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Copy along with copy of enclosure forwarded to all Directors/ President, BSE/ Chairman, CHSE/ SNO, MDM/ All Senior Officers (Addl. Secy & above) of S&ME Department for kind information & necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


15/12/25
Under Secretary to Government

Proceedings of the Coordination meeting of Directors and Senior Officers of S&ME Department held on 09.12.2025 at 10:30 AM under the Chairmanship of Commissioner-cum-Secretary, S&ME Department on various important and pending issues

A coordination meeting of the Directors and Senior Officers of School & Mass Education Department was held on 9th December 2025 at 10:30 AM under the chairmanship of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary. The meeting focused on a comprehensive review of critical administrative matters and timelines for pending departmental issues.

The key issues & decisions in the meeting are as follows: -

Review of Expenditure position:

- A detailed review of the expenditure position till date was done and CCS expressed concern over spending, which stood 51%, overall and 42.3 % in respect of Programme expenditure. It is found during review that large chunk of Budget provisions, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) are found to be unutilized, the CCS has instructed all the Directors to coordinate with the Line Ministry and ensure release of Central Assistance . Further, in respect of State Sected Schemes, CCS directed the Directors present to send proposals to the Department immediately.
- All the Directors and Senior Officers were requested to review the supplementary budget and expedite the proposals for release of funds.
- President, Board of Secondary Education was instructed to submit proposal for sanction Rs.5.00 Cr as grant to BSE.
- The SPD, OSEPA will ensure prompt release of the third installment under both Samagra Shiksha and the STARS programme and will coordinate effectively with all concerned stakeholders to accelerate fund utilization. Under STARS programme, e-content for Higher Secondary Schools and Robotics lab was not done till date by OCAC. Gol has flagged it as a deviation. Necessary action needs to be taken to expedite the process.
- Proposal to be submitted by SPD, OSEPA for sanction of Rs. 33 crore for non-salary activities..
- The Director, SCERT will initiate urgent measures to operationalize the expenditure of Rs.142 crore allocated under the Samagra Shiksha- Teacher Education head.
- Director, Elementary Education was instructed to submit the proposal at the earliest for the release of funds under Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Chhatri Protshahana yojana & proposal for Repair, renovation & restoration of Govt. elementary schools in urban areas and other heads as well.
- Director, TE & SCERT was instructed to finalize the tender process for the NMMS examination to be conducted in January 2026.



- Director, Secondary Education was instructed to ensure the utilization of Rs.40 lakhs under “Financial benefit to awardee Teachers” and there should not be any overlapping of Teachers. As per the previous guideline, Teachers of Saraswati Shishu Mandir & Teachers of private Schools to be included in this programme. The expenditure under the scheme “Waiver of tuition fees of Govt, ST/SC schools” and under the Free Bi-cycle scheme is lagging behind. Director, Secondary Education is instructed to expedite the process.
- All the Directors are requested to submit proposal for sanction of funds provisioned under 2025-25 annual budget.

Recruitment of Special Educator, MLE & Elementary Teachers:

- Regarding the decision of the High-Level Committee mandating the recruitment of 15,000 Teachers annually, including MLE Teachers & Special Educators, SPD, OSEPA informed to furnish all the requisite information by 15.12.2025, so that the recruitment process can proceed without any further delay.
- Director, SCERT is advised to process the file for constitution of Scrutiny Committee as per the orders of Honble Apex Court in Rajanesh Pandey case.
- Additional Secretary, Sri.Jadumani Mahala to submit proposal for recruitment of 15000 teachers for the concurrence of the FD.

Other issues:

- Necessary steps shall be taken for engagement of ANMs for various hostels after receipt of required information from the respective Directorates.
- All the Directors and Senior Officers were instructed to take necessary actions on misappropriation of funds by any official/s at district and block level. It was decided to organise Review meeting of all DEOs at State level inviting expert Resource persons in every quarter on relevant topics like pension, leave rules, legal & financial matters etc.
- Immediate steps to be taken to liaise with the Commerce and Transport Department for issuance of a formal notification regarding the waiver of travel fees for students commuting to attend classes in Government and Aided schools.
- There are three proposals which are yet to be submitted to Govt for approval. These proposals are regarding Strengthening of TE & SCERT, TBPM and Merger of Boards. The concerned Officers were instructed to take steps at their level.
- The timeline of opening the portal for NOC & COR of private schools should be extended and shall not be limited only from 1st to 15th January. Concerned Directors/Officers were instructed to modify the Resolution & timeline for opening of portal within 2 weeks of time. It was also decided to include all such services under ORTPS subsequently.
- CCS reviewed different models of establishment of “State School Standard Authority” and instructed to submit the proposal for approval by Chief Secretary.



- A proposal for establishment of MLE resource Center at Koraput was moved to ST & SC Development Department. But no communication from ST & SC Development Department has been received till date. The same may be taken up by the concerned Branch Officer of S&ME Department for further course of action. SPD, OSEPA was requested to send the Concept Note and other details for further action on the matter.

All the Directors and Senior Officers were instructed to come prepared for the meeting with detailed of programme expenditure of their respective Directorates and expedite the process of the expenditure within the timeline. The Finance Department has given the timeline of 20.12.2025 to all the Departments for the budget for 2026-27. All concerned were directed to submit their proposals within the stipulated period. Keeping in mind that the expenditure percentage is very less, all the Directors were instructed to take appropriate actions to ensure 100% expenditure within the timeline.

Meeting ended with thanks to all.


Commissioner-Cum-Secretary to Govt.
15/12/25