the CPI, Kalaburgi and depute some human resource accordingly. This Cell will help in specific planning for the Kalyana Karnataka region. The Cell will also manage the



activities to be undertaken for education outcomes under the funding provided by KKRDB and Kalyana Karnataka, Human Resources and Cultural Society for the development of the region.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

(Vandita Sharma)

Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner &

Chairperson

Executive Committee, SSK