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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy

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To,


The Education Secretaries of all States/UTs.

Subject: Minutes of the 1st meeting held on 8th December, 2017 for approval of Innovation Plan, 2017-18 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Integrated Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA).

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 1st meeting held on 8th December, 2017 for approval of Innovation Plan, 2017-18 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Integrated Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully



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4. Sh. Dilip Kumar, Director, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
5. Sh. R. P. Yadav, M/o WCD
6. Prof. Sharad Sinha, Head RMSA Cell, NCERT
7. PS to JS(SE-1)
8. PS to Director (RMSA-1)
9. PS to DS (RMSA-IV)
10. Web Master, NIC, MHRD, for posting the PAB Minutes on the RMSA page of the Website.

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Minutes of the 1st Meeting held on 8th December, 2017 for approval of Innovation Plan, 2017-18 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Integrated Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA).

The first meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) to consider the Innovation Plan of 2017-18 of States/UTs was held on the 8th December, 2017 through video conference at Room no 112-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. The list of participants who attended the meeting is at **Annexure-I**

Joint Secretary (SE&L) welcomed the participants. In his opening remarks, he appreciated the efforts made by the States/UTs within the short span as well as the detailed projects submitted by the State under Innovation. He highlighted that Innovation Fund has been created as part of the Finance Minister's Budget speech for 2017-18, to enable taking up of Innovative projects to enhance access and equity in the educationally backward blocks of the country. As per the guidelines, activities which are not covered under the normal RMSA funding can be taken up under the Innovation Fund. Director (RMSA-II) highlighted the overall objectives of innovation fund, areas of importance and concerns and status & details of all proposals for 2017-18. She informed that 23 states/UTs having educationally backward blocks (EBBs) have submitted a total of 114 projects proposals for the Innovation Fund. The list of state/UT wise proposals is given at **Annexure II**. Thereafter, she made a state wise presentation on the proposals received, a copy of which is at **Annexure III**.

Discussions were held on the state/UTs proposals, project-wise as follows:

3.1 States/UTs proposals were found to be mostly aligned with the actual needs & prerogatives enumerated in the guidelines, except for the following few concerns:

- Discrepancy of data (schools, enrolment, teachers etc.)
- Non-Innovative projects (some projects are regular in nature)
- Lack of proper planning in developing innovative projects (absence of holistic approach in project preparation)
- Lack of clarity on outcomes of the projects (absence in impact analysis, outcome results etc)
- Need for proper identification of target groups/component specific/need analysis etc.
- There should not be any overlap with the activities already approved under RMSA any other scheme.
- The Recurring cost beyond the project pilot period will be borne by the state.

4. State/UT wise Proposal and Approval of Innovative Budget for 2017-18:

Thereafter, discussion was held on the project activities proposed and the following decisions were taken (**Annexure-IV**):