

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April, 2022, for approval of Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23 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 11th April, 2022 through Video Conference under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Anita Karwal, 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. Maneesh Garg, Joint Secretary, DSE&L, MoE welcomed the participants and invited the NCPCR representatives led by Shri. Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson NCPCR. Thereafter, he made a presentation for Annual work plan 2022-23, including the activities conducted by the NCPCR for the year 2021-22 along with the proposed activities for the year 2022-23. A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure- II**.

4. It was informed that till the year 2021-22, NCPCR has received total of 6331 Grievances pertaining to Education as on 01.04.2021, out of which action has been taken on all the grievances. In the year 2021-22, total 723 new grievances were received as on 01-03-2022, on which action has been taken and resolved.

5. It was pointed out that out of approved 23 programme activities in the year 2021-22, 10 programme activities (44%) were complete, remaining 13 activities (56%) were not started/taken up. In this regard, the Chairperson, NCPCR clarified that some of projects could not be initiated due to COVID restrictions. Chairperson NCPCR requested for continuation of the previously approved, ongoing programme activities during the current financial year and assured to complete all the pending programs during 2022-23. As per the request of the Chairperson NCPCR, the following ongoing programs were approved, taking into account expenditure already incurred.

S.N	Theme/Activity	Proposed Budget by NCPCR under spill-over activities	Approved by the PAB for the F.Y 2022-23	Remarks
1.	Study on Education status of children who migrate along with their parents	20 Lakh	16.18 Lakh	Approved
2.	Education status of De-notified Tribes in India	20 Lakh	12.02 Lakh	Approved
3.	Survey on safe and Secure School Environment	25 Lakh (approved for 12 states as sample survey)	20.30 Lakh	Approved
4	Educational status of children	20 Lakh	12.02 Lakh	Approved

	whose parents are working in Brick Kilns and construction sites			
5	Impact of Covid on children with special focus on girls and children with special needs	20 Lakh	16.02 Lakh	Approved
6	Adaptation of Schools to online education and preparedness for creating a blended learning environment for children	20 Lakh	20.00 Lakh	Approved
7	Review of mechanism developed in States u/s 32 for grievance redressal	9.70 Lakh	05.83 Lakh	Approved
8	Availability of hostels and the effectiveness of different schemes providing hostels to school children in preventing dropout in NE States	19.66 Lakh	11.79 Lakh	Approved
Grand Total			114.16	

6. An outlay of **Rs. 334 lakh** for the new programme activities for RTE cell of NCPCR was approved after detailed discussions, as per details given below:

New Programme activity Approved for the year 2022-23

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1.	Consultation for ensuring elementary education of Minority Community children	Rs. 25 lakh @ 5 lakh per workshop	Rs. 0 lakh	Not Approved
2.	Guidelines for prevention of bullying and cyber bullying in schools	Rs. 5 lakh	Rs. 5 lakh	Approved for developing broader Guidelines
3.	Consultations to assess implementation of section 29 of RTE Act, 2009	Rs. 36 lakh @ 1 lakh per programme	Rs. 27 lakh	Approved for orientation meetings with all states/UTs on implementation of section 29 of RTE Act, 2009. It is suggested to take up this activity after coming up of the new NCF
4.	Module for orientation and training of teachers on early identification and intervention of drugs and substance use	Rs. 5 lakh	Rs. 0 lakh	Not Approved since the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is working on this

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				subject.
5.	Module for teachers to identify gifted-children	Rs. 5 lakh	Rs. 0 lakh	Not Approved since the guidelines for education of gifted and talented children are being prepared by MoE.
6.	Handbook for ensuring safe education environment	Rs. 5 lakh	Rs. 5 lakh	Approved (1Consultative meeting)
7	Role of PRIs in school education system especially w.r.t Village Development Plan and SDPs/SCDPs	Rs. 25 Lakh	Rs. 25 lakh	Approved for regional level face to face consultation workshops
8	Sensitization for keeping child rights at the core of implementation of NEP 2020 Action Plan	Rs. 36 Lakh @ 1 lakh per workshop	Rs.13.5 lakh	Approved for 18 online workshops
9	Review and orientation workshops on Accountability Framework: Responsibility of School/School Management/Head of School	Rs. 180 lakh @ Rs. 5 lakh per State.	Rs.50 lakh	Approved for 5/6 regional level WorkshopsIncluding CRCs/BRCs/DEOs
10	No child left behind- National Colloquium on issue of disengagement of children from schools in form of absenteeism or drop-out	Rs. 10 lakh	Rs.10 lakh	Approved National level colloquium for addressing the issues and reasons for OoSC
11.	Sensitization of children on issues of substance use & abuse; and child sexual abuse	Rs. 200 lakh	Rs.0 lakh	Not Approved as Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is working on it
12	Study on Impact of Obesity on children affecting their learning	Rs. 30 lakh	Rs.0 lakh	Not Approved
13	No child left behind- Education of children in conflict with Law residing in observation/ special homes	Rs. 20 lakh	Rs.20 lakh	Approved
14.	Mother tongue education and achievement of children in schools and beyond	Rs. 20 lakh	Rs.0 lakh	Not Approved
15.	Workshops on the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for implementing section 12 (1) (c) of the RTE Act, 2009	Rs. 36 Lakh @ 1 Lakh per workshop	Rs.13.5 lakh	Approved for 18 online workshops. It is suggested to start the workshops after MoE'sSoP is released.
16.	National-level consultation meeting with representatives from	Rs. 15 lakh	Rs.15 lakh	Approved 1 national consultation meeting.

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	Transgender community.			
17.	The study on impact of technology on children in schools including online learning platforms and online gaming	Rs. 30 lakhs	Rs. 15 lakh	Approved for study in selected 5 States/UTs. The role of Edtech companies in online academic gaming software also to be studied.
18.	Development of Stress coping skill management Training Module for children	Rs. 10 lakh	Rs. 5 lakh	Approved for desk review.
19.	Sensitization on comprehensive manual for safety and security of children in Schools including cyber safety	Rs. 200 Lakh @ 1 lakh per workshop	Rs .0 lakh	Online workshops shall be taken up with the collaboration of DIETs in 25 Districts.
20.	Awareness of different stakeholders regarding section 17 of RTE Act, 2009 and Guidelines on eliminating corporal punishment in schools	Rs. 100 lakh @ Rs. 1 Lakh per workshop	Rs .0 lakh	Online workshops shall be taken up in 25 Districts with the collaboration of DIET
21.	Awareness and sensitization workshops for safe and secure transport facilities for children by school	Rs. 100 lakh @ Rs. 2 Lakh per workshop	Rs .50 lakh	Approved for 25 district level face to face workshops @ Rs. 2 lakh per district
22	Review of Fee Regulatory mechanism in the States and roles, functions, responsibilities of fee regulatory authorities and steps taken by them in regulating fees in private schools	Rs 20 lakh	Rs. 20 lakh	Approved desk review and the study shall include review of Fee Regulatory mechanism followed in all States, thereafter, five States/UTs shall be visited for field work.
23	To assess the nutritional value of the Midday meal provided in schools.	Rs. 20 Lakh	Rs. 0 lakh	Not Approved
24	Inclusion of children with special needs in schools- An assessment of the school readiness in inclusion of CWSN, especially in terms of existing infrastructure, principal/teachers' belief and overall school curriculum.	Rs. 20 Lakh	Rs. 20 lakh	Approved study in selected five States/UTs. NCERT's Inclusion index framework may also be studied and piloted.
25	Study to assess the implementation of duties of teachers and redressal of grievances; Pupil-Teacher Ratio and implementation of section 28 that prohibits teachers from taking private tuition.	Rs. 20 lakh	Rs. 20 lakh	Approved study in selected five States/UTs

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26	Study on availability and effective use of teaching-learning material, library and play material in schools	Rs. 20 Lakh	Rs. 0 lakh	Not Approved
27.	Study to assess the working of SMCs in fulfilling their duties including preparation and implementation of School Development Plan	Rs. 20 Lakh	Rs.20 lakh	Approved. The study should include the role and duties of SMCs.
Total		1213.00	334	

7. Total Estimated Budget (2022-23)

The estimates and approvals for NCPCR for the financial year 2022-23 are as under:

Sl. No.	Budget Head	Budget Proposed for the F.Y. 2022-23	Financial approval for the F.Y 2022-23
A.	Remuneration of Staff	62.88	60.00
B.	Fixed Asset • Furniture • Office Machine/Equipment	5.00	5.00
C.	General Expenses		
(i)	Wages (Outsource staff Salary i.e. Peon, Security Guard, Receptionist & Office Assistant etc).	29.60	27.50
(ii)	Travelling Expenses.	5.00	3.00
(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.	26.00	17.00
(vi)	Fee & Honorarium (Payment to advocate, legal consultant, and	10.00	5.00

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	other payment of professional etc.		
(v)	Rent Rates & Taxes/royalty office rent & parking charges.	240.06	240.06
(vi)	Publication/Research	5.00	0.00
(vii)	Advertisement & publicity	5.00	2.00
(viii)	Other charges	2.00	2.00
Total 'C'		322.66	296.56
D.	Programme Activity	1213.00	334
	Sub Total (A+B+C+D)	1603.54	695.56
E	Spill over activities 2020-21 to be continued in 2021-22	114.16	114.16
Grand Total (A+B+C+D+E)		1717.70	809.72

7. After detailed discussion, a budget of Rs 809.72 lakh was approved for NCPCR for the FY 2022-23 for undertaking the activities as mentioned above.

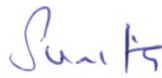
8. The release of funds under the schemes will be further guided by the following conditions:

- (i) The First Installment would be released based on:
 - a) Provisional utilization certificate for 2021-22.
 - b) submission of expenditure statement, activity-wise, for FY 2022-23; and
 - c) at least 75 % expenditure against available funds has been incurred
- (ii) The Second installment would be released only after :
 - a. Submission of audited statement of accounts for FY 2021-22;
 - b. Submission of final utilization certificate based on audited statement of accounts for FY 2021-22;
 - c. Submission of expenditure statement, activity-wise, for FY 2022-23; and
 - d. at least 75 % expenditure against available funds has been incurred.
- (iii) All instalments will be released only after the submission of related documents, write ups, videos, and photographs.
- (iv) Uploading of monthly physical and financial progress on PRABANDH portal of Samagra Shiksha.

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

List of Participants

1. Smt. Anita Karwal, Secretary (SE&L), MoE
2. Shri ManeeshGarg, Joint Secretary, (SE&L), MoE
3. Shri Priyank Kanoongo – Chairperson, NCPCR
4. Dr. E. Naveen Nicolas, Director, MoE
5. Shri Shobhit Gupta, Director Finance, MoE
6. Ms. Sunita Sharma, Under Secretary, MoE
7. Smt. Rupali Banerjee Singh, Member Secretary, NCPCR
8. Shri G. Suresh, Assistant Director
9. Ms. Mahima Lal, Consultant, NCPCR
10. Shri Rajat Vigmal, Consultant, NCPCR
11. Shri Manoi Kumar Mishra, Sr. Consultant, RTE, Samagra Shiksha-TSG, MOE


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NCPCR presentation (Attached)


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**OTHER ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED
IN
2021-22
(other than MoE Budget)**

Activity	Remarks
Workshop for teachers on Identification and coping strategies for teachers w.r.t stress among children in schools	32 activities conducted Except one in West Bengal
Orientation workshops on safety and security of children in residential schools	30 activities conducted Except one in West Bengal
Sensitisation on comprehensive manual for safety and security of children in schools	23 activities conducted Except two in West Bengal
Workshops for preventing drop outs from schools and re engaging out of schools children	35 activities conducted Except one in West Bengal
Education status of De-notified Tribes in India	Tools are finalised; desk review completed, Letters to Dept. Tribal Affairs of 13 States where the denotified tribes have been identified for detailed location are being sent
Survey on safe and Secure School Environment	Survey questionnaires are being prepared
Adaptation of Schools to online education and preparedness for creating a blended learning environment for children	Agency/ Organisation is selected MoU is yet to be signed
Study on Education status of children who migrate along with their parents	Tools are are being prepared
Educational status of children whose parents are working in Brick Klins and construction sites	Tools are finalised and
Impact of Covid on children with special focus on girls and children with special needs	Tools are are being prepared

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	THESE REMAINING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED IN AWP 2022-23
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Role of PRIs in school education system especially w.r.t Village Development Plan and SDPs/ SCDPs	
Sensitization for keeping child rights at the core of implementation of NEP 2020	
Module for teachers to identify gifted children	
Module for orientation and training of teachers on early identification and intervention of drugs and substance use	
Consultations to assess implementation of Section 29 of RTE Act, 2009	
Consultation for ensuring elementary education of minority Community children	
Guidelines for prevention of bullying and cyber bullying in peer-tutoring	

GRIEVANCES

Year	Grievances	Action taken on
2021-22	As on 1.04.2021 there were 6331 grievances	6331
2021-22	new grievances received as on 01.03.2022 were 723	723

- At present, Commission is party in 18 legal cases pertaining to Education/RTE

Other activities

- *Meetings on dissemination and discussion over the Report on the impact of exemption in Article 15(5) with regard to Article 21A of the Constitution of India on education of children of minority communities.*

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) conducted a Study on the impact of exemption in Article 15(5) with regard to Article 21A of the Constitution of India on education of children of minority communities in collaboration with Quality Council of India (QCI) in the FY. 2020-21. Under the study, the emphasis was given to Article 15(5) with regard to Article 21A of the Constitution of India. To discuss on the important issues linked with the education of children of minority communities and findings of the said study, NCPCR conducted in house meetings on 4.09.2021 in collaboration with India Think Council (ITC) and on 16.09.2021 in collaboration with National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL); National Monitoring Committee for Minorities' Education (NMCME); Civil societies etc.

- *Inclusion of Cyber Safety and Security section in the Manual of Safety and Security of Children in Schools.*

Commission prepared a Comprehensive Manual on Safety and Security of Children in Schools by compiling the various existing guidelines, circulars, notifications, Government Orders on safety and security issues of children in school. Due to the Covid19 pandemic situation, a shift has occurred in the School education system of India from offline classroom set up to online education. The access of internet and other online activities has led to the exposure of children to various things of the virtual world which has many pros & cons. The incidents of cybercrimes are rapidly increasing among children; therefore a section on cyber safety & security in the said manual has been incorporated covering points on cyber safety and security; Common threat points; laws related & guidelines of cyber safety. The link of the revised manual is available at the website of the NCPCR. <https://ncpcr.gov.in/showfile.php?lid=2084>