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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February, 2016 for approval of Annual Work Plan & Budget 2016-17 of Puducherry under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the integrated Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)

A meeting of the Project Approval Board to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2016-17 for the UT of Puducherry was held on the 11th February, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.C Khuntia, Secretary (School Education & Literacy).

2. The list of participants who attended the meeting is at **Annexure-I**.
3. Secretary (SE&L) welcomed all the participants. In his opening remarks, he appreciated the efforts of the UT and the overall progress made by the UT under RMSA. The UT was advised to ensure maintenance of all the toilets under the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative in convergence with the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. JS (SE-I) highlighted the overall status of secondary education scenario in the UT based on the educational indicators and comparative analysis of the education indicators against the national standards, areas of concern and details of the proposal of Annual Work Plan & Budget for RMSA for 2016-17. A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure - II**.
4. The following issues were discussed:
 - **RMSA:** The UT surrendered the strengthening components in 36 schools. Total amount of approvals surrendered by the UT is **Rs. 819.87 lakhs**.
 - The overall progress of construction of civil works is very slow. The UT has reported only 3% expenditure on non-recurring activities which is an area of concern. Hence, the UT was advised to speed up the construction works and ensure utilisation of non-recurring funds.
 - Secretary (SE&L) indicated that school grant should be given utmost priority and the school grant should be released from the first installment itself in 2016-17.
 - **Vocational Education:** The UT administration of Puducherry has not given any proposal for the implementation of the component of Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education. It was reiterated to the UT that skill development through vocational education is one of the priority areas of the Government of India. The UT was advised to make an effort to implement National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant vocational education course from secondary level.

- **ICT @ School:** Non implementation of the scheme in 105 schools which were approved in the year 2008-09 was viewed seriously by the PAB. Secretary (Education), Puducherry has committed to commence the implementation within 2 to 3 months.
- **IEDSS:** The expenditure on student oriented activities has been very slow. Only 23% of expenditure has been reported by the UT so far.
- Educational indicators:-
 - GER has increased from 95.66% in the year 2014-15 to 100.29% in the year 2015-16
 - NER has increased from 57.81% in the year 2014-15 to 82.17% in the year 2015-16
 - The dropout rate in 2015-16 is same as 2014-15 i.e. 0.37%
 - The transition rate has decreased from 105.72% during 2014-15 to 99.59% during 2015-16
 - Gross Access Ratio (GAR) in the UT is 100. All 437 habitations are served by secondary schooling facility

5. Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2016-17:

The intervention-wise discussions held, decisions taken and approval accorded are as below:

Sl. No.	Committed outlay
	Non-Recurring Activities
	Strengthening of new schools
	UT's proposal of surrendering of 36 schools under strengthening (where no civil works have been started) which were approved in the years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2014-15, was approved. The total outlay surrendered by the UT is Rs. 819.87 lakhs . The list of 36 schools is at Annexure - III .
	There is a spill-over of Rs. 1041.90 lakh (after aforesaid cancellations) on account of civil interventions approved under RMSA, ICT, IEDSS, VE and Girls Hostel during previous years. The UT was asked to complete these works in all respects during 2016-17.
	New approvals - Non-Recurring
	The UT has not proposed any new interventions under the non-recurring head for 2016-17
	Recurring Activities
1	School Grant
1.1	All 131 schools proposed by the UT were approved for school grant @ Rs. 0.50 lakhs with the total outlay of Rs. 65.50 lakhs .
2	Financial support for Salary

