

Samagra Shikshana Karnataka

Proceedings of the 4th Executive Committee Meeting of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka

Venue: O/o The Additional Commissioner and Development Commissioner, Bengaluru

Date: 09-03-2022 **Time:** 12.00hrs

The 4th Executive Committee Meeting was chaired by Ms. Vandita Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka. The list of Members who attended the meeting is annexed. Ms. Deepa M, State Project Director welcomed the Chairperson and all the Members of the Executive Committee.

Agenda

1. Seeking approval on the Action Taken Report on the 3rd Executive Committee Meeting:

Ms. Deepa M, State Project Director (SPD), SSK briefed the Committee regarding the discussions and decisions of the 3rd Executive Committee (EC) meeting. SPD briefed about the activities taken up and planned under IEDSS and Vocational Education.

Decisions: EC took note on the decisions taken in the 3rd EC meeting and the following directions were given to SSK by the Chairperson:

- 1. The representatives from Ayush, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, NIMHANS, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Fourth Wave Foundation may be included as 'Members' in the IEDSS Cell.
- 2. Separate meetings chaired by Chairperson EC & The Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner to be held for IEDSS, Vocational Education and ECCE.

Subsequently, the following agenda items were discussed:

2. Seeking approval for the Annual Work Plan and Budget 2022-23:

SPD briefed to the Committee regarding the extension of Samagra Shiksha Scheme till 2025-26, alignment of the scheme with the recommendations of NEP 2020 and the broad priorities / focus areas of 2022-23 as below:

- (i) Developing child centric TLM, Supplementary graded material, Teacher Manuals for aligning pedagogies with learning outcomes;
- (ii) Implementing Vidyapravesh in all schools;
- (iii) Expanding and strengthening pre-primary education;
- (iv) Providing specific interventions for bridging learning gaps in Mathematics;

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- (v) Ensuring availability of age appropriate books in libraries;
- (vi) Supporting integrated schools & special schools;
- (vii) Developing school specific curricular, non-curricular and infrastructural master plans;
- (viii) Improving the engagement with the Community for better support for providing quality education.

The SPD briefed the draft AWP&B 2022-23 (fresh proposal) including proposal submitted by Director, Urdu and other Minority Languages, CPI's office. The draft costing amounting to Rs.2116.96 Crores and further reduction to Rs.1794.82Crores as per the directions of MoE was presented.

Decisions: The activities and the details provided for the activities proposed for 2022-23 was noted by the Committee. EC accorded approval for the draft AWP&B 2022-23 and the perspective plan for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. The Committee discussed the list of activities proposed and the Chairperson, EC gave the following directions to SSK:

- (a) The proposal for the year 2022-23 and perspective plans for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 may be uploaded on PRABANDH portal.
- (b) Allocate funds to Adolescent girls' activity (approx Rs.25.00Lakhs).
- (c) Decision may be taken by the Consultant TSG, New Delhi regarding inclusion of the proposal of appointment of 93 Alternate Language Teachers in 93 Urdu Government Schools amounting to Rs.297.00Lakhs.
- (d) The State not to surrender any of the Civil Works as approved by PAB in the previous years but get them revalidated.

3. Seeking post-facto approval of Appointment of Auditor for conducting Statutory Audit for the financial years 2019-20 & 2020-21:

Samagra Shikshana Karnataka has appointed M/s S Venkataram and Co. LLP as Chartered Accountants through MoE's FMP Manual and KTPP Act and Rules for accounting and External Audit for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21. The appointment of the External Auditor has been submitted to the EC for post facto approval.

Decision: The appointment of Auditor for conducting Statutory Audit for the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 is approved by the EC.

4. Seeking approval regarding dropping of 283 Audit paras as recommended by the State Level Committee:

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. The EC noted that a State Level Committee has been constituted at the State Project Office, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka for review of the audit objections raised by the Statutory Auditors from



2001-02 to 2019-20. The State Level Committee reviewed the audit objections received from various units and agreed to the recommendation for dropping 283 paras out of 1462 paras and suggested for obtaining approval from the EC.

Decision: The EC directed SSK to review Statutory Audit reports by compiling all the objections received from the various levels and recommended that it should be rectified within a timeframe.

5. Seeking approval for the implementation of the PAB approved pending activities for the year 2020-21 as committed expenditure in the year 2021-22:

The details of Committed expenditure of Rs 5334.78Lakhs carried forward from 2020-21 to 2021-22 and expenditure details was discussed. The Committed expenditure of the PAB approved activities of 2020-21, implemented and in progress during 2021-22 was submitted to the EC seeking approval for entering Rs. 5334.78Lakhs in the Statutory Audit Report FY 2020-21.

Decision: The Committed Expenditure of 2020-21 was noted by EC and accorded approval for entering the Committed Expenditure of Rs 5334.78Lakhs in the Statutory Audit Report for FY 2020-21.

6. Seeking approval for engaging Statutory Auditor for FY 2021-22:

The process of engaging Statutory Auditor for FY 2021-22 was briefed by SPD. As per Clause 6.5, Financial Management and Procurement Manual of MoE, Statutory Auditor to be appointed for conducting audit of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka for the year 2021-22.

Decision: EC approved for the appointment of Statutory Auditor for the year 2021-22.

7. Seeking post facto approval for Audit Report 2019-20 of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka:

The Audit Report of SSK for the year 2019-20 was placed before the Committee. The observations made by the Audit team were discussed.

Decision: The Audit Report of 2019-20 of SSK was noted and approval accorded by the Committee. The EC Chairperson directed SSK to take note on the observations provided by the Auditor and take necessary action.



8. Seeking post facto approval for Audit Report 2020-21 of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka:

The Audit Report of SSK for the year 2020-21 was placed before the Committee. The observations made by the Audit team were discussed.

Decision: The Audit Report of 2020-21 of SSK was noted and approval accorded by the Committee. The EC Chairperson directed SSK to take note on the observations provided by the Auditor and take necessary action.

9. Seeking approval for enhancement of remuneration of DPEP Contract Employees:

SPD explained this agenda. 155 employees recruited under DPEP scheme in the year 1994, have been continued in SSK and at present, 133 employees are working on contract basis. These employees have requested for enhancing their remuneration as due to price escalation of commodities, children's fee and cost of living. The last enhancement of remuneration was placed in the EC and thereafter was implemented based on the directions given by Government which ordered to pay the basic pay without any allowances from August 2018. As per the request submitted by DPEP contract employees, it was proposed to hike their remuneration from 10% to 20%. The agenda was discussed in detail and EC agreed for an enhancement of 20% to these 133 DPEP contract employees. An amount of Rs.72.325Lakhs would be the additional fund required per annum and the same may be incurred from MMMER funds. The designation wise details for enhancement of 20% are given in the table below:

Designation	No of persons working at	Present remuneration	20% hike	Difference for total No. of posts per	Difference for total No. of posts per
	present			month	annum
Computer	11	43100.00	51720.00	94820.00	1137840.00
Programmers					
Stenographer	5	30350.00	36420.00	30350.00	364200.00
FDA/DEO-Grade-1	9	30350.00	36420.00	54630.00	655560.00
CCT - Grade-1	9	30350.00	36420.00	54630.00	655560.00
DEO	4	21400.00	25680.00	17120.00	205440.00
CCT	11	21400.00	25680.00	47080.00	564960.00
Drivers	21	21400.00	25680.00	89880.00	1078560.00
D Group	62	17000.00	20400.00	210800.00	2529600.00
Night Watchman	1	17000.00	20400.00	3400.00	40800.00
TOTAL	133			602710.00	7232520.00



Decision: The EC accorded approval for enhancement of remuneration to 133 DPEP employees to 20% with prospective effect from April 2022 onwards and the additional cost of Rs.72.3252Lakhs estimated may be booked under MMMER/Progamme Management funds.

10. Seeking post facto approval for the payment of remuneration to Sh. Shivanna Reddy, SPO (Retd), SSK for the period 01-04-2021 to 31-07-2021

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. Approval was sought for fixing the remuneration of Sh. Shivanna Reddy, SPO (Retd), as Consultant SSK who served as Officer on Special Duty in the personal section of the Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education after his retirement on 31-03-2021. Remuneration of Rs.45000/per month was fixed by Government and approval is sought from EC for the payment of remuneration from the period of 01-04-2021 to 31-07-2021.

Decision: The EC accorded approval for payment to be made for the period of 01-04-2021 to 31-07-2021 to Sh. Shivanna Reddy, SPO (Retd), Consultant SSK

11. Seeking post facto approval for extension of service of Ms. Rohini Kalashetti, SSK Fellow

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. Ms. Rohini Kalashetti, has been appointed temporarily as SSK Fellow for the period of two years. The tenure was completed on 04-08-2021 and the SSK Fellow has requested for extension of her service for one more year. A Committee was constituted at the State Project Office to assess the work performance of the said SSK Fellow. The concerned officers have opined that her work performance is satisfactory and her services may be continued for one more year. Presently, a consolidated amount of Rs.70000/- per month is paid and post facto approval is sought from the EC for the extension period with no enhancement in the consolidated pay.

Decision: The EC accorded post facto approval extension of service of Ms. Rohini Kalashetti, SSK Fellow from 05-08-2021 to 04-08-2022.

12. Seeking approval for the extension of the Service of legal advisors appointed in relation with the cases in various courts/authorities within the jurisdiction of the office of State Project Director, SSK Bangalore

SPD briefed the agenda and informed that the said appointment period is completed on 08-03-2021 and sought approval for the extension of their service for one more year from 09-03-2021 to 08-03-2022.



Decision: The EC accorded approval for the extension of the service of the legal advisors within the jurisdiction of the O/o The State Project Director for one more year from 09-03-2021 to 08-03-2022.

13. Seeking approval for payment of ESI contribution of Contract Employees under DPEP from March 2017 to August 2021

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. 62 DPEP employees are not included for the ESI benefits so far and as per the letter received from ESI, their ESI contribution from March 2017 to August 2021 has not be paid so far and issued directions to make ESI payment failing which penalty will be levied U/s.85(a)/85(e) of the ESI Act 1948. Hence approval was sought for paying ESI contribution for all employees eligible under the Scheme.

Decision:

- 1. EC accorded approval for ESI contribution and directed to obtain the requisite clarification from ESI office regarding payment from March 2017.
- 2. The Committee also recommended that in view of the proposed hike in remuneration to 20%, consent may be obtained from the employee regarding deduction/contribution towards ESI from their consolidated pay.

14. Seeking post facto approval for appointment of Consultant on outsource contract basis

SPD briefed the agenda-to the Committee. The services of one Consultant equivalent to the post of 'Finance Manager' with the monthly remuneration of Rs.45,818/- was provided on outsourced basis through an agency w.e.f 01-10-2021. The agenda was placed before EC for post-facto approval.

Decision: EC accorded post facto approval for appointment of one Consultant on outsourced / contract basis equivalent to the post of 'Finance Manager' with a monthly honorarium of Rs.45,818/-.

15. Seeking approval for providing additional honorarium for four Computer Programmers working at State Project Office, SSK

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. The additional honorarium of Rs.5000/- per month that was earlier provided to the four Computer Programmers was discussed and based on the additional tasks/assignments the honorarium was proposed for approval by the EC to be given from July 2020 onwards.



Decisions:

- 1. EC accorded approval for the additional honorarium to the four Computer Programmers working at the State Project Office, SSK with prospective effect.
- 2. EC gave directions to SSK to assess their performance in the additional assigned tasks before making payments.

16. Seeking approval for payment of remuneration arrears to Sh. Krishnappa, DPEP working in the post of CCT Grade I

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. Sh. Krishnappa, appointed as contract employee under DPEP scheme is presently working under Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, CCT at BRC Centre, Manvi, Raichur District from 03-06-1998. The agenda was placed and sought approval for the pay revision arrears of Sh. Krishnappa, DPEP contractual CCT amounting to Rs.7,50,326/- (from 01-08-2007 to 31-12-2021) through MMMER grants.

Decision:

EC accorded approval for the payment of remuneration arrears to Sh. Krishnappa, CCT Grade I post amounting to Rs.7,50,326/- from the period 01-08-2007 to 31-12-2021 through MMMER grants.

17. Seeking approval for payment of renewal fees of Samagra Shikshana Society

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. The renewal fee of SSK society due for payment for the financial years 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 is estimated to be around Rs.6.63Crores. Hence the agenda is placed for consideration to seek as additional fund from the State Government and may be booked as book adjustment. It was proposed by the CPI that approval of the Department of Co-operation and the Finance Department may be sought.

Decision:

EC accorded approval and gave directions to SSK for proposing an additional fund of Rs.6.63Crores from Government of Karnataka and to consider the same as book adjustment to Department of Co-operation and Finance Department's approval to be sought.

18. Status of Implementation of NEP 2020 in Karnataka – For Information SPD briefed the status so far achieved in the implementation of NEP 2020 in Karnataka.

EC noted the status of implementation of NEP 2020 in Karnataka.



19. Status of Implementation of NIPUN Karnataka – For Information SPD briefed the status on the implementation of NIPUN in the State.

EC noted the status of implementation of NIPUN Karnataka.

(Vandita Sharma)

Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner & Chairperson Executive Committee, SSK.

List of members Presented in the 4th Executive Committee Meeting of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka

- 1. Ms. Vandita Sharma, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka and Chairperson EC SSK, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
- 2. Dr. S. Selva Kumar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.
- 3. Dr. Vishal R, I.A.S, Commissioner for Public Instruction, Bengaluru.
- 4. Ms. Deepa M, I.A.S, State Project Director, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru.
- 5. Ms.Garima Panwar I.A.S, Additional Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, Kalaburgi Division.
- 6. Dr. G. Kalpana, I.A.S Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Department, Bengaluru.
- 7. Ms. Kathyayanidevi, K.A.S, Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District.
- 8. Sh. Siddaramappa S Biradar, KAS, Additional Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, Dharwad.
- 9. Ms. Geetha S, Director, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Bengaluru.
- 10.Sh. Krishnaji S Karichennanavar, Director, Secondary Education, Department of Public Instruction Bengaluru.
- 11.Sh. Prasanna Kumar M, Director, Primary Education, Department of Public Instruction, Bengaluru.
- 12. Ms. Sumangala V, Director, DSERT, Bengaluru.
- 13.Sh. Gururaj Rao, Director, Planning Department, Govt. of Karnataka, M.S.Building, Bengaluru.
- 14.Dr. Usha B, Joint Director, Department of Women and Child Development Bengaluru.
- 15. Ms. Kusuma Kumari, Joint Director, Dept.of Pre-University Education, Bengaluru.
- 16.Sh. Narayangowda, Joint Director, Mid-Day Meals, Bengaluru.
- 17. Ms. Uma K, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Bengaluru.
- 18. Dr. Bhagyavana. S. Mudigoudar, Special Officer, Higher Education, Bengaluru.
- 19. Prof. Somashekar T.V, Regional Institute of Education, Mysore.
- 20. Sh. Prakash K.S, Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Hassan District.
- 21. Deputy Project Coordinator, Dharwad District, Dharwad.
- 22. Sh. Shambhulingegowda, President, Karnataka State Primary Teacher Association.
- 23. Sh. H.K. Manjunath, President, Karnataka State Secondary Teacher Association.
- 24. Sh. Siddaraju Gowda, President, Karnataka State Education Officers Association.
- 25. Sh. Ningegowda A.H, President, Pre-University Education Lecturer Association.
- 26. Ms. Manjula Nanjundaiah, Director, Seva-in-Action, Bengaluru.
- 27.Sh. Varun Nallur, Member, Azim Premji Foundation, Bengaluru.
- 28. Ms. K Vaijayanti, Head Research and Evaluation, Akshara Foundation, Bengaluru.