

Minutes of the meeting of the Grants in Aid Committee to consider the proposals of State Governments under the 'Scheme for construction and running of Girls' Hostel for students of secondary and higher secondary schools' held on 11th July, 2009

A meeting of the Grants in aid Committee (GIAC) was held on 11th July, 2009 in the Conference Room of Ministry of HRD to consider the proposals of Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Mizoram. A list of participants is **annexed**.

2. State specific issues: The proposals from the concerned State Governments, except Chhattisgarh, which was not represented in the meeting, were discussed, and the following decisions were taken,

2.1 Tamil Nadu

- (i) Principal Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu presented the proposal of the State Govt. to construct 47 Girls' Hostels in as many blocks with a total project cost (non recurring) of Rs. 19.98 crore @ Rs. 42.50 lakh per hostel. 25 of these hostels have been proposed within KGBV compounds and the remaining hostels would be located in Govt. secondary/ higher secondary school compound.
- (ii) It was observed that three blocks, TN Palayam, Thandrapet and Narikudi were not EBBs and therefore could not be considered under this scheme.
- (iii) It was stated that the building would have 5 dormitories with 20 beds each. JS(SE) suggested for thin partitions for 4 to 6 borders so as to provide a sense of privacy. He also suggested quick 'Design and Build' contest so that new ideas could be generated and evolved.
- (iv) GIAC recommended 44 hostels (excluding the three non EBB blocks of TN Palayam, Thandrapet and Narikudi) with estimated non-recurring project cost of Rs. 18.70 crore, the central share being Rs. 16.83 crore. The State share would be Rs. 1.87 crore.
- (v) State government was advised to send details of the bank account of the implementing society along with advance bond and resolution etc. so that the grant could be released expeditiously.

2.2. Himachal Pradesh

- (i) Principal Secretary (Education) Government of Himachal Pradesh presented the proposal of State government to set up 5 Girls' Hostels in as many EBBs in the State with an estimated non-recurring cost of Rs.11.28 crore, the unit cost being Rs.2.26 crore. He stated that the implementing society would be constituted shortly. The State share will be arranged out of departmental allocation. He made a strong case for a higher cost norm in view of the hilly terrain of the State. He also suggested provision of a computer room with internet connectivity in the hostels.
- (ii) Secretary (SE&L) stated that the idea of having a computer room with

internet connectivity was a good idea, particularly considering the remote location of the hostel. AS&FA suggested that provision for the computer might be considered out of the ICT @ Schools scheme.

- (iii) GIAC recommended 5 Girls' Hostels in the State with admissible non-recurring cost of Rs.2.55 crore @ Rs.51.0 lakh per hostel (20% higher construction cost). The central share at a sharing pattern of 90:10 would be Rs.2.29 crore.
- (iv) State government was advised to send details of the bank account of the implementing society along with advance bond and resolution etc. so that the grant could be released expeditiously.

2.3. Mizoram

- (i) The proposal for a Girls' Hostel in the only EBB in the State was presented by the Secretary (Education). It was observed that the nearest higher secondary school was located at a distance of 38 Kms from the proposed hostel. Secretary (Education) explained that this was so because this block did not have any higher secondary school. The Hostels is planned in close proximity of a secondary school. Moreover, the proposed model school would also be set up nearby and hence and it would not be a problem to get sufficient number of boarders.
- (ii) GIAC recommended construction of a Girls' Hostel at an estimated cost of Rs.42.50 lakh.
- (iii) State government was advised to send details of the bank account of the implementing society along with advance bond and resolution etc. so that the grant could be released expeditiously.

2.4. Rajasthan

- (i) Secretary (Education), Government of Rajasthan presented the proposal of the State Government to set up 27 Girls' Hostels in as many blocks. All but one hostel are proposed in KGBV compund, and the remaining hostel would be located in a Government co-educational school. The scheme provides for a part time warden and he suggested that a full time Warden for the Hostel should be considered and financial norm revised as it was not possible to get a full time warden at the scheme norm of Rs.3000/- per month. The scheme will be implemented by the RMSA society. Secretary (Education) also clarified that provision for State share had been made for all the 27 Hostels.
- (ii) JS (SE) clarified that the scheme envisaged appointment of a teacher as a part-time Warden, and the financial norm had been fixed accordingly, which would be in the nature of honorarium over and above the teacher's normal salary. Secretary (SE&L) stated that State government itself might consider bearing the additional expenditure towards appointment of a full-time Warden, as the scheme already provided for a sharing pattern of 90:10. She also suggested that the existing scheme of the State government to provide cycles to Girl students might be extended to the hostel inmates whenever required as one Hostel might be catering to students of several schools and some of these schools may be at some

distance from the hostel.

- (iii) As Rajasthan has as many as 186 EBBs, JS(SE) suggested that the State government could consider setting up separate societies for managing schemes for the girls' hostels and the model schools.
- (iv) GIAC recommended 27 hostels in the State with estimated outlay of Rs.11.48 crore with central share being Rs.10.33 crore, and the State share at Rs.1.15 crore.
- (v) State government was advised to send details of the bank account of the implementing society along with advance bond and resolution etc. so that the grant could be released expeditiously.

2.5. Punjab

- (i) Director General (Secondary Education), Govt of Punjab presented the proposal of State Government to set up 21 Girls' Hostels in as many EBBs. He stated that the land had been identified for all the hostels. The possession at present was either with the Gram Panchayat or with the education department. He also clarified that the Gram Panchayats concerned had already passed resolution for providing the land and there would not be any problem in getting possession of the land. The projected cost is as per the scheme norms, i.e. Rs. 42.50 lakhs per hostel. The scheme will be implemented by the RMSA society. However, accounting and fund flow for the scheme will be kept separate.
- (ii) GIAC recommended 21 Girls' Hostels in Punjab with total non-recurring project of Rs. 8.93 crore, the Central share @ 90% being Rs. 8.03 crore, and the State share at Rs. 0.90 crore.
- (iii) State government was advised to send details of the bank account of the implementing society along with advance bond and resolution etc. so that the grant could be released expeditiously.

2.6 Chhattisgarh: No representative of Government of Chhattisgarh attended the meeting and therefore their proposal was not taken up for consideration.

3. General Issues

3.1 Commencement of Project at temporary sites: Most of the State Governments evinced interest in starting the Model Schools/ Girls' Hostels at temporary buildings. Secretary (SE&L) advised the state governments to send specific proposals after identifying temporary sites. The Girls' Hostels can be started in the temporary sites even during the current year if the State Governments are able to identify suitable locations. It was decided by the GIAC that the proposals for starting projects at temporary sites need not be placed before GIAC. Such proposals can be processed on file for approval.

3.2 Constitution of separate society/separate accounting: All state governments were advised to constitute the implementing societies urgently. JS (SE) stated that states with large number of EBBs would have to manage large number of Model Schools and Girls' Hostels and it might be desirable to

constitute separate societies for Model Schools and Girls' Hostels. However, states with few EBBs can manage these schemes under the RMSA society. Secretary (SE&L) stated that accounting and fund flow for each scheme must be kept completely segregated even if the schemes are implemented by a single society. All State governments were advised to send details of society, account details and provision for State share at the earliest so that release of fund is not held up. State governments are also required to send bond and resolution in advance.

3.3 Innovative designs for Girls' Hostels: JS(SE) suggested to the State governments to consider entrusting the work of construction of Girls' Hostels on "design and build" basis so that innovative designs for the Girls' Hostels can be evolved. He also suggested thin partitions for every 4 to 6 borders so as to provide a sense of privacy. Secretary (SE&L) suggested that the States could consider having a "design" contest to evolve an innovative design for each scheme.

3.4 Flexibility in Cost Norms: The issue whether a higher cost norm as per the applicable CPWD schedule of rates can be permitted was discussed. It was observed that the Girls' Hostel scheme permitted flexibility in this regard. The GIAC agreed for a 20% higher cost norm for hilly states keeping in view the established practice in KVS. The relevant provision at note below para 6.2 of the scheme reads as follows,

"The above norms indicate the upper limit. Norms for civil construction may be different for each State based on PWD schedules of rates as per the location of the hostel. Similarly salaries for Chowkidar , cooks may be different for different States and will be governed by the Minimum Wages Act of respective States".

AS & FA stated that this matter would be looked into based on the Cabinet decision. Secretary (SE&L) stated that there was a need to link the cost norms with the changing price indices.

3.5 Hostels to be constructed preferably in Girls' School: Secretary (SE &L) stated that wherever the hostels were not in KGBV compound, they should be constructed in the compound of Girls' or co-education schools, keeping in view the security and safety of the boarders.

3.6 Submission of Account Details of Implementing Society, resolution bond etc.: All State governments were advised to send details of bank accounts of the implementing society alongwith advance bond and resolution etc. so that release of grant is not held up.

4. Secretary (SE&L) directed that letters may be sent to all State governments clarifying the issues discussed in the meeting.

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure

List of participants in the meeting of the Grants in Aid Committee to consider the proposals of State Governments under the "Scheme for construction and running of Girls' Hostel for students of secondary and higher secondary schools".

1. Ms Anshu Vaish, In Chair
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7. Sh. Madhau Vasani Patkar,
Asstt. Commissioner(Fin),
KVS, New Delhi

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Principal Secretary(Education)
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12. Sh. Krishan Kumar
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