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Ministry of Education  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
IS-8 Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: - Minutes of the Meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) for the year 2025-26 of Samagra Shiksha for the NCPCR-reg**

The Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) was held on 28.04.2025 under the Chairpersonship of Additional Secretary (SS-II), to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B), 2025-26 of Samagra Shiksha for the NCPCR.

2. It may be pertinent to mention that Secretary (SE&L) made the following observation while approving the PAB Minutes:

"The Budget approved for General Expenses and Remuneration of staff is much more than the budget approved for Programme Activities which is definitely not a desirable trend. NCPCR may take a note on the same".

3. The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the copy of PAB Minutes duly approved by Secretary (SE&L) in respect of Samagra Shiksha for the NCPCR for 2025-26 for further necessary action.

  
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10. Chairperson, NCTE
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**Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, for approval of Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2025-26 of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)**

A meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) under Samagra Shiksha in respect of RTE cell of NCPCR was held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Anil Kumar Singhal, Additional Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education (MoE).

2. List of participants is at **Annexure I**.

3. At the outset, Sh. Anil Kumar Singhal, Additional Secretary, D/o SE&L, MoE welcomed the participants including representatives of NCPCR led by Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Member Secretary, NCPCR. A presentation was made on the proposals & recommendations on the AWP&B submitted by the NCPCR. Simultaneously a discussion was held to review the activities conducted by the NCPCR in the previous year i.e. 2024-25 as well as on the activities proposed in the Annual work plan for the FY- 2025-26.

4. It was observed that NCPCR has incurred excess expenditure on some of the components/ activities against the PAB approvals for 2024-25. One of such excess expenditure incurred against the component of Rent, Rates & Taxes etc. of Office Building by an amount of Rs. 87.15 lakh. In its justification, the NCPCR has submitted that during the FY 2023-24 the office rent worth Rs. 87.15 lakh could not be paid by the Commission, due to short receipt Grant-in-aid from DoSEL and thus, this amount was carried forward to the FY 2024-25 as committed liabilities. The same was paid from the funds allocated/ released during the FY- 2024-25 in addition to the approved office rent of Rs. 290.46 for FY 2024-25. It is submitted by them that the expenditure was unavoidable and was in the nature of committed liability. NCPCR ought to have submitted a revised proposal for consideration by the PAB for AWP&B for the FY-2024-25 or for supplementary demands.

However, after having deliberation in the meeting that the excess expenditure of Rs.87.15 lakh incurred by the NCPCR was within the overall allocation/approval of Rs.793.55 lakh and the same was of the nature of committed liability, it is decided that the PAB approvals for FY -2024-25, issued earlier stands modified/ revised component-wise to the extent of expenditure incurred in excess, as a onetime measure. NCPCR was also advised for keeping the expenditure within the approved component wise allocation as well as gross allocation, in case any modification in the approvals is required, they may come-up with such proposals well in advance for consideration/ revision/ approval of PAB.

5. An outlay of **Rs. 3.63 crore** was approved for the new programme activities for RTE cell of NCPCR after detailed discussions in PAB. The details are given below:





### New Programme activity Approved for the year 2025-26

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Theme/Activity	Proposed Budget for F.Y 2025-26	PAB Approved for F.Y 2025-26	Remarks
1.	Awareness of different stakeholders regarding Section 17 of RTE Act, 2009 and Guidelines on eliminating corporal punishment in schools - Sensitisation of stakeholders.  (DEOs, DIETs, Head Masters/Principals and teachers of Government and private schools etc.)	Rs. 100 lakh @ 2 lakh per workshop for 50 districts	Rs. 60.00 lakh	Approved For 30 new districts @ Rs. 2 lakh per workshop as per last year.
2.	Sensitization Programme for keeping child rights at the core of implementation of NEP 2020 (SEOs, DEOs, Head Masters/Principals, BRCs/CRCs, SCERTs etc.)	Rs. 50 lakhs @ Rs. 5 lakh per workshop for 10 States/UTs level	Rs. 25.00 lakh	Approved For 5 state level workshops @ Rs. 5 lakh
3.	Review on preventing drop-outs from schools and re-engaging out-of-school children. (SEOs, DEOs, District Level Labour Officers, BRCs/CRCs, NCERT/SCERT etc.)	Rs.40 lakh @ 5 lakh per programme for 8 States: Assam, Chhatisgarh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura	Rs. 30.00 lakh	Approved For 6 State level programme @ Rs. 5 lakh per programme (3 States each with highest and least dropout).
4.	Study on exploring the reasons behind higher rates of drop out of school going children in Bihar. (Children School Teachers, Principals, Parents, Guardian, District Administration, School	Rs. 15 lakh (New Activity)	-	Not Approved

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	<b>Education and Labour Department)</b>			
5.	Sensitization on Comprehensive Manual for Safety and Security of Children in schools including Cyber Safety. <b>(DEOs, Head Masters/Principals, teachers of Government and private schools, SMCs, Resource Coordinators of BRCs/CRCs).</b>	Rs. 200 Lakh @ Rs. 2 lakh per programme for 100 district level programme/workshop	Rs. 100.00 lakh	Approved For 50 new districts @ Rs. 2 lakh per district - as last year
6.	Orientation programme on NCPCR's Guidelines for prevention of bullying and cyber bullying in schools <b>(DEOs, DIETs, Head Masters/Principals of Government and private schools, teachers etc.)</b>	Rs.200 Lakh @ Rs. 2 lakh per programme for 100 district level		
7.	State level Orientation and National Review on Accountability Framework: Responsibility of School/School Management/Head of School. <b>(State Education Secretaries, District Magistrate/Collector, DEOs, Chief Education Officers etc.).</b>	Rs. 180 Lakh @ 5 lakh per programme for 36 States/UTs (New Activity)	Rs. 108.00 lakh	Approved For 36 States/UTs @ Rs.3.00 lakh per programme
8.	Consultation Mental well being of school going children. <b>(Head Masters/Principals of Government and private schools, teachers, Members</b>	Rs. 200 Lakh @ Rs. 2 lakh per programme	--	Not Approved

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	of SMC).			
9.	Consultations on the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for implementing section 12 (1) (c) of the RTE Act, 2009. (District level Education Officers, Head Masters/Principals of Government and private schools, PTA, Parents, NGOs).	Rs. 50 Lakh @ 5 lakh per workshop for 10 States	-	Not Approved
10.	To conduct a study on Impact of Social Media on Education of Children. (Children, School Teachers, Principals, Parents, guardian, Head of social Media platforms).	Rs. 25 lakhs for 5 States from 5 different zones @ 5 lakh per State	Rs. 20.00 lakh	Approved As a fresh approval. (The activity approved in 2024-25 but not conducted)
11	Examining the Impact of Infrastructural and other compliance under the Right to Education (RTE) Act on Academic Achievement of children in schools. The RTE Act not only mandates that children have access to education but also prescribes specific infrastructural standards and compliance measures that schools must meet to ensure quality education. This research examines the relationship between infrastructural and other compliance	Rs. 200 lakh	--	Not Approved

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S. No.	Theme/Activity	Proposed Budget for F.Y 2025-26	PAB Approved for F.Y 2025-26	Remarks
	requirements under the Act and the academic achievement of children in schools.			
12	An ethnographic study of transgender individual's w.r.t their educational experiences in schools. <b>(Transgender individual's School Administrations District/State Authorities.</b> The findings of the study will reveal current situation of educational experiences for transgender in schools. It will help in suggesting better ways of including educational facilities for Transgender individuals.	Rs. 20 lakh	Rs. 20.00 lakh	Approved As a fresh approval. (The activity approved in 2024-25 but not conducted)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 1280 lakh</b>	<b>Rs. 363 lakh</b>	

#### 6. Total Estimated Budget (2025-26)

The estimates and approvals for NCPCR for the financial year 2025-26 are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Budget Head	Budget Proposed for the F.Y. 2025-26	Financial approval for the F.Y 2025-26
A.	<b>Remuneration of Staff</b> Payment for professional services (salary of staff/consultants/professional etc.)	73.05	<b>50.00</b> (Expenditure for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 were Rs. 45.86 and Rs. 43.29, respectively)
B.	<b>Fixed Asset</b>	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
C.	<b>General Expenses</b>		
(i)	Wages (Outsource staff i.e. MTS/ Security Guard/Receptionist/Office	48.00	48.00

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Sl. No.	Budget Head	Budget Proposed for the F.Y. 2025-26	Financial approval for the F.Y 2025-26
	assistant etc).		
(ii)	Travelling Expenses.	4.00	3.50 (as approved in last year )
(iii)	Office Expenses. a) Postage b) Telephone expenses. c) Electricity & Water Charges d) Stationery e) Printing f) Staff car and other vehicles. g) Other items (Repair & Maintenance of office building, office equipment and library expenses etc.	20.00	20.00
(vi)	Fee & Honorarium	10.00	5.00
(v)	Rent Rates & Taxes/royalty office rent & parking charges.	319.50	319.50
(vi)	Publication/Research	5.00	5.00
(vii)	Advertisement & publicity	5.00	2.00
(viii)	Other charges	4.00	2.00
<b>Total 'C'</b>		<b>415.50</b>	<b>405.00</b>
<b>D.</b>	<b>Programme Activity</b>	<b>1280.00</b>	<b>363.00</b>
	<b>Sub Total (A+B+C+D)</b>	<b>1768.55</b>	<b>818.00</b>
<b>E.</b>	<b>Spill over activities of previous year to be continued in 2025-26</b>	<b>40.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Grant Total (A+B+C+D+E)</b>	<b>1808.87</b>	<b>818.00</b>

7. After detailed discussion, a budget of Rs.818.00 lakh was approved for NCPCR for the FY 2025-26 for undertaking the activities as mentioned above. It is recommended to:

- (i) Share findings in the form of reports of all activities approved in the targeted time frame to MoE.

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- (ii) Provide time-line (flow chart) for each and every activity/study/programme approved in PAB FY: 2025-26 and adhere to the proposed time lines. Further, for effective monitoring, it was also suggested to intimate and invite MoE officers for attending/ witnessing the workshops/programs well in advance (3-4 weeks) for which an annual calendar indicating all the workshops/programs to be conducted during the year may be provided to the Ministry well in advance.
- (iii) Best practices based on various activities conducted by NCPCR may be shared with MoE.

8. The release of funds under the schemes will further be guided by the following conditions:

- (i) NCPCR should be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the DoSE&L, Ministry of Education, spelling out clearly performance parameters, output targets in terms of details of programme of work and qualitative improvement in output, along with commensurate input requirements. The output targets, given in measurable units of performance, should form the basis of budgetary support extended to these organisations. The roadmap for improved performance with clear milestones should form part of the MoU. (As per Rule 229(xi) of General Financial Rules, 2017)
- (ii) NCPCR should account for capital and revenue expenditure separately. NCPCR should also maintain and present their annual accounts in the standard formats in respect of Grants-in-Aid received from DoSE&L, MoE. (As per Rule 230(5) of General Financial Rules, 2017)
- (iii) The release of funds under the scheme will be further guided by the extant guidelines of Ministry of Finance. All instalments will be released only after the submission of requisite documents, write ups, videos, photographs and uploading of monthly physical and financial progress on PRABANDH portal of Samagra Shiksha. Also, NCPCR must ensure usage of Expenditure, Advance and Transfer (EAT) module of PFMS in filing of expenditure, transferring funds, advances and its settlement.
- (iv) Since, NCPCR receive more than fifty percent of its recurring expenditure in the form of Grants-in-aid, it should ordinarily formulate terms and conditions of service of their employees which are, by and large, not higher than those applicable to similar categories of employees in Central Government. In exceptional cases relaxation may be made in consultation with the Ministry of Finance. (As per Rule

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230(12) of General Financial Rules, 2017). Rule 230(17) (i & ii) shall also be followed.

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

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**List of Participants**

1. Sh. Anil Kumar Singhal, Additional Secretary, (SE&L), MoE
2. Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Member Secretary, NCPCR
3. Shri Sanjog Kapoor, Joint Secretary (SE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE)
4. Sh. Rajkumar, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education (MoE)
5. Sh. Vipinder Chander Chamoli, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education (MoE)
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7. Sh. Puneet Kumar, Section Officer, Ministry of Education (MoE)
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10. Ms. Mahima Lal, Consultant, NCPCR

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