

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: April 3rd, 2019

A meeting was held on 3rd April, 2019 at Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi under the chairmanship of Shri A. P. Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy to review updates from the State PMU on progress in multiple initiatives under SATH. The meeting was attended by Uma Shankar Singh, State Project Director, Administrative Officer JEPC; initiative leaders from the Department and JEPC, and representatives from BCG.

The key points of discussion have been summarized below.

1) Sub-scale schools

- a. The committee observed that learning in sub-scale schools is significantly lower than larger schools and took stock of efforts to increase enrolment in larger schools through shifting of students
- b. It was decided that parents would be incentivised to shift students from low enrolment schools to larger schools through community engagement and incentives such as the cycle scheme & transport allowance. Teachers of potential host schools would also be involved in this exercise to engage meaningfully with the community.
- c. The selected host schools should be converted to integrated 1-12 schools if possible so that students can study directly till Grade 12 without having to shift schools again
- d. The Secretary also directed that the potential of supporting students from very low enrolment (<10 enrolment) schools through residential schools should also be explored. This way higher quality education could be provided at an even lower cost.

2) SCERT Re-organisation

- a. There was broad alignment on the proposed structure for SCERT which has also been reviewed by NCERT before
- b. The Committee decided that synergies and overlap in functions between SCERT & JAC should be studied so that very clear and definite roles can be defined for both as academic bodies. If necessary, integration may be considered as well.
- c. JCERT should gain complete administrative control of DIETs and all staff

- d. The composition of the General Council & Executive Committee of JCERT was discussed and modifications suggested to ensure representation of all stakeholders
- e. It was decided that separate transparent recruitment norms would be drafted for government and contract staff within the new JCERT structure
- f. A Purchase Committee would also be constituted for large-scale procurement by JCERT

3) Integrated School Policy

- a. It was decided that all schools would fit into pre-decided categories - 1 to 5, 1 to 10/12, 6 to 10/12. Any school which does not fit into these categories would be automatically upgraded/degraded as required.
- b. SMCs would be re-organised in integrated schools to ensure only integrated committee. Any other committees constituted would be abolished after duly studying relevant circulars.

4) NSG

- a. A preparatory meeting for NSG should be held next week
- b. An analysis of infrastructure status in the state should be presented at the NSG as well to show improvement in Jharkhand

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