

**No.M-12015/1/2011-HRD  
Planning Commission**

**Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi-110001**

**Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2011**

**ORDER**

**Subject: Formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) – Constitution of Working Group on Elementary Education and Literacy– regarding.**

In the context of the formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan 2012-17 for the Education Sector, it has been decided to set up a Working Group for Elementary Education and Literacy under the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

2. The Composition of the Working Group is at **Annexure I**
3. The Terms of Reference of the Working Group are given at **Annexure- II**
4. The Chairperson of the Working Group, if deemed necessary, may constitute sub-groups and/or may co-opt additional members.
5. The Working Group will finalize its report by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
6. The expenditure on TA/DA etc. of the official members in connection with the meetings of the Working Group will be borne by the parent Department/Ministry/ Organization to which the official belongs, as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. The non-official members of the Working Group will be entitled to TA/DA as admissible to Grade I officers of the Government of India and this expenditure will be borne by the Convener Department.

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7. Ministry of Finance (Plan Finance Division)
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**Annexure-I**

**LIST OF EXPERTS FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND LITERACY– TWELFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN.**

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| 1)  | <b>Smt. Anshu Vaish</b><br>Secretary,<br>Department of Elementary Education & Literacy,<br>Ministry of HRD, Shastri Bhavan,<br>New Delhi | <b>Chairperson</b>      |
| 2)  | Additional Secretary (SSA)<br>Department of Elementary Education & Literacy<br>Ministry of HRD, Shastri Bhavan,<br>New Delhi             | <b>Member -Convener</b> |
| 3)  | Joint Secretary (AE)<br>Department of Elementary Education & Literacy,<br>Ministry of HRD, C-Wing, Shastri Bhavan,<br>New Delhi          | Member                  |
| 4)  | Joint Secretary (MDMS)<br>Department of Secondary Education<br>Ministry of HRD, C-Wing, Shastri Bhavan,<br>New Delhi                     | Member                  |
| 5.) | Joint Secretary<br>(in-charge, NYKS/NSS)<br>Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports<br>C-Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi                      | Member                  |
| (6) | Joint Secretary ( Sports)<br>Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports<br>C-Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi                                     | Member                  |
| 7)  | Joint Secretary,<br>(in-charge of ECCE)<br>Ministry of Women and Child Development<br>C-Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi                  | Member                  |
| 8)  | Joint Secretary,<br>(in-charge of Education)<br>Ministry of Social Justice<br>New Delhi  | Member                  |
| 9)  | Joint Secretary,<br>(in-charge of Education)<br>Ministry of Tribal Affairs<br>New Delhi  | Member                  |

- 10) Joint Secretary,  
Ministry of Minority Affairs  
New Delhi Member
- 11) Shri. Anil Bordia,  
Foundation for Education & Development  
C-113, Shivaji Marg, Vijay Park,  
Jaipur-302004 Member
- 12) Shri. K. Ashok Rao  
Secretary  
Swami Sivananda Society,  
J152, Saket  
New Delhi Member
- 13) Dr. Rukmani Banerjee,  
Director, ASER  
Delhi- Initiatives, Pratham, Member
- 14). Amit Kaushik.  
Director ( Education Strategy)  
CISCO Systems Pvt. Ltd,  
New Delhi Member
- 15) Shri Denzil Saldhana  
TISS,  
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DEONAR, Mumbai-400088 Member
- 16) Shri Dilip Ranjekar,  
Azim Premji Foundation,  
No.5, Papanna Street, ST. Marks Road Cross  
Bangalore-560001 Member
- 18). Dr. D.G Karna,  
Hon. President,  
Society for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies Member
- 19) Chairman, UP Board of Madarsa Education,  
704 Jawahar Bhavan, Ashok Marg  
Lucknow-226001 Tel/Fax: 0533-2288805,228826 Member
- 20) Chairman,  
Bihar State Madarsa Board  
5, Vidhyapati Marg, Patna-800001 Member
- 21) Principal,  
Convent of Jesus and Mary  
Bangla Sahib, New Delhi Member

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| 22) Mrs. Madhu Chandra (Best Teacher Awardee)<br>Principal,<br>Lotus Valley International School,<br>Noida, U.P.          | Member |
| 23) Rupak Hom Roy<br>Headmaster,<br>Ballygunge Government High School,<br>Kolkata- 700 020                                | Member |
| 24) Pratap Gaikwad,<br>Founder President,<br>Board of Trustees,<br>Patel Pada,<br>Dahanu (East)                           | Member |
| 25) Shri Vineet Joshi<br>Chairman<br>CBSE<br>New Delhi  | Member |
| 26) Vice Chancellor, NUEPA,<br>Sri Aurobindo Marg,<br>New Delhi.  | Member |
| 27) Dr. Ravindra(l/c)<br>Director, NCERT<br>Sri Aurobindo Marg,<br>New Delhi.   | Member |
| 28) Prof.Mohd.Akhtar Siddique<br>Chairman, NCTE<br>Hans Bhavan , Wing II,<br>1, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002 | Member |
| 29) Dr.S. S. Jena<br>Chairman<br>National Institute of Open School (NIOS)<br>B 31B Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048       | Member |
| 30) Shri Avinash Dikshit<br>Commissioner<br>Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan  | Member |
| 31) Shri Manoj Singh<br>Commissioner<br>Navodaya Vidyalaya Sangathan  | Member |
| 32) Pr. Secretary (School Education)  | Member |

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| 33) | Pr. Secretary (School Education),<br>Govt. of Andhra Pradesh                                      | Member |
| 34) | Pr. Secretary (School Education),<br>Govt. of Bihar .   | Member |
| 35) | Pr. Secretary (School Education),<br>Govt. of Rajasthan.  | Member |
| 36) | Pr. Secretary (School Education),<br>Govt. of Punjab  | Member |
| 37) | Pr. Secretary (School Education)<br>Govt. of Tamilnadu  | Member |
| 38) | Pr. Secretary (School Education),<br>Govt. of Orissa.   | Member |
| 39) | Shri. K.P Singh<br>Deputy Adviser (HRD-SE)<br>Planning Commission                                 | Member |
| 40) | Dr. C. Chandramohan<br>Adviser (School Education & Sports),<br>Planning Commission,<br>New Delhi. | Member |

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND LITERACY– TWELFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN.**

1. To review the existing Plan programmes under Elementary Education and Literacy, in terms of access, enrolment, retention, dropouts and with particular emphasis on outcomes on quality of education by gender, social and regional classifications.
2. To evolve a detailed perspective plan and strategies with specific medium term monitorable targets in terms of average years of schooling and for providing quality elementary education upto Class VIII to all children in the age group of 6-14 years as per RTE Act mandate and to suggest improvements in delivery mechanism for effective implementation of various schemes/programmes
3. To suggest ways and means to enhance effectiveness of school management, supervision and monitoring, with a view to impart quality education and improving learners' achievements.
4. To formulate an operational strategy and action plan in convergence with other schemes, for progressively universalizing ECCE for all children in the age group of 4-6 years with high priority to disadvantaged regions including Scheduled Areas
5. To suggest measures for improving implementation of RTE harmonized Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, MDMS and various Literacy Programmes for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and improvements/restructuring of literacy programmes for greater involvement of State Governments, and increasing transparency and accountability.
6. To undertake an in-depth review of the implementation of MDMS, in terms of adequacy and effectiveness of the delivery systems and infrastructure and the impact of the programmes on school attendance and on improvement in the nutritional status of children etc.
7. To evolve a policy for providing quality elementary education, including through public private cooperation/partnership and to suggest the broad parameters of such a policy.
8. To review effectiveness of programmes addressing the needs of SCs, STs, OBCs., Minorities, girls' education and to examine the feasibility of introducing alternative systems for imparting quality education to the poor students including CCT
9. To suggest measures for faster reduction in illiteracy in the country with emphasis on gender, regional and social dimensions and also incentivizing states with high literacy rates to achieve 100% literacy during the XII Plan period
10. To suggest modifications in educational indicators, computation of education index that captures ground reality, and also suggests measures for improvements in management of educational statistics at district, state and national levels and reduce the time lag in publication of educational statistics
11. To estimate scheme-wise financial requirements of the existing programmes and for new interventions in the XII Plan in respect of Elementary Education and Literacy of the Department of SE&L.