

Minutes of the 17th PAB Meeting under ICPS held on 17th June, 2011.

The seventeenth meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for ICPS was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary WCD, on 17th June, 2011 to consider the financial proposals for release of grants for 2011-12 to the States of Jharkhand and Punjab. List of participants is annexed.

A. Consultation with Jharkhand

2. At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the officers present and invited Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Jharkhand to present the perspective of the State with regard to Child Protection and their financial proposal under ICPS. A copy of the presentation is at Annex – A.

3. The State informed that there is a problem of child labour, trafficking for domestic help, sexual exploitation, neglect and exploitation of children of working parents and child marriage in some parts of the State, etc. Around 10.6% of total child population (5-14 years) is involved in child labour in the State, of which a large number is not living with parents. In the age group of 11 – 18 years, there are a large number of children mainly in 7 identified districts, who are involved in, or victims of, civil strife. The State is in the process of developing District Action Plans for these 7 districts with assistance from UNICEF.

The State is a major source and transit point for child trafficking to the States of West Bengal, Haryana, Delhi and Maharashtra on pretext of providing employment, education and other facilities. Chairman suggested that District/Block/Village administrations should be involved in arresting trafficking and Panchayats should maintain data on migration. A survey for mapping of missing/abused children should be carried out by the State to identify the magnitude and spread of the problem.

4. It was informed that many orphan children were being taken care of by extended families, in keeping with the tribal traditions. It was felt that such traditions should not be disturbed by providing external financial support. In case of orphan children without support of extended families or whose extended families lacked financial means to look after the child, sponsorship or foster care could be considered as options. The State Govt. was asked to provide segregated data on age, gender, education of such children so that a view could be taken regarding introducing foster care on a pilot basis in the State.

5. Institutional Care:

The proposal for 16 Government run Homes and 7 new NGO run Homes, under Institutional Care was discussed. Taking note of the large number of children in the Observation homes, PAB asked the State Government to scrutinize the sitting of CWCs and JJBs with a view to ensure that children are institutionalized only when it is unavoidable. Children for whom enquiry is ongoing could be released on bail so that they could be with their families.

6. Non - Institutional Care:

It was informed that a large number of illegal adoptions from nursing homes and police stations are taking place in the State. There are 3 NGO run Specialized Adoption Agencies at Ranchi, Bokaro and Khunti being run by Missionaries of Charity, Mahila Jan Swastha Shishu Kendra and Miracle Foundation respectively under the JJ Act. During the last year there were 80 legal in-country adoptions completed in the State. No inter-country adoption took place as the State has no Recognized Inter-country Placement Agency (RIPA).

Secretary CARA informed that there are five (5) LAPAs in the State which should all be converted to SAAs and at least one RIPA should be formed. The State is also running 7 orphanages in different districts with about 120 children. The children in these orphanages should also be linked to SAAs to facilitate their adoption.

7. Status of Statutory bodies & Structures

- a) 17 CWCs and 20 JJBs are functioning in the State. It was informed that the remaining 7 CWCs and 4 JJBs would be set up shortly.
- b) Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) have been set up in all Districts.
- c) The State Govt. will form SPSU, SCPS, DCPS, SARA by July, 2011.

8. Decisions taken by the Board:

8.1 SPSU, SCPS, SARA: These will be set up by July, 2011. It was decided by PAB that the recurring grants would be given for nine months in the current financial year. Full non-recurring grant was also approved by the Board.

8.2 DCPS: The DCPSs will be set up by October, 2011. It was decided by PAB that the recurring grants would be given for six months in the current financial year. Non-recurring grant for the complete year was also approved by the Board

8.3 Institutional Care: PAB approved grants to 16 Government run Homes [10 Observation Homes, 2 Children's Homes, 1 Special Home including 3 new Govt. run Homes proposed at Palamu (Observation Home), Ranchi (Special Home for Girls) and Bokaro (Children's Home)] as per requirement projected by State Government. ICPS norms would be applicable from the date of sanction.

PAB also approved construction grant for 1 Special Home at Ranchi. Further PAB gave in-principle approval for the 7 new NGO run Homes to be set up in next financial year. However, designed capacity should be kept as per actual requirement, i.e. smaller homes of a capacity of 25 could be planned.

8.4 SAA: PAB approved grant for three (3) NGO run SAAs for the 9 months of the current financial year.

8.5 CWCs and JJBs: PAB decided that grants would be given for 17 existing CWCs and 20 JJBs for the complete year. However, for the existing 17 CWCs, rent and salary of data assistant was approved for 9 months only. For the existing 20 JJBs salary of data assistant was approved for 9 months only. The rent component was approved for 9 months of the current financial year for 10 JJBs only as requested by the [State Government](#).

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. Shri Rajeev Arun Ekka, Secretary, Social Welfare and WCD, Govt. of Jharkhand
5. Mrs. Kalyani Chadha, Director, (CW-II) (WCD)
6. Ms. Anu J. Singh, Secretary, CARA
7. Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPCCD
8. Sh. G.Devnani, Deputy Secretary, Finance, (WCD)
9. Ms. Jyoti Pahwa Under Secretary, MHRD D/O SE&L
10. Mr. N.P. Mishra, Assistant Director, Deptt. of Social Welfare, Jharkhand
11. Vinod Sourabh, member-CINI (NGO)
12. Neeraj Sinha, State Co-ordinator-Child Protection Cell-UNICEF