

**Samagra Shikshana Karnataka****Proceedings of the 6th Executive Committee Meeting of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka**

Venue: Conference Hall, 6th Floor, Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Bio-technology and Science & Technology, 5th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru

Date: 02-06-2023
03.30p.m.

Time:

The 6th Executive Committee Meeting was chaired by Dr. E.V Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka. The list of Members who attended the meeting is annexed. Ms. B.B Cauvery, State Project Director and holding additional charge as Commissioner, Department of School Education welcomed the Chairperson, Principal Secretary to Government, Department of School Education and Literacy and all the Members of the Executive Committee.

Agenda 1: Seeking approval on the Action taken on the decisions of the 5th Executive Committee meeting

Ms. B.B. Cauvery, State Project Director (SPD), SSK briefed the Committee regarding the discussions and decisions of the 5th Executive Committee (EC) meeting.

Decisions: EC took note on the action and decisions taken in the 5th EC meeting.

Subsequently, the following agenda points were discussed:

Agenda 2: PAB approval 2023-24 / Activities as approved in 2023-24

SPD briefed the details regarding the submission of AWP&B 2023-24 to Ministry of Education (MoE), appraisal process, recommendation by the Technical Support Group and the discussions that were taken up in the PAB meeting held on 24th February, 2023. The details of the approvals for the year 2023-24 and budgetary allocation by both GoI and GoK were presented to the Committee:

- The total estimated budget allocated for SSK for the year 2023-24 is Rs.1585.81Crores. Against this amount GoI agreed release is

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Rs.1537.90Crores (Central Government Share - Rs.922.74Crores and matching State Share is Rs.615.16Crores).

- The details of approval for AWP&B 2023-24 are:

Proposal Submitted	Rs.1987.02Crores
Recommendation by TSG	Rs.1590.06Crores
Approval by PAB, MoE	Rs.1585.81Crores

- The budgetary allocation of Rs.3479.48Crores earmarked by GoK for the year 2023-24 was presented to EC.

Decisions:

- EC ratified the AWP&B 2023-24 proposal submitted by SSK to MoE.
- The allocation earmarked by Gol and GoK for the year 2023-24 was noted by the EC.
- EC accorded approval of the list of activities proposed to be implemented during 2023-24.

Agenda 3: Shortfall of funds for activities during the year 2023-24

SPD presented the need for funds for taking up quality related activities and briefed EC that though the State is providing a huge amount of Rs.3479.48Crores for SSK, only Rs.475.75Crores was available for implementation of SSK approved activities including cost of outsourced personnel remuneration working under the project. SPD briefed the Committee that atleast an amount of Rs.530.06Crores and Rs.207.11Crores is required for implementation of essential activities and key quality activities during the year 2023-24.

The matter was discussed in detail regarding the shortfall of budget for implementing the quality programmes under SSK. It was decided that a separate proposal indicating specific activities for which budgetary allocation is required may be sent to Government.

Decisions:

- EC accorded permission to submit a separate proposal for implementation of key activities (recurring and non-recurring) including civil components with the required budgetary allocation to Finance Department.
- EC accorded approval for the list of activities proposed for implementation as per the agreed releases for the year 2023-24.

Agenda 4: 2nd Instalment release and utilisation of funds for the year 2022-23

SPD explained that an amount of Rs.1438.77Crores has been released to SSK SNA Account by GoK during the year 2022-23 and the 2nd Instalment funds amounting to Rs.496.20Crores were released only on 31st March, 2023. SPD presented the agenda in detail along with the

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budgetary requirement from the 2nd Instalment funds and the expenditure incurred so far. The key points presented for discussion:

- i. For the year 2022-23, GoK has earmarked Rs.862.15Crores as refund to Government towards salaries and Rs.273.81Crores towards RTE Fee reimbursement which is more than the PAB approved amount.
- ii. Out of the 2nd Instalment amount released, only Rs.111.77Crores would be available for implementing SSK approved activities.
- iii. Expenditure incurred during 2022-23 and the list of activities for which budgetary requirement is Rs.313.42Crores from the 2nd Instalment releases.

Decisions:

- i. EC noted the details provided regarding fund releases by Gol and GoK during the year 2022-23.
- ii. EC accorded approval for the expenditure incurred and budget requirement till March 2023.
- iii. EC accorded approval for submitting a proposal to Government to deduct amounts towards salaries and RTE fee reimbursement limiting only to PAB approvals.
- iv. EC permitted to utilise the 2nd Instalment funds for the list of activities presented in the meeting amounting to Rs.313.42Crores as per the directions of Finance Department/Government.

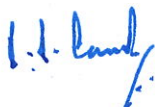
Agenda 5: Social Audit

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee and informed that, as mandated by MoE Gol, Social Audit has to be conducted in 20% of the Government Schools every year and to be completed for all Government Schools within 5 years. SPD presented to the Committee that State Audit Unit (SAU) of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj does conduct Social Audit and has experience in conducting social audit of schemes in Karnataka. The agenda was discussed in detail including the proposed budget of Rs.7.95Crore for 9420 schools.

EC permitted SPD, SSK to enter into an MoU/Agreement with SAU Rural Development and Panchyat Raj Department (RDPR). EC directed SSK to revisit the No. of schools to be selected and the manpower involved for conducting Social Audit as budget proposed is higher than the ceiling limit.

Decisions:

- i. EC accorded approval for signing of MoU with State Audit Unit, RDPR and conduct of briefing meetings.
- ii. EC accorded approval for conduct of Social Audit as per the guidelines issued by Gol.



- iii. EC directed SSK to revisit the No. of Schools to be audited and the cost estimate proposed for manpower required for conducting Social Audit during 2023-24.

Agenda 6: Seeking approval of appointment of External Auditor for FY 2022-23

Samagra Shikshana Karnataka has initiated the process of selection of External Auditor as per MoE's FMP Manual and KTPP Act and Rules for accounting and conducting audit for the year 2022-23. The process for appointment of External Auditor for SSK is placed before the EC for approval.

Decision: The process for appointment of external Auditor for conducting Statutory Audit for the FY 2022-23 is approved by the EC.

Agenda 7: Regarding approval of Statutory Audit Report for the FY 2021-22

The Audit Report of SSK for the year 2021-22 submitted by M/s S.Venkataram & Co.LLP, Chartered Accountant was placed before the Committee. The observations made by the Audit team were discussed.

Decision: The Audit Report of 2021-22 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.

Agenda 8: Surrender of Civil Works

SPD explained the agenda to the Committee. SPD briefed the Committee that as per the MoE guidelines issued for preparing of AWP&B 2023-24, civil works older than 2016-17 and not started should be surrendered and focus on completion of on-going works before proposing new works. A total of 161 works under 'strengthening of existing schools' was approved for Secondary Schools during 2009-10 & 2010-11 and was revalidated during 2016-17. Out of these 161 works, 140 works were not started due to non-release of funds from GoI and GoK and hence proposed to surrender for accommodating fresh civil works. The overall components amounting to Rs.10479.78Lakhs (Central Share: Rs.6287.68Lakhs and Matching State Share: Rs.4191.92Lakhs) was surrendered.

Decisions:

- i. The EC ratified the surrender of 140 works that were not started due to non-release of funds but were approved and revalidated by PAB during 2016-17.
- ii. The overall components of 140 works surrendered were approved under PAB - 'Strengthening of existing schools' amounting to Rs.10479.78Lakhs (Central Share: Rs.6287.68Lakhs and Matching State Share: Rs.4191.92Lakhs). EC noted and ratified the

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surrendered amount.

Agenda 9: Entrustment to implementation of rejuvenation of infrastructure facility at Government Schools approved by PAB during January 2023

SPD presented the agenda to the Committee. The allocation of budget under this scheme is Rs. SSK proposed to cover a total of 2378 schools of which Major repairs are in 337 schools and minor repairs are in 2041 schools covering 35 districts. The criteria for selection of these schools were highest enrolment (min 100 students per school) and especially girl students. The budget outlay provided by MoE under PAB infrastructure held during January 2023 is Rs.239.04Crores. Rs. 14.1969Crores has been released from Gol during FY 2022-23. The agenda was discussed in detail regarding entrusting of these civil works to the district level agencies like PRED ZP Division through CEO ZP.

Decisions:

- i. The EC accorded post-facto approval for entrustment of 2378 works to EE PRED, ZP through CEO ZP for an amount of Rs.239.04Crores.
- ii. The EC noted the efforts through convergence being taken to provide boundary walls in 3364 schools under MNERGA and drinking water in 17 schools under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Agenda 10: Entrustment to implementation of works approved under RIDF XXVIII NABARD during February, 2022

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. Construction of 53 new school building proposals was submitted under RIDF 28 to NABARD for an estimated cost of Rs.94.35Crores. Administrative approval was given by Government for 40 school buildings with an estimated amount of Rs.71.24Crores and a time frame proposed for implementation was presented to the Committee.

Decision: EC noted the action taken by SSK and accorded approval.

Agenda 11: Status of Arbitration Cases

SPD briefed the status of Arbitration Cases pertaining to construction of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shikshana Abhiyana School Buildings implemented through various agencies during the year 2013-14 to the Committee. The Committee discussed the subject in detail and suggested that SSK may explore appointing a Senior Counsel to assist Shri. G.B Sharath Gowda, Private Advocate considering the volume of cases, huge claims and complications involved.

Decision: The status of Arbitration Cases pertaining to civil works is noted by the EC.

Agenda 12: Hike in remuneration for the District and Block level outsource employees working as Computer Programmers and

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Accounts Assistants

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee that the remuneration of all outsourced personnel was fixed based on the Minimum Wages Act of Labour Department and for those posts that are not in the list and are working in the State Project Office, 10% was increased with approval from Government during March 2022. The posts of Computer Programmers and Accounts Assistants do not come under the purview of Labour Act and have given requests to increase their consolidated pay as it has not been enhanced since 2017-18, except for District Accounts Assistant.

Decisions: The EC accorded following approvals:

- i. Enhancement of remuneration for the district and block level outsource employees working as Computer Programmers and Block Accounts Assistants to 20% of their last consolidated pay with effect from 01-04-2023.
- ii. Since, the remuneration for employees working as District Accounts Assistant has been enhanced previous year, it will be enhanced to 10% of their last consolidated pay with effect from 01-04-2023.
- iii. The Committee also recommended that in view of the proposed hike in remuneration, consent may be obtained from the employee regarding contribution towards ESI from their consolidated pay.
- iv. The expenditure incurred for providing hike in remuneration for District and Block level Computer Programmers and Accounts Assistants may be booked under MMMER/Programme Management funds.

Agenda 13: Seeking post-facto approval for payment of ESI (Contribution, interest and damages) of 13 contract employees appointed during DPEP

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. ESI office issued notice to 13 contract employees appointed during DPEP for the period 01-03-2017 to 31-08-2021 and the request of waiving off the contribution was not accepted by ESI. An amount of Rs.8.78Lakhs towards contribution, interest, damages and service charge was paid. The subject was discussed in detail and EC accorded post-facto approval for the payment made.

Decision: The EC accorded post-facto approval for the payment of Rs.8.77871Lakhs made for the period 01-03-2017 to 31-08-2021 to ESI office.

Agenda 14: Enhancement of Shri. Veeresh Javali, Consultant SSK (presently working at Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Ltd., Bengaluru on deputation basis)

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee that Shri. Veeresh Javali, has

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been performing duties in the Office of the State Project Director, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka since 09-11-2004 and with effect from 01-04-2009 to 09-09-2021 as Personal Secretary to the State Project Director. As per the employee's request and the Memo No.HR1-002 dated: 25-08-2021 received from Karnataka State Beverages Corporation, he was relieved on 09-09-2021 and from 10-09-2021 he has reported to duties at the Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited since 10-09-2021. The Consultant has requested the Government to continue his lien in Samagra Shikshana Karnataka and permit him to work at KSBCL on deputation. Approval of the Government was accorded through single file No. ಸಶಿಕ/ಆ/ಸಿ2/ಪ.ಪ.ಕ./52/2021-22 dated: 20-05-2022. The remuneration of the Consultant was enhanced by 20% with effect from 01-08-2019 as per the official memo dated: 21-03-2020 effective up to two years. The letter No. KSBCL/10/MD/2022 dated: 17-12-2022 received from Managing Director, KSBCL is placed before EC for consideration.

Decision: The EC accorded approval for enhancement of remuneration to Shri. Veeresh Javali, presently working at Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited (KSBCL) to 20% with effect from 01-04-2023. The expenditure incurred shall be booked from KSBCL from where the monthly remuneration is being currently paid.

Agenda 15: Appointment of an advocate to represent the department in the Labour Court in case of payment of Gratuity to the relieved contract employee appointed under DPEP

SPD explained the agenda that two of the employees worked at the State Project Office who were relieved from the services on completion of 60 years have filed appeal with the Labour Department, Bengaluru claiming payment of Gratuity. Similarly at the District and Block levels in Mandya, seven Group C employees and 4 "D" group employees who had attained 60 years of age have filed appeal with Labour Officer and ex-officio for payment of Gratuity, Sub-Division Mandya, Mandya district against Joint Director/BRC and State Project Director claiming payment of Gratuity. In order to represent the Government/Department, services of an advocate conversant with labour matters was felt essential and accordingly, services of Shri Manjunath, Advocate is being utilized.

Decision: EC accorded hiring of services of Shri. Manjunath, Advocate with the legal services fee of Rs.20,000/- per case for the two cases and for additional services the advocate may be hired at Rs.12,000/- per case.

Agenda 16: Seeking approval for enhancement of remuneration of contract employees appointed under DPEP

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee. In the 4th EC meeting, approval was given for enhancement of their consolidated pay of 155 contract employees appointed during DPEP. A proposal was sent to the Government for enhancement of remuneration of DPEP employees by 20% with effect from 01-04-2022. The action taken and the direction given by the Finance Department was presented to the Committee and

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informed about their requests seeking revision in their remuneration inspite of the above direction. The subject and the requests of employees were discussed in detail and EC directed SSK to communicate to Finance Department and obtain permission for the release of 20% as was recommended in the 4th EC meeting in the context of pay revision and Interim Relief being paid to Government employees'.

Decisions:

- i. File to be put up by SSK to Finance Department seeking permission for payment of 20% of enhancement as per the decision taken in the 4th EC meeting.
- ii. The EC accorded approval of 5% increase with effect from 01-04-2023 amounting to total increase of 25% since 2018-19. Revised proposal to be submitted to Finance Department.
- iii. The expenditure incurred for providing hike in remuneration for District and Block level Computer Programmers and Accounts Assistants to be booked under MMMER/Programme Management funds.

Agenda 17: Ratification of Kalika Habba - Budget 2022-23

SPD explained and shared the highlights of the Kalika Habba programme which was organized in 3957 clusters across 35 districts to create awareness among parents and various stakeholders as part of learning recovery programme. The subject was placed before the Committee for approval of the estimated cost of Rs.9.68Crores for conducting Kalika Habba at district, block and cluster levels.

Decision: EC noted the activities that were taken up as part of Kalika Habba at the school, cluster and district levels and post facto approved the estimated expenditure of Rs.9.68Crores.

Agenda 18: Approval of 129 PM SHRI Schools

SPD explained the agenda to the Committee. PM SHRI scheme is a new CSS commenced from the year 2022-23 with an objective to develop them as 'exemplar schools'. The information related to PM SHRI programme namely guidelines issued by GoI, selection of schools from bench mark schools, fund allocation (recurring and non-recurring) and selection of 129 schools from across 26 districts for the year 2023-24 was presented to the Committee. The Committee was also informed the process of AWP&B preparation and the conduct of PAB meeting for PM SHRI Schools.

Decision: The measures taken in accordance with the directions of MoE GoI were noted by the EC.

Agenda 19: Post facto approval for 2021-22 Annual Report of

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The Annual Report of SSK for the year 2021-22 is placed for post-facto approval by the Executive Committee.

Decision: Post-facto approval was accorded by the EC for the Annual Report of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka for the year 2021-22.

Agenda 20: Karmayogi Shikshak Training programme

SPD explained the agenda to the Committee. PAB has approved Karmayogi Shikshak training programme as an addendum dated: 13-09-2022 with a sanction of Rs.22.27Crores to train elementary, secondary and teacher educators.

Decision: EC noted the steps taken to implement Karmayogi Shikshak training programme in the State and accorded post-facto approval on the action taken.

Additional Agenda with permission of the Chair

Agenda 21: Enhancement of remuneration of outsourced employees working in the State Project Office of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka

SPD briefed the agenda to the Committee.

Decisions:

The EC accorded following approvals:

- Considering the cost of living in Bengaluru city and the minimum wages being given to the employees is insufficient to meet their daily requirements, 20% of their last consolidated pay will be enhanced with effect from 01-04-2023.
- Since, the remuneration employees working as at the State Project Office, Bengaluru and those that are not listed under the Minimum Wages Act has been enhanced previous year, it will be enhanced to 10% of their last consolidated pay with effect from 01-04-2023.
- The Committee also recommended that in view of the proposed hike in remuneration, consent may be obtained from the employee regarding contribution towards ESI from their consolidated pay.
- The expenditure incurred from the above hike in remuneration may be booked under MMER / Programme Management funds.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks

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List of officers attended the 6th EC meeting of Samagra Shikshana Karnataka

1. Dr. E.V. Ramana Reddy, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka and Chairperson EC SSK, 5th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – In Chair.
2. Shri. Ritesh Kumar Singh, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, M.S. Building, Bengaluru.
3. Ms. B.B. Cauvery, I.A.S., State Project Director, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka & i/c Commissioner, Department of School Education, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru.
4. Shri. Ramesh D.S., I.A.S., District Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District.
5. Dr. Girish D Badole, I.A.S., Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat Kalaburagi District.
6. Shri. Krishna Bajbai, I.A.S., Regional Commissioner and Secretary, Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board, Kalaburagi.
7. Shri. Pradeep, I.A.S., Commissioner of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bengaluru.
8. Dr. S.B. Ravikumar, I.A.S., Labour Commissioner, Bengaluru.
9. Ms. Jayashri Shintri, K.A.S., Additional Commissioner Dharwad.
10. Ms. Sumangala V, K.E.S., Director DSERT, Bengaluru.
11. Shri. Madegowda M.P, K.E.S., Director Programmes, State Project Office, SSK Bengaluru.
12. Shri. Maruthi M.R, K.E.S., Director Quality, State Project Office, SSK Bengaluru.
13. Shri. Narasimha Murthy, Under Secretary, Social Welfare office, Bengaluru.
14. Ms. Sumadevi R Meerajkar, Joint Director, Planning Department, GoK, Bengaluru.
15. Dr. Usha B, Joint Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Bengaluru.
16. Ms. Anita V Nazare, Joint Director, PM POSHAN, Bengaluru.
17. Shri. Balachandra Bhatt, Principal, Marikamba PU College, Karwar District.
18. Ms. Rukhsana Nazreen, DDPI, Primary Education.
19. Ms. Pushpa, DDPI Pre-University Education, Malleswaram, Bengaluru.
20. Shri. Nagendrappa Aurad, SADPI (Plan), ACPI office, Kalaburagi.
21. Shri. M.V. Rajanna, SADPI, Secondary Education, Office of the CPI, Bengaluru.
22. Shri. Siddabasappa B, President, Karnataka State Secondary Teacher Association.
23. Shri. Ningegowda, Pre-University Education Lecturer Association.
24. Ms. Manjula Nanjundaiah, Director Seva-in-Action, Bengaluru.
25. Shri. Sheikh Jinna, Member, Azim Premji Foundation, Bengaluru.
26. State Project Office, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Bengaluru - Chief Accounts Officer, Joint Director (Admin), State Project Engineer, SPO (Admin), SPO (Quality Assurance), PO (English Cell), PO (Planning), JPO (Kalika Habba) and JPO (Meeting).
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