Meeting of State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree Prakalpa
CM Secretariat Conference Hall, Nabanna
31st October 2013

The first meeting of Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree Prakalpa, chaired by Hon'ble MIC Finance and Excise and convened by the Secretary, Deptt. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare was held on 31st October 2013 at CM Secretariat Conference Hall, Nabanna at 12.00 noon in presence of the following:

1. Chief Secretary of the Government of West Bengal
2. Principal Secretary, Finance Deptt.
3. Principal Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Deptt.
4. Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Deptt.
5. Principal Secretary, Backward Class Welfare Deptt.
6. Principal Secretary, Municipal Affairs Deptt.
7. Secretary, Information and Cultural Affairs Deptt.
8. Secretary, Technical Education and Training Deptt.
9. Secretary, Education Deptt.
10. Secretary, Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Deptt.
11. Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs
12. Joint Secretary, Mass Education Deptt.
14. Joint Director, School Education and Madrasah Education
15. Social Policy Specialist, Unicef

The following points were discussed:

1. A presentation was made by the Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare outlining the vision, mission, objectives and status of the scheme implementation till date.
2. It was emphasized by the Hon'ble MIC Finance and Excise that Kanyashree Prakalpa's main objective is to provide thrust to the inclusion of girls in the education matrix and in doing so, the rest of the objectives would also be achieved.
3. The targets (K1- 21,17,796 and K2 - 3,69,156) for the FY 2013-14 were discussed. It was suggested by the Chief Secretary that a study to be conducted so that actual status of girls can be ascertained from inception and the success of the scheme can be quantified for future. The Social Policy Specialist, Unicef was asked to provide technical support for undertaking the study, streamlining the MIS and documentation.
4. Monthly work plan and targets may be fixed for review.
5. A target of 3,00,000 K1 and 1,00,000 K2 has been set, to be achieved by the end of December 2013.
6. The monitoring structures for the steering committees need to be streamlined and meetings to be organised on a monthly basis.
7. Joint reviews should be undertaken by the Dept. of Education and Dept. of Women Development and Social Welfare.

8. It was suggested by the Principal Secretary, P&RD Deptt. that the positions of accounts cum data managers may be filled up from the surplus staff of District Rural Development Cells and the suggestion was accepted by the committee.

9. It was resolved by the committee that the applicants for the posts of Data Managers should be the domicile of the block/municipality concerned.

10. To streamline the process of data uploading, it was suggested that the NIC may be requested to provide a dedicated server for the scheme and ensure regular uploading.

The next meeting of the Steering and Monitoring Committee may be held on 29th November 2013 and will focus on monitoring and administrative structures developed under the scheme.

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MIC Finance and Excise