

Minutes of the 14th PAB Meeting under ICPS held on 22nd February 2011.

The fourteenth meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for ICPS was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary WCD, on 22nd February 2011 to consider the financial proposals for release of grants for 2010-11 to the State of Manipur. List of participants is annexed.

2. At the outset, Secretary (WCD) welcomed all the officers present and invited Commissioner, Social Welfare, Govt. of Manipur Shri L. Haokip to present the proposal for the State. A presentation (F/X) was made by Ms. G. Satyabati Devi, Director, Deptt. of Social Welfare, Manipur on the status and further plans for implementation of ICPS for the State.

3. The State had indicated that the complete grant received under ICPS for 2009-10 has been utilized. PAB noted that no staff has been appointed to SPSU, SCPS etc., however, it was informed by the State that equipment has been purchased in advance. The State was asked to ensure that no such infructuous expenditure is made. State would look into the UC furnished and verify where the expenditure has been made.

4. It was informed that there are more than 3000 children in difficult circumstances in Manipur which includes children affected by armed conflict, ethnic clashes, orphan children and children living with HIV/AIDS. There is an alarming number of children engaged in substance abuse in the age group of 11 – 18 years who are vulnerable to adult drug peddlers. Children are also engaged as domestic help and in shops. The State is a major source of child trafficking to the States of Goa, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Maharashtra which happens mainly on pretext of providing education and other facilities. Recently, 173 such children have been repatriated to the State. It was suggested that District/Block/Village administrations should be involved in arresting trafficking. A survey for mapping of missing/abused children is on going through anti-trafficking squad committee and is expected to be completed in three months.

5. The State was asked to discourage institutionalization of children, as even the best institutional care cannot substitute for family environment. The children who are affected by armed conflicts may be repatriated to their families and in case the parents are not alive, then the children could be considered for Sponsorship support. It was informed that 2000 children have been identified for Sponsorship and 1300 children for institutional care. The State was informed that number of children proposed for Sponsorship is too high as the budget for sponsorship under ICPS for one district is Rs. 5 lakhs. The State was asked to supplement from its own resources, where required. Representative from MHRD informed that under SSA, 2 residential schools and 1 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya are being run by the State Government in Manipur. Children in the age group of 6-

14 years may be sent to these residential schools. The State Govt. was asked to provide segregated data on age, gender, education of children in the Homes within 3 months.

6. Member Secretary, NCPCR was requested to help the State in profiling and identification of children and establish convergence with other departments, especially Education.

7. Institutional Care:

It was informed that the State had received grant for 12 NGO run Children's Homes (of which 2 are Observation Homes, and 2 Shelter Home for girls) during 2009-10, under the Scheme 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice'. Apart from these 12 Homes, the State Govt. has asked for grants for 16 new NGO run Homes and 1 Govt. run Observation Home. It was pointed out that the sanctioned capacity of the Homes is equal to the actual number of children indicated by the State in every Home. PAB desired that State Govt. should submit report on actual utilization of sanctioned capacity of Homes and no new Home would be sanctioned until rationalization of Homes is done by the State Govt. Further, profiling of the children in the Home should be done to identify such children who have parents but come to the home for educational purposes only. Residential schools should be proposed for such children under SSA, in convergence with Deptt. of Education.

The PAB approved grants for 2010-11 for the Homes that were functioning under 'The Programme for Juvenile Justice, as per the old norms.

8. Non - Institutional Care:

a) There are 5 Govt. run and 1 NGO run Shishu Greh which are now SAAs under the JJ Act.

9. **Open Shelters:** The State Govt. has asked grant (recurring and non-recurring) for one existing Open Shelter which was being funded under the old scheme.

10. The State requested for reimbursement of grants for 2009-10 for projects being funded under the old schemes. The State was requested to send a proposal in this regard.

11. Status of Statutory bodies & Structures

a) 9 CWCs and 9 JJBs are functioning in the State.

b) Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) have been set up in all Districts.

c) SPSU, SCPS, DCPS, SARA have been set up in the State, However, the staff could not be appointed due to by-elections. State has informed that it will take some time (upto March, 2011) to recruit staff for SPSU, SCPS, DCPSs (being set up as units) and SARA.

d) ACA is functioning in the State; however it was clarified that from the financial year 2012-13, grant would not be given to the ACA. The current staff of ACA could be appointed in SARA.

12. Decisions taken by the Board:

12.1 **SPSU:** The SPSU has been set up in December' 2010, however, since the staff has not been appointed, it was decided by PAB that the recurring grants would be given for one month in the current financial year.

12.2 **SCPS:** The SCPS has been set up in December' 2010, however, since the staff has not been appointed, it was decided by PAB that the recurring grants would be given for one month in the current financial year. Non-recurring grant for the complete year was also approved by the Board.

12.3 **DCPS:** DCPSs have been set up in November' 2010, however, since the staff has not been appointed, it was decided by PAB that the recurring grants would be given for one month in the current financial year to enable setting up. Non-recurring grant for the complete year was also approved by the Board

12.4 **SARA:** SARA has been set up in December' 2010, however, since the staff has not been appointed, it was decided by PAB that the recurring grants (except sponsorship & foster care) would be given for one month in the current financial year to enable setting up. Non-recurring Grant for the complete year was also approved by the Board.

12.5 **ACA:** PAB decided that grant would be given for the current financial year.

12.6 **Institutional Care:** It was decided by PAB that grants would be given to 12 existing NGO run institutions, for maintenance only, as per old norms. However, for the 16 new NGO run Homes, PAB decided that no new homes would be sanctioned until the State Govt. rationalizes the size and type of shelter homes and the category of children living in these homes.

12.7 **Open Shelters:** PAB decided that the grant would be given for one existing open shelter for complete year.

12.8 **SAA:** PAB approved grant for the five (5) Govt. run and one (1) NGO run SAA for the complete year.

12.9 **CWC and JJB:** PAB decided that grants would be given for 9 existing CWCs and 9 JJBs for the complete year. However, for the 9 existing CWCs rent and salary of data assistant has been approved for 5 months only. For the existing 9 JJBs salary of data assistant has been approved for 5 months only. The rent component was not approved as JJBs are not in rented premise.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants:

1. Sh. D.K. Sikri, Secretary, (WCD) – Chairperson
2. Sh. Sudhir Kumar, Additional Secretary (WCD)
3. Mrs. Preeti Madan. Jt. Secretary, (WCD)
4. Sh. Shri L. Haokip, Commissioner, Social Welfare, Govt. of Manipur
5. Ms. G. Satyabati Devi, Director, Deptt. of Social Welfare, Manipur
6. Sh. P.K.Thakur, Director Finance, (WCD)
7. Mrs. Kalyani Chadha, Director, (CW-II) (WCD)
8. Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPCCD
9. Dr. Suparna S. Pachauri Deputy Secretary, MHRD D/O SE&L