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Subject: PM SHRI - Meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 25th October, 2024 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) for FY 2024-25 for Phase-4 of Karnataka Circulation of Minutes – reg.

The Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) of PM SHRI Scheme was held on 25.10.2024 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 FY 2024-25 for further necessary action.



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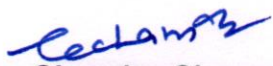
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**PM SHRI Scheme
(PM Schools for Rising India)**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 25.10.2024 through Video Conferencing to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 of PM SHRI Scheme (PM Schools for Rising India) for the state of Karnataka.

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The meeting of the Project Approval Board for considering the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 of PM SHRI Schools selected in 4th Phase of selection process of PM SHRI Scheme for the State of Karnataka was held on 25.10.2024 (Friday) through video conferencing under chairpersonship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (SE&L). The list of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

2. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (SE&L) welcomed the participants and asked Additional Secretary, Shri Vipin Kumar to share a presentation on the PM SHRI Scheme. The following are the major action points from the discussion and deliberations during the presentation:

2.1 PM SHRI Scheme intends to prepare over 14500 PM SHRI Schools in which every student feels welcomed and cared for, where a safe and stimulating learning environment exists, wide range of learning experiences are offered, good physical infrastructure and appropriate resources conducive to learning are available to all students. These schools will be developed as vibrant schools focusing on all round development of children.

2.2 The State shall ensure that **all construction activities and procurement processes related to the NR components are completed within six months**. Adhering to this timeline is crucial for maintaining the scheme schedule and ensuring timely utilization of resources, which in turn will contribute to the overall success of the PM SHRI Scheme.

2.3 State was instructed to appoint a Block Education Officer (BEO) in every blocks/ULBs to monitor the activities approved under PM SHRI Scheme. The appointed BEO will be personally responsible for ensuring that all activities are conducted transparently and in a timely manner. School Principals and headmasters also should be trained and empowered for effective and speedy utilisation of funds to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach students timely. This measure aims to enhance accountability and ensure the smooth execution of the Scheme, thereby fostering a culture of responsibility and efficiency.

2.4 State was suggested to **prioritize the saturation of activities** such as **BaLA features in classrooms, child-friendly furniture, outdoor play materials, Jadui**

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Pitara, holistic report cards for students, and school readiness modules in all Class 1 schools in all Primary Schools. Additionally, **provisions such as ramps in toilets should be made for children with special needs (CWSN)** to ensure accessibility. For secondary and senior secondary PM SHRI Schools, the focus should be on providing **furniture, fully equipped integrated science labs, physics labs, chemistry labs, biology labs, internet facilities, computer labs, ICT labs, smart classrooms, libraries with good furniture and a diverse collection of books with computerized book issuing systems, fully equipped Atal Tinkering Labs, fully equipped skill labs, school innovation councils, playgrounds with well-equipped sports facilities, and functional youth and eco clubs for Mission Life.**

2.5 It is to be noted that Health camps should not be organized in isolation from the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK). Health camps under the PM SHRI initiative should augment the efforts made under RBSK.

2.6 Vending machines and incinerators in schools should be inspected regularly to ensure that they are functioning and useful to girl students.

2.7 PM SHRI schools require close supervision by designated officers. The PM SHRI scheme is included in the *Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024*, which is anticipated to bring positive outcomes for all schools in the district and provide district magistrates an opportunity for recognition.

2.8 The appointment of instructors for yoga, music, skill development, counselling, etc., should be expedited to benefit students.

2.9 Funds from financial releases for schools selected in previous phases can be used to start work immediately, following which states may submit proposals for the release of next installment in the financial year 2024-25.

2.10 **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.

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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.

2.11 Ensuring use of ICT in the classrooms in PM SHRI Schools: Priority must be given to completing the ICT labs and smart classrooms at the earliest. To further augment this effort, Secretary (SE&L) 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.

2.12 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.

2.13 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.

2.14 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.

2.15 **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.

2.16 **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.

2.17 **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% 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.

2.18 **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.

2.19 **Implementation of Vidya Pravesh:** PM SHRI schools should continue implementing Vidya Pravesh, a three-month School Preparedness Module in all

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schools. Further, the 3rd CS Conference also prioritizes the implementation of Vidya Pravesh.

3 A total number of 35 schools have been selected from Karnataka in the 4th Phase of selection process as PM SHRI Schools. This is in addition to the 442 schools already selected in the first, second and third phase. The category wise bifurcation of **PM SHRI schools** selected from the state is as below:

Phase	Total PM SHRI Schools	Primary	Elementary	Secondary	Senior Secondary
1 st Phase	129	1	119	9	0
2 nd Phase	244	11	192	39	2
3 rd Phase	69	0	65	4	0
4 th Phase	35	0	15	20	0
Total	477	12	391	72	2

4. After detailed discussion on financial costing sheet in the presence of State team and appraisal team, an overall budget of Rs. 2623.11 lakh was recommended by the PAB for the FY 2024-25 for undertaking the activities as mentioned above in 4th phase, under the PM SHRI scheme. Additional funds may be considered later subject to satisfactory expenditure and progress of activities during the year. The detailed proposals are at **Annexure II**.

Proposal and Recommendation under PM SHRI Scheme for the Year 2024-25

(Rs. In lakhs)

State Proposal			Recommended				
Non-Recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-Recurring	Recurring	Total	Central Share	State Share
2192.02	1479.36	3671.38	1423.20	1199.91	2623.11	1573.87	1049.24

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

- 4.1 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 State is 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 State may not be able to receive the earmarked funds for the FY.
- 4.2 State 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.
- 4.3 State 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 State 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.
- 4.6 State 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.

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4.7 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

- 1) Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (SE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE).
- 2) Shri Ritesh Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary (Education), Government of Karnataka
- 3) Shri Vipin Kumar, Additional Secretary (SE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE).
- 4) Shri. Kumar Rao , State Project Director, Karnataka.
- 5) Shri Sanjog Kapoor, JS&FA, Ministry of Education (MoE).
- 6) Smt. Preeti Meena, Director (SE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE).
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