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Government of India  
Ministry of Education  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
IS-14 Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:- Minutes of the Meeting of Project Approval Meeting (PAB) of TSG-Samagra Shiksha for FY 2025-26 Circulation of Minutes-reg..**

The meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) for the year 2025-26 of Technical Support Group (TSG), Samagra Shiksha (SS), managed by EdCIL India Ltd. was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) on 04.04.2025 at 12:30 PM in Conference Hall (112-C), Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. A copy of the approved minutes in respect of TSG-Samagra Shiksha is enclosed

**Enclosure: As above**

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6. Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs
7. Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability
8. The Deputy Adviser (Education), NITI Aayog
9. The Chairman and Managing Director, EdCIL
10. The Chief General Manager, EdCIL
11. The Project Manager, TSG-SS, EdCIL

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1. All Bureau Heads, DoSEL, MoE
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PPS to Secy. (SE&L)

**Minutes of the Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) of Samagra Shiksha held on 04.04.2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (SE&L) in conference room no. 112, 'C' wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) for the Financial Year 2025-26 of TSG (EdCIL).**

- 1) The meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for considering the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) for the year 2025-26 of Technical Support Group (TSG), Samagra Shiksha (SS), managed by EdCIL India Ltd. was held on 04.04.2025 at 12:30 PM in Room Number 112-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L). A list of participants who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure-I**.
- 2) The Additional Secretary (SS-II) welcomed Secretary (SE&L) and all the participants. and gave the presentation on the details of the AWP&B for 2025-26 for consideration of the PAB.
- 3) The details regarding Budget approved, funds released by the Ministry of Education and Funds Utilized (Estimated) under TSG-Samagra Shiksha during FY 2024-25 are given below:

**Funds Position as on 31.03.2025 (Estimated):**

| Particulars   |                             | Total (In Cr Rs.) |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Budget approved for the F.Y. 2024-25                    |                             | 80.58             |
| Funds received during the year 2024-25                  |                             | 78.16             |
| Sanctioned Date   | Amount Received (In Cr Rs.) |                   |
| 03.07.2024  | 20.15                       |                   |
| 18.11.2024  | 20.15                       |                   |
| 01.01.2025  | 20.15                       |                   |
| 27.03.2025  | 17.72                       |                   |
| Opening Balance as on 01.04.2024                        |                             | 2.42              |
| Funds available during F.Y. 2024-25                     |                             | 80.58             |
| Provisional Expenditure as on 30.03.2025 (F.Y. 2024-25) |                             | 58.43             |
| Closing Balance as on 31.03.2025 (Estimated)            |                             | 22.15             |

Note: Unspent balance will be carried forward to next financial year.

- 4) After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:
  - I. Total proposed budget of **Rs. 63,06,98,728/-** for EdCIL TSG-SS for FY 2025-26 was approved as per the bifurcation given in **Annexure-II** (allow inter-component adjustments within the approved overall budget).

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- II. Funds will be released to EdCIL for the approved activities for TSG- Samagra Shiksha in 2025-26 after adjustment of Opening Balance as on 01.04.2025 in accordance with UCs furnished by EdCIL.
- III. EdCIL will incur expenditure in line with the bye-laws/rules/procedures and in conformity with the latest provisions of GFR, 2017 on the activities for which expenditure has been approved by PAB, in AWP&B 2025-26.
- IV. Approval is accorded for extension of the current Service Agreement between MoE and EdCIL until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, subject to satisfactory performance review.
- V. Approval is accorded for Continued sanction of existing posts and sanction of additional 08 posts (01 post of Senior Consultant and 07 posts of consultant) in TSG- Samagra Shiksha for 2025-26 as per bifurcation given below:
  - a. 66 (58 + 08) Consultants
  - b. 10 Project Associates
  - c. 128 Project Staff (including PA I & II and Support Staff III)
- VI. EdCIL was directed to expedite the recruitment process of 18 vacant positions for TSG SS, initiated in July 2024. All the vacancies that have arisen thereafter and the newly sanctioned posts should be filled up within a period of 2 months. The procedure adopted by NITI AAYOG may be studied in order to streamline and expedite the recruitment of consultants, as it is observed that the process currently being followed is time consuming
- VII. Approval is accorded for excess expenditure of approximately Rs. 90 Lakhs for Band Competition 2024-25 from the available balance under the "other contingencies" budget head of budget approved for FY 2024-25.
- VIII. Opening balance of **Rs. (-) 2,01,18,328/-** for FY 2023-24 was adjusted in fund releases of FY 2023-24 itself.
- IX. Approval is accorded for engagement of Shri Gaurav Singh as a Senior Consultant over and above the approved sanctioned strength of TSG-SS for a period of two months w.e.f. 10.1.2025 on full time consultancy basis on the consolidated consultancy fee of Rs. 2,65,000/- per month, as per 'NITI Aayog Guidelines from the budget approved for FY 2024-25.
- X. EdCIL shall accord maternity leave benefits to TSG-SS Staff as per the Revised Maternity Leave Act 2017.
- XI. EdCIL will comply with all statutory norms (EPF, payment of Gratuity etc.) as per GoI norms.

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- XII. Approval is accorded Capacity building training /workshop of Consultants & Project Associates and Training for Project Assistants on noting/ drafting, MS office etc.
- XIII. Payment to Consultants/ Staff/ Vendors should be made in time.
- XIV. Proposed rates of TA/DA, local conveyance, hotel stay, mobile bill reimbursement etc., Principal Chief Consultant was approved as proposed and are placed at **Annexure-III**:

5) PAB noted and approved the decisions given in para 4 of above

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

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**Annexure-I**

**List of participants for the meeting of the PAB held on 04<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in Conference Room No. 112, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi**

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

- 1) Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (SE&L) – In Chair
- 2) Sh. Anil Kumar Singhal, Additional Secretary (SS-II), DoSEL, MoE
- 3) Sh. Anandrao Vishnu Patil, Additional Secretary, DoSEL, MoE
- 4) Sh. Sanjog Kapoor, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE
- 5) Ms. Archana Shrama Awasthi, Joint Secretary, DoSEL, MoE
- 6) Ms. Prachi Pandey, Joint Secretary, DoSEL, MoE
- 7) Ms. Amarpreet Duggal, Joint Secretary, DoSEL, MoE
- 8) Ms. A. Srija, Economic Advisor (DoSE&L), MoE
- 9) Sh. V. Hegde, DDG (Stats), DoSE&L, MoE
- 10) Sh. Govind Jaiswal, Chairman & Managing Director, EdCIL
- 11) Sh. Umesh Pratap Singh, Director, DoSEL, MoE
- 12) Dr. B. Chandrasekar, Executive Director (CP), EdCIL
- 13) Sh. Ratnesh Kumar, CGM, TSGs, EdCIL
- 14) Sh. Avinash Chander, Manager (Finance), TSG, EdCIL.
- 15) Sh. Lav Sharma, PM (Samagra Shiksha), TSG, EdCIL.

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## Annexure-II

| S. No. | Particulars   | Budget for F.Y. 2025-26 |
|--------|---|-------------------------|
| 1      | Consultancy Fee (based on sanctioned strength of 58 Consultants and 10 Project Associate.)              | 9,40,84,080             |
| 2      | Staff Salary (based on sanctioned strength of 128 Project Assistant)                                    | 7,85,00,000             |
| 3      | Workshops, Seminars, Review Meetings, Field Visits, capacity building, training etc.                    | 8,65,00,000             |
| 4      | Ongoing Audit Programme of erstwhile SSA and RMSA*  | 50,00,000               |
| 5      | Workshops, Seminars, Review Meetings etc. required for STARs Project.                                   | 80,00,000               |
| 6      | Inter School Band Competition (State and National Level)  | 3,00,00,000             |
| 7      | Other Contingencies   | 2,00,00,000             |
|        | <b>Sub-Total (i) [S.No. 1 to 7]</b>   | <b>32,20,84,080</b>     |
| 8      | Administrative Expenses & Utilities   | 8,50,00,000             |
|        | <b>Sub Total (ii) [ S.No.1 to 8]</b>  | <b>40,70,84,080</b>     |
| 9      | EdCIL Overheads & Margin @ 11% (On items other than Rental, Advertisement etc.) [on items S.No. 1 to 8] | 4,47,79,249             |
|        | <b>Sub Total (iii)</b>  | <b>45,18,63,329</b>     |
| 10     | Applicable GST on Sub-Total (iii) @ 18% on gross value of expenditure as per norms of Govt. of India    | 8,13,35,399             |
|        | <b>Sub Total (iv)</b>   | <b>53,31,98,728</b>     |
| 11     | Rental Charges for hiring of office space plus GST @18%<br>(Full Year)                                  | 3,00,00,000             |
| 12     | Advertisement Expenses including GST @18%   | 25,00,000               |
|        | <b>Sub Total (v)</b>  | <b>56,56,98,728</b>     |
| 13     | Swachh Vidyalaya Purushkar 2025-26  | 50,00,000               |
| 14     | Third Party Monitoring of SS Scheme for Aspirational and Other Districts                                | 2,00,00,000             |
| 15     | Budget for Special Event on the occasion of 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NEP 2020 for 2025            | 4,00,00,000             |
|        | <b>Grand Total Budget Estimates</b>   | <b>63,06,98,728</b>     |

- (i). Budget estimates are tentative only. However, expenditure will be incurred as per actual requirement of the bureau.
- (ii). Inter-component adjustment within the overall limit of total approve budget estimates may be allowed for meeting expenditure incurred.
- (iii). Applicable GST on the gross value of expenditure incurred, as per Govt. of India, norms and other taxes, as applicable, will be charged extra on actual.

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**Annexure-III**

**Revised Benefits to TSG Consultants (Principal Chief Consultant) (TA/DA, Local Conveyance, Mobile Bill etc.,)**

| Category                              | Mode of Travel       | Hotel tariff/day (In Rs.) | Dearness Allowance (in Rs.) | Local Conveyance                      | Mobile Bill Reimbursement (in Rs.) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Principal Chief Consultant*</b>    | AC - 1 / Air Economy | 7500                      | 900                         | Taxi - 20<br>Rs./Km or<br>Online Taxi | 600                                |
| <b>Chief Consultant</b>               | AC - 1 / Air Economy | 7200                      | 800                         | Taxi - 20<br>Rs./Km or<br>Online Taxi | 500                                |
| <b>Senior Consultant</b>              | AC - 1 / Air Economy | 5400                      | 700                         | Taxi - 14<br>Rs./Km or<br>Online Taxi | 400                                |
| <b>Consultant</b>                     | AC - 2               | 3600                      | 600                         | Auto/Shared<br>Taxi - 11<br>Rs./Km    | 300                                |
| <b>Project Associate</b>              | AC - 2               | 2700                      | 400                         | Auto/Shared<br>Taxi - 11<br>Rs./Km    | 250                                |
| <i>As per Existing EdCIL policies</i> |                      |                           |                             |                                       |                                    |

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