

Minutes of the 19th PAB Meeting under ICPS held on 18th July, 2011.

The nineteenth meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for ICPS was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary WCD, on 18th July 2011 to consider the financial proposal for release of grants for 2011-12 to the State of Uttar Pradesh. List of participants is annexed.

2. At the outset, Secretary (WCD) welcomed all the officers present and invited Principal Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Balwinder Kumar to present the proposal for the State. A presentation (Annex) was made by Director, Deptt. of Women and Child Development, Uttar Pradesh on the status and further plans for implementation of ICPS for the State.

2.1. Secretary WCD emphasized the importance of creating a protective environment for children through ICPS. He also added that Monitoring Committees, as planned under ICPS are essential to ensure appropriate implementation of the scheme from the village to the State level.

2.2. During the presentation by the State, it was mentioned that the structures under ICPS have been set up. The SCPS was registered in March 2011 and two meetings have so far been held. PAB noted that no staff has been appointed in SPSU, SCPS etc., and requested the State to expedite the same. The State informed that the staff for all structures would be appointed by September 2011.

3. Institutional Care: The State informed that an assessment has been conducted for Homes for Children in Conflict with Law, Children In Need of Care and Protection and for Street Children. And the infrastructure capacity has been accordingly rationalized. It was however, noted by the PAB that surplus staff has not been identified and advised the State to do so at the earliest and send a revised proposal for Homes after rationalization for consideration in the Ministry.

It was also informed that an assessment of quality of services of Homes has been conducted by Aangan Trust. Based on the findings, training programmes were organized for all the Homes and the second round of trainings is currently being scheduled. Further, there has been an improvement in Health services in the Homes as a Government Order has been issued to ensure regular visits of doctors, which is being monitored by the Department.

On the issue of education of children in government run homes, the State informed that two additional teachers have also been appointed from SSA for each Home. Additionally, instructions have been issued that the children from Institutions would all be entitled to admission to the Ashram Schools run by the Dept. of Social Welfare. There are 67 such Ashram schools with a capacity of 480 children each. As of now, these Homes have five children from institutions in each class. For girls in institutions, link up with KGBVV under SSA is also being tied up.

Issue of reimbursement of grants for the period earlier than 2011-12 to NGO run Homes which were not given grants earlier under the Programme for Juvenile Justice was discussed. The Board decided that grants should not be sanctioned on retrospective basis.

4. **Non-Institutional Care:** The State already has 5 Government run SAAs and additionally requested for grants for 9 NGO run SAAs which are currently running as LAPAs. All these are registered under the JJ Act. As no details of the capacity, number of children and performance of the SAAs were available, the PAB while giving in principle approval requested for the complete LAPA-wise figures to be sent to CARA, on the basis of which a recommendation can be given for funding by them.

It was informed by Secretary CARA that the RIPA in the State was not functioning properly. The State was also asked to send the report regarding the RIPA as well as the minutes of the SARA meetings.

5. **Statutory Bodies:** It was observed that there are a high number of children in the Observation Homes. Principal Secretary, U.P. clarified that this was due to a high pendency of cases with the JJBs. He added that the number of JJBs has now been increased to 72 and meetings are being held five times a week. However, as the process of transfer of cases from old to new JJBs, took time, pendency has increased. He also said that in several cases, parents do not come to take the children who have been given bail, leading to a higher occupancy of the Homes. It was informed that Baal Samvaad Adaalats have been planned in the JJBs and it is expected that the pending cases would reduce to about 50% in the next six months. Chairman PAB suggested that NCPCR could assess the situation of the Observation Homes and the working of CWCs and JJBs should also be reviewed.

6. **Open Shelters:** The State informed that 17 NGOs have been identified for running Open Shelters in 11 districts. The State was requested to consider converting the existing projects under the erstwhile Integrated Programme for Street Children into Open Shelters after upgradation. Thereafter, assessment of the requirement for new shelters could

be carried out. Chairperson PAB advised that the State should satisfy itself on the credibility of the NGOs before recommending grants.

7. **Decisions taken by the Board**

Based on the proposal submitted by the State Government and the status of Structures and Service Delivery Mechanisms, the financial proposal was examined by the PAB and following approvals were given:

7.1 **State Child Protection Society (SCPS), State Project Support Unit (SPSU), District Child Protection Society (DCPS) and State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA):** Principal Secretary, Uttar Pradesh informed that SCPS has been registered in March 2011 and SPSU, DCPS and SARA have been formed. The staff will be appointed by September 2011. **Therefore, PAB approved non recurring grants and recurring grants for SCPS, DCPS, SPSU and SARA from September '11.**

7.2 **Specialized adoption Agencies (SAA):** The State has 14 Adoption Agencies of which 5 are government run SAAs which were provided grants under the erstwhile Shishu Greha Scheme earlier. **PAB approved grants to 5 government run SAAs for the period April '11 to March 2012.**

Regarding the newly proposed 9 SAAs run by NGOs PAB gave In principle approval. However, grants would only be released after requisite data is sent by the State to CARA and recommendation from CARA is received.

7.3 **Open Shelters:** The State was asked to send a revised proposal regarding the Open Shelter component as mentioned in para 6 of these minutes.

7.4 **Institutional Care:** It was decided that the grants would only be approved after the State has conducted a rationalization of Homes with reference to staff and other resources as mentioned in para 3 of these minutes.

7.5 **Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Welfare Boards:** The State has 69 existing CWCs and JJBs and 3 new have been set up in June'11. **Therefore, PAB approved maintenance grants to 69 CWCs and JJBs for the entire year and for 3 CWCs and JJBs from July 2011 to March 2012.**

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. Sh. Balwinder Kumar Principal Secretary, Uttar Pradesh
4. Mrs. Preeti Madan. Jt. Secretary, (WCD)
5. Mrs. Anu. J. Singh, Secretary, CARA
6. Sh. G. Devnani, Director, Finance
7. Mrs. Kalyani Chadha, Director, (CW-II) (WCD)
8. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Jt. Director, NIPCCD
9. Sh. Bihari Swarup, Director, (WCD), Uttar Pradesh
10. Sh. Ashok Kumar Mishra, CPO. Uttar Pradesh
11. Ms. Ratna Saxena, Consultant, Uttar Pradesh