

# **Minutes of the 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Council of School Education (GCSE)**

## **Samagra Shiksha**

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The 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Council of School Education was held at 16:30 hrs on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022, for review and sanction of the activities for Samagra Shiksha under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vinod Rao, IAS, Secretary (Primary & Secondary Education), Education Department. The list of all the members present in the meeting is attached at Annexure-A.

Dr. Ratankanvar H. Gadhavicharan, IAS, State Project Director extended a warm welcome to the Chairman and all the members of the Executive Committee and started the proceedings of the meeting as per the Agenda. The minutes of the meeting are as under:

### **Agenda-1: To accord sanction to the Minutes of the 69th E.C. meeting held on 13.09.2021**

The Minutes of the 69th Meeting of E.C. held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were reviewed and unanimously approved, as no members offered any suggestions or modifications.

### **Agenda-2: Physical & Financial Progress under the Project Samagra Shiksha**

#### **2.1 Gender Education / Model Schools Branch:**

- 2.1.1 It was suggested to introduce and conduct Common Entrance Examinations for admissions in GoG-Funded KGBVs. Minimum Criteria for Eligibility, Admission and Merit List shall be developed.

## **2.2 MIS- Management Information System Branch:**

2.2.1 It was suggested to initiate implementation of Face Recognition-based Attendance System and setup Server Room at CCC in coordination with GET.

## **2.3 Quality Enhancement & Monitoring Branch:**

2.3.1 It was suggested to coordinate with GSHSEB to ensure that all textbooks from Grade-9 to Grade-12 have QR codes embedded.

## **2.4 Vocational Education Branch:**

2.4.1 Vocational Education a key component in the Schools of Excellence program, planning to align and integrate the existing Vocational scheme for Upper Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary grades with SoE components to be done.

## **2.5 Inclusive Education Branch:**

2.5.1 It was suggested to prioritize implementation of In-School Resource Rooms based on the number of CwSN students enrolled in the Cluster-level Schools. The schools with higher number of CwSN students enrolled shall be given Priority in implementation of In-RR.

## **2.6 Establishment Branch:**

2.6.1 Considering the deputation tenure of 5 years (3 + 2 years) for some of the existing BRCs / CRCs getting over in Mar-22, the recruitment process for BRC and CRC cadres shall be initiated as per policy.

## **2.7 Civil Branch:**

2.7.1 It was suggested to operationalize the Contract Management System under the Civil MIS (WSDP) Application for contract management functions for Civil Works.

**Agenda-3: To accord sanction to the Annual Work Planning and Budget (AWP&B) for 2022-23 of GCSE (Samagra Shiksha) for PAB 2022-23**

The AWP&B proposal for Samagra Shiksha 2022-23 has been approved, along with the Perspective Plan for next 4 years upto 2025-26.

**Agenda-4: Request of M/s. Bennett, Coleman & Company Ltd (BCCL) received in the matter of levy of penalty under Gyankunj Phase-II (2019-20) project**

As directed in the previous EC meeting, the legal opinion has been obtained from State's Advocate General (AG) on this matter. As opined by AG, the overall project is completed within stipulated timeline. With regards to penalty, had this issue been taken to Arbitration in case if the issue is not settled amicably, the GCSE-SS's liability towards the Interest Payment on the Due Payment (~Rs.4.21 crores) will be very high, considering the period of the payment being held, which is more than 2 years now. In view of these considerations, it was suggested to release the payment, subject to obtaining declaration from M/s. BCCL for amicable resolution of the issue with No claim of interest on the due payment or any other objections regarding this matter in future.

**Agenda -5: To Accord Sanction for the post of Assistant District Coordinator Girls Education in Four (4) - Municipal Corporations**

Approved.

**Agenda -6: To Accord Sanction Third Party Legal Advisor services proposal from M/s. Shardul Amarchand & Mangaldas for Residential School of Excellence**

Approved.

**Agenda - 7: To accord sanction for the provision of furniture in 59 Model schools in various districts through GEM portal.**

Approved.

**Agenda - 8: To accord sanction for 2 packages of classroom construction work under NABARD and construction work for Command & Control (C.C.C.) 2.0 Phase-IV.**

Approved.

**Agenda - 9: To accord sanction for 148 packages of new construction and strengthening of school infrastructure work under Mission Schools of Excellence.**

Approved.

**Agenda - 10: To accord sanction for the interior, electrical and ELV work at Command & Control (C.C.C.) 2.0 Phase-V.**

Approved.

**Agenda - 11: From the Chair**

**(1) To appoint ICICI Bank as the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for Funds Management under PAB**

Approved as proposed.

**(2) Appointment of the Chartered Accountant firm as a Statutory Auditor for Auditing the Accounts of Samagra Shiksha (EE, SE & TE) For Head Office, All the Districts, BRC, CRC and SMC for the Financial Year 2020-21**

Approved as proposed.

**(3) Request to approve AMC Cost for applications developed for Samagra Shiksha by M/s. GIPL.**

Approved as proposed.

**(4) Agenda: For procurement of STEM kits for Secondary schools and LBD kits for Upper Primary schools from IIT Gandhinagar**

Approved. It was suggested to engage IIT-Gandhinagar as a Resource Partner for planning and design of STEM and LBD kits under the SoE program.

**(5) To setup a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) for Residential Schools-of-Excellence (RSE) project**

To effectively implement the Residential Schools of Excellence (RSE) project, it was suggested to setup a dedicated PMU for RSE project under the SoE PMU.

For the RSE PMU, the contract terms of both the existing PMUs of M/s. Deloitte and M/s. EY were compared on the required scope of work and other terms as under:

1. Scope of Work – The Residential Schools of Excellence component is under the scope of work under the contract of M/s. Deloitte, whereas it is not there in current scope of work for M/s. EY.
2. Contract Validity: The remaining contract validity of M/s. Deloitte is upto Jul-24 with a provision of extension for 3 years. Whereas M/s. EY's contract is ending in Dec-22 with no provision of further extension.
3. Person-month Rates: The person-month rates for the proposed positions of RSE PMU, which is 6 Project Managers and 10 Project Executives, is Rs.1.94 lakhs per person-month and Rs.1.60 lakhs per person-month respectively for M/s. Deloitte. Whereas, for M/s. EY it is Rs.2.70 lakhs person-month and Rs.2.20 lakhs person-month for the same positions.

4. Considering the above terms, it was suggested to augment the existing SoE PMU team of M/s. Deloitte and appoint M/s. Deloitte as RSE PMU for the proposed activities and functional areas under RSE with support from the existing Associated Agencies like Reach-to-Teach, Fountain Head and other agencies.

The meeting then ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and the members.

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To

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2. All Officers of this office.