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**Subject:** Minutes of the Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 to consider the supplementary proposal for reimbursement of recurring expenditure under RTE components incurred by the State Government of Kerala during 2023-24 & 2024-25 under Samagra Shiksha -reg.

The meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for considering the supplementary proposal for reimbursement of recurring expenditure under RTE components incurred by the State Government of Kerala during 2023-24 & 2024-25 under Samagra Shiksha was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. The Secretary, School Education of Kerala and SPD Kerala attended the meeting virtually.

2. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is enclosed.

  
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2. JS & FA, MoE
3. DDG (Stats), MoE
4. Secretary, School Education (Kerala)
5. State Project Director, Kerala

**Copy to:**

1. All Divisional Heads of SS-I & SS-II Bureau
2. Director, Finance, Ministry of Education
3. All Under Secretaries of SS-I & SS-II Bureau
4. Sr. PPS to Secretary (SE&L)
5. Sh. Inderjeet Vatsa, Coordinator for Kerala for circulation among the appraisal Team for the respective organisations.
6. NIC with a request to upload minutes on the Shagun portal /Samagra Shiksha portal

  
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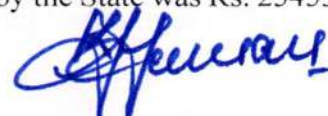
On 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, the Project Approval Board convened a meeting under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) to discuss the supplementary proposal for reimbursement of recurring expenditure under RTE component incurred by the State Government of Kerala during 2023-24 & 2024-25 under Samagra Shiksha. The Secretary, School Education of Kerala and SPD Kerala attended the meeting virtually. The list of participants who attended the meeting is at **Annexure-I**.

2. At the outset, the details of the proposal received from Kerala Government vide letter dated 19.01.2026 was explained. Kerala has requested for reimbursement of Central share of Rs.1107.58 lakh and Rs. 25544.73 lakh for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, respectively.

3. It was observed that for FY 2023-24 an outlay of Rs 70,271.93 lakh (including Fresh outlay of Rs 60568.62 Lakh and spill-over of Rs 9703.31 Lakh) was approved. As evident from the audited UC submitted by Kerala, expenditure of Rs 43114.55 Lakh was incurred. The central share released to Kerala in FY 2023-24 was Rs 14105.00 Lakh. SPD Kerala said that the expenditure has been done on the activities approved in the outlay as detailed in the consolidated annual financial statement attached in the audit report and the central share was not enough to cover the expenditure on RTE entitlements in FY 2023-24. Therefore, the amount spent on RTE entitlements was requested for reimbursement in the next year. This request was considered and approved in the supplementary PAB for FY 2024-25 held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and accordingly the outlay for FY 2024-25 was revised. The minutes of this PAB meeting were issued vide letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Since the RTE entitlements for FY 2023-24 have been already included in the outlay of 2024-25, it was decided that no central share needs to be considered separately against the state request for FY 2023-24.

4. As regards the state's request for FY 2024-25, the following was submitted:

- i. An outlay of Rs 85590.46 Lakh (including fresh outlay of Rs 79538.26 Lakh and spill over of Rs 6052.20 Lakh) stood approved after supplementary PAB for FY 2024-25.
- ii. As per Audited UC 2024-25, total expenditure by the State was Rs. 25453.68 lakh.



- iii. Central share released during FY 2024-25 was NIL.
- iv. Details of RTE components in the outlay and expenditure in FY 2024-25 is as follows:

Sub-Components of the 'RTE Entitlements' Component	Approval as per original PAB held on 31.01.2024 for FY2024-25	Reimbursement amount of 2023-24 included in supplementary PAB as per Addendum 29.05.2024	Total Approval of 2024-25	Actual expenditure by State Government for 2023-24 as per Audited UC 2023-24	Actual expenditure by State Government for 2024-25 as per Audited UC 2024-25	Amount admissible for approval	Central share of admissible amount
1	2	3	4 = (2+3)	5	6	7 = 5+6	8 = 60% of 7
Provision for Out of School Children (OoSC)	121.50	0	121.5	65.89	75.44	141.33	84.798
Free Uniforms	5208.57	3132.69	8341.26	2749.43	1.81	2751.24	1650.744
Free Textbooks	6624.31	6533.76	13158.07	963.93	0.00	963.93	578.358
<b>Total</b>	<b>11954.38</b>	<b>9666.45</b>	<b>21620.83</b>	<b>3779.25</b>	<b>77.25</b>	<b>3856.50</b>	<b>2313.9</b>

- v. Given the admissible amount of Rs 3856.50 Lakh on activities under RTE components as detailed in the above table, corresponding Central share recommended for reimbursement is Rs. 2313.90 lakh.
- vi. Accordingly, it was decided that the above admissible amount for RTE entitlements be added to the outlay approved for 2025-26.

5. The original outlay (after supplementary PAB) for FY 2025-26 was as below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Head	Spill over	Non-Recurring (Fresh)	Recurring (Fresh)*	Total Fresh (3+4)	Grand Total (Including Spill-Over) (2+5)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Elementary	5233.95	1543.11	47279.72	48822.83	54056.78
Secondary	1325.33	4735.95	11111.49	15847.44	17172.77
Teacher Education	2144.30	0.00	2734.35	2734.35	4878.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>8703.58</b>	<b>6279.06</b>	<b>61125.56</b>	<b>67404.62</b>	<b>76108.2</b>

\* includes Programme Management (MMMER)

6. The revised outlay for FY 2025-26 will now be as below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Head	Spill over	Non-Recurring (Fresh)	Recurring (Fresh)*	Total Fresh (3+4)	Grand Total (Including Spill-Over) (2+5)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Elementary	5233.95	1543.11	51136.22	52679.33	57913.28
Secondary	1325.33	4735.95	11111.49	15847.44	17172.77
Teacher Education	2144.3	0	2734.35	2734.35	4878.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>8703.58</b>	<b>6279.06</b>	<b>64982.06</b>	<b>71261.12</b>	<b>79964.7</b>

\*Includes Programme Management (MMMER)

7. In this PAB meeting the issue under consideration is release of RTE entitlements to the State. The total amount approved in RTE entitlements in the original PAB 2025-26 is Rs. 12688.97 lakh out of which Central share is Rs. 7613.38 lakh. Now the central share payable for RTE entitlements in FY 2025-26 shall be sum of central share for the original outlay on RTE entitlements for FY 2025-26 (Rs. 7613.38 lakh) and the additional central share for RTE entitlements as calculated in para 4 above (Rs. 2313.90 lakh). This sum amounts to Rs. 9927.28 lakh (Rs. 7613.38 lakh + Rs. 2313.90 lakh).

8. The central share already released in FY 2025-26 is 9241.06 lakh. Therefore, balance amount of RTE entitlements to be released during FY 2025-26 comes out to be **Rs. 686.22 lakh** (Rs. 9927.28 lakh - Rs. 9241.06 lakh).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

1. Shri. Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (SE&L), MoE
2. Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Additional Secretary (SS-II), MoE
3. Sh. Sanjog Kapoor, JS & FA, MoE
4. Dr. K. Vasuki, Secretary, Education, Kerala
5. Sh. Tual Za Kam, DS, SE&L, MoE
6. Dr. Supriya A R, State Project Director (Samagra Shiksha), Kerala
7. Sh. S. K. Suman, US, SE&L, MoE
8. Sh. Ravi Kumar, SO, SE&L, MoE
9. Sh. Inderjeet Vatsa, Sr. Consultant, State Coordinator, Kerala, SE&L, MoE