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Ministry of Human Resource Development

(Manav Sansadhan Vikas Mantralaya)

Department of School Education & Literacy

(School Shiksha Evam Saksharta Vibhag)

New Delhi, Dated 26 June, 2009

RESOLUTION

Subject: SETTING UP OF NATIONAL MISSION ON 'RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN'.

The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and its Programme of Action 1992, inter alia states that access to Secondary Education will be widened with emphasis on enrolment of girls, SCs and STs, particularly in science, commerce and vocational streams. Following the Constitutional mandate to universalise elementary education, and the success of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, it has become essential to push this vision forward to move towards universalisation of secondary education.

2. The Committee on 'Universalisation of Secondary Education' constituted by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) in its report (June 2005), had suggested urgently taking up a programme on secondary education based on laid down norms and parameters. The Mid-Term Appraisal of the 10th Five Year Plan (June 2005) of the Planning Commission had also suggested a new mission for secondary education on the lines of SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan) pursuant to the success of SSA.

3. While education is a concurrent subject, and secondary education primarily remains the responsibility of the State Governments, the Ministry of HRD has set its vision on making secondary education of good quality available, accessible & affordable to all young persons in the age group 15-16 years. Accordingly, the Government of India has launched a centrally sponsored scheme to universalise access to and improve quality of education at secondary stage, called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA).

4. The objectives of the scheme are, (i) to achieve a GER of 75% for classes IX-X within 5 years by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, (ii) to improve quality of education imparted at secondary level through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, (iii) to remove gender, socio-economic, geographic and disability barriers, (iv) universal access to secondary level education by 2017, i.e., by the end of 12th Five Year Plan, and (v) universal retention by 2020.

5. In order to facilitate successful implementation of the scheme, the Government of India has decided to set up a National Mission for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of School Education & Literacy). The Mission will be an independent and autonomous wing of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of School Education & Literacy), vested with full executive and financial powers in its sphere of work. It will be the nodal body for all matters relating to secondary education at the national level.

6. The Governing Council of the National Mission on Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, will comprise the following,

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| i) | Minister of Human Resource Development | - Chairman |
| ii) | Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy | - Vice Chairman |
| iii) | Secretary, Planning Commission | - Member |
| iv) | Secretary, Department of Expenditure | - Member |
| v) | Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment | - Member |
| vi) | Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs | - Member |
| vii) | Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs | - Member |
| viii) | Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj | - Member |
| ix) | Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development | - Member |
| x) | Secretary, Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development | - Member |
| xi) | Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy | - Member |
| xii) | Education Secretaries of all States/UTs in-charge of secondary education. | - Member(s) |
| xiii) | Director, NCERT | - Member |
| xiv) | Vice-Chancellor, NUEPA | - Member |
| xv) | Chairman, CBSE | - Member |
| xvi) | Any other expert co-opted by the Mission from time to time. | - Member(s) |
| xvii) | Joint Secretary (Secondary Education) | - Member Secretary |

7. The National Mission will be empowered to fix financial and physical norms from time to time within the framework of scheme. It will also be empowered to make necessary changes in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation parameters so as to enable the Centre and/or States to implement the programme efficiently and effectively.

8. Project Approval Board

There will be an Executive Committee called as Project Approval Board (PAB), which will comprise of the following,

- Secretary (Secondary Education & Literacy), Ministry of Human Resource Development - Chairperson
- Joint Secretary (Secondary Education), Ministry of Human Resource Development - Member
- Representative of Planning Commission - Member
- Financial Advisor, Ministry of Human Resource Development - Member
- Secretary, In-charge of Secondary Education of the concerned State Government or UT Administration - Member
- Representative of Ministry of Panchayati Raj - Member
- Representative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs - Member
- Representative of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment - Member
- Representative of Ministry of Minority Affairs - Member
- Vice- Chancellor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration - Member
- Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training - Member
- Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education - Member
- Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling - Member
- Representative(s) of Monitoring Institutions - Member(s)
- Director in charge of RMSA, MHRD - Convener

9. The Executive Committee shall carry out all the functions of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan National Mission in accordance with the policy and guidelines laid down by the Council. The Executive Committee will be assisted by a Technical Support Group (TSG) to be established for appraisal and monitoring at the national level.

10. The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan National Mission shall have the power to frame its own rules and procedures. It shall meet at least once in 6 months at such time and place as may be fixed by the Chairman.

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Secretary to the Government of India

ORDER

ORDERED that a copy of the resolution be communicated to all members of the National Mission on Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan.

ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.

ORDERED also that the resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

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