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Subject: PM SHRI - Meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 22nd February, 2024 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) for the year 2024-25 of Karnataka - Circulation of Minutes - reg

The Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) of PM SHRI Scheme was held on 22.02.2024 under the chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) in New Delhi to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B), 2024-25 of Karnataka.

2. The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the approved PAB minutes in respect of PM SHRI Scheme to Karnataka for 2024-25 for further necessary action.


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Minutes of the meeting of the Project Approval Board held on 22nd February, 2024 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 of PM SHRI for the state of Karnataka.

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Introduction:

The meeting of the Project Approval Board for considering the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 for PM SHRI for the state of Karnataka was held on 22nd February, 2024 at New Delhi. The list of participants who attended the meeting is in **Annexure-I**.

Section I

Overall Review of the implementation of PM SHRI Scheme in the States/UTs

2. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (SE&L) welcomed the participants and asked Additional Secretary, Shri Vipin Kumar to share a presentation on the implementation of PM SHRI Scheme and the status of School Education in five states/UTs i.e Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The following are the major action points from the discussion and deliberations during the presentation:

2.1 Pending non-recurring expenditure: With respect to previous non-recurring approvals given in 2023-2024, State/ UTs were urged to come up with a concrete plan of action for completing pending works at the earliest.

The States/UTs were instructed to update the status of non-recurring works on the PRABANDH portal on a regular basis to prevent any discrepancies in the reported data.

2.2 Importance of water conservation: During the 3rd Chief Secretaries Conference Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasized the importance of water conservation and developing a tradition of Jal Utsav to spread awareness about the same.

Further the Hon'ble Prime Minister suggested that students in groups may visit houses in a village/locality to sensitize the people on the importance of water conservation. They may collect water samples from these houses during visits and the quality of water can be tested in the PM Shri schools by the students using testing kits, which may be made available. It may also ensure that water conservation is a part of the PM Shri school curriculum.

2.3 Saturation of basic schooling facilities: Various facilities have been provided to PM Shri schools to ensure universal access to schooling. The focus should be on saturation of these facilities i.e. clean drinking water, handwashing facility, functional boys' toilets, girls' toilets with sanitary vending machine, furniture, integrated labs, internet facilities, computer ICT labs, smart classrooms, libraries, Atal Tinkering Labs, vocational labs, TLM, sports facilities, etc.

In addition to improving these facilities, it was further suggested that the funds from MNREGA and Panchayati Raj institutions may also be dovetailed. In this regard, suitable guidelines have been issued by joint signatures of CEO (NITI Aayog), Secretary (School Education and Literacy), Secretary (Panchayati Raj), and Secretary (Rural Development).

2.4 Ensuring use of ICT in the classrooms in PM SHRI Schools: Secretary SE&L shared that the benefits of digital education can be leveraged only when ICT labs and smart classrooms are made fully functional in PM Shri schools. He added that DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for School Education) is an important resource, and this needs to become

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part of the pedagogy in the classroom, wherein the resources available can be used by PM Shri school teachers in classroom transactions.

Priority must be given to completing the ICT labs and smart classrooms at the earliest. To further augment this effort, he suggested that the focus should also be on saturating internet connectivity especially in secondary and senior secondary schools. For this purpose, a drive may be initiated by the concerned States/UTs and major service providers of the internet may be brought on board.

2.5 Skill Education in PM SHRI Schools: Secretary SE&L mentioned that all PM Shri school students, particularly those in secondary stage of schooling, need to undergo skill education as per the National Education Policy 2020 recommendation. He urged the States and UTs to re-evaluate the existing job roles in light of the changing needs of the job market and also to align them as per 21st century skills.

2.6 Support through NIOS for OoSC of the age group 16 to 19 years: With respect to support through NIOS for out of school children, it was informed that special centres have been provided by NIOS across the country for students in government schools and the registration fee in these special centres have been subsidised @ Rs. 2000 per student. This is a special provision made by NIOS for out of school children and examination fees are also exempted for first timers. Many States are undertaking enrolment drives for identification and mainstreaming out of school children.

2.7 Display of photographs of teachers in PM SHRI Schools: To address the issue of proxy teachers and teacher absenteeism, it was instructed that photographs of teachers should be displayed in a common area in PM Shri school premises. Most of the schools have completed this exercise but this is a continuous process. For this purpose, there is a provision in schools where the display of teachers' photographs is updated in case of transfer or retirement of a teacher.

2.8 UDISE+: PM Shri schools were advised to update the school data on the UDISE + on a regular basis to assess the reason for any increase or decrease in the educational indicators.

2.9 Addressing the issue of PTR for children with Special Needs: Economic Advisor, Ms. A. Srija informed about the recent amendment to the RTE Act, which prescribes appointment of 01 special education teacher for every 10 CWSN for classes 1 to 5, and 1 special education teacher for every 15 CWSN for classes 6 to 8.

2.10 Strengthening convergence between stakeholders: Under the PM SHRI scheme, an innovative intervention has been initiated wherein STEM teachers and head teachers can go for training in IITs and IIMs.

Also, innovative concepts being implemented by other stakeholders such as integration of environmental awareness and sustainability programmes into school education through green school audits, zero tolerance to water wastage, initiatives through school students for water purity measurement, are unique initiatives that can be adapted by PM Shri schools in convergence with other schemes.

2.11 Social Audit: It was clarified that the expenditure for conducting the Social Audit in PM Shri schools will be met from the MMMER Funds of PM SHRI Scheme not exceeding 0.5%

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of the approved MMMER funds and in case flexibility is required in the budget limit proposed, the schools may write to the Department for any possible amendment.

The Department will also be reviewing the progress of Social Audit on a half yearly basis, in which representatives of States/UTs and SAU, PM Shri schools etc., may participate.

2.12 Vidyanjali: The Vidyanjali portal helps volunteers interact and connect directly with schools of their choice to share their knowledge and skills as well as contribute in the form of assets, etc. PM Shri schools were urged to onboard their schools and avail the facilities provided under this initiative. It was noted that a few States have their own portals; and the same ought to be connected with the Vidyanjali portal.

2.13 Implementation of Vidya Pravesh: PM SHRI schools should continue implementing Vidya Pravesh, a three-month School Preparedness Module in all schools. Further, the 3rd CS Conference also prioritizes the implementation of Vidya Pravesh.

Section II: Financial Section – Karnataka

3. Total Estimated Budget (2024-25)

After detailed discussion on the financial costing sheet in the presence of the State team and appraisal team, an overall budget of Rs. 5691.30 Lakhs was recommended by the PAB for the state of Karnataka for the FY 2024-25 for undertaking the activities as mentioned in the costing sheet attached as **Annexure II**.

A. The approved total fresh outlay for the AWP&B for 2024-25 under PM SHRI Scheme is as under:

(Rs. In lakh)

Non-Recurring (Fresh)	Recurring (Fresh)	Total fresh Outlay
1	2	3= 1+2
2816.64	2874.66	5691.30

B. The total central share to be released (60% of the fresh outlay and committed liability):

(Rs. In lakh)

Non- Recurring		Recurring (Fresh)	Total
Committed Liability	Fresh		
1	2	3	4= 1+2+3
180.44	1689.98	1724.80	3595.22

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C. The Commensurate state share (40% of the fresh outlay and committed liability):

(Rs. In lakh)

Non- Recurring		Recurring (Fresh)	Total
Committed Liability	Fresh		
1	2	3	4= 1+2+3
120.30	1126.66	1149.86	2396.82

As per the existing fund sharing pattern of Centrally Sponsored PM SHRI Scheme, **Central Government shall provide to the state, Rs 3595.22 lakh (60% of the approved fresh outlay and Committed Liability) as its share. The state would contribute Rs. 2396.82 lakh (40% of the approved fresh outlay and committed liability) as its matching state share.**

4. The PAB has approved the above activities for the state during F.Y. 2024-25 subject to the following conditions:

- 4.1 Non-recurring grants will be released against the committed liabilities and the fresh approvals subject to the production of required documents by State/UTs and physical and financial progress of these interventions under the non-recurring head.
- 4.2 The States and UTs have been repeatedly informed about the compliance of the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance for release of funds under CSS. The States/UTs are to strictly adhere to the implementation of the new financial architecture where CSS funds are being released in 4 installments, while ensuring 75% expenditure at each stage. Submission of proposals should be well within time, to ensure maximum disbursement of funds from GOI. In case of delay in compliance of the necessary guidelines the States/UTs may not be able to receive the earmarked funds for the FY.
- 4.3 States/UTs should bifurcate the annexed costing sheet among all the districts and then District must bifurcate the allotted budget by the state to the selected PM SHRI Schools according to their proposals/approvals.
- 4.4 State/UTs also to utilise their unspent balances available as on 31st March, 2024 for the activities approved in 2023-24 PAB.
- 4.5 States/UTs should capture the school wise expenditure against the budget allotted, on the PRABANDH portal on a monthly basis for the real time monitoring of each activity/component approved under PM SHRI Scheme.
- 4.6 As per Section 7(5) of the RTE Act, 2009, the State Government shall after taking into consideration the sum provided by the Central Government and the mandatory matching State share, provide the balance funds necessary to fulfil the estimate for the implementation of the Act.

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- 4.7 States/UTs shall ensure to provide the list of PM SHRI schools which are approved under non-recurring activities (like: Additional classroom, Labs, Toilets, Solar Panel, Smart Classroom etc.) and is mentioned in the Annexed costing sheet.
- 4.8 States/UTs shall ensure not to duplicate any expenses (whether recurring or non-recurring component) under the PM SHRI Scheme if the same activity has been approved under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme or any other scheme for that matter.
- 4.9 Components which fall under the purview of the other Department, or other ministries/departments must be carried out in convergence and accordance with respective ministries/departments.
5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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- 7) Shri Rahul Pachori, Director (SE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE).
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- 10) Smt. Pramitha Adoni, Programme Officer, Karnataka.
- 11) Shri Ramesh K C, Programme Officer (PM Shri), Karnataka.
- 12) Appraisal Team Members- TSG Consultants, PM Shri, MoE.

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