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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
EE-13 Section**

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To,

SPDs of all States/UTs (By name)

Sub: Minor modification in guidelines for Innovative and Experimental (I&E) projects under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

Sir,

I am directed to say that Grant-in-aid Committee (GIAC) in its meeting held on 22-12-2009 has approved the minor modification in I&E guidelines to reduce the time limit for submission of the comments by the concerned State /UT Government to 45 days from three months. The para 9 of the Scheme for Assistance for Experimental and Innovative Programmes for the Education at the Elementary Stage including Non formal Education is reproduced below:-

"The State Government should give its views, **within a period of three months**, regarding the agency's eligibility, suitability, relevance of the proposal and the capacity of the agency to implement it, etc. Comments should be send by the State Government even if the proposal is not recommended, giving reasons therefore. The Ministry of HRD's Deptt. of School Education & Literacy will also have the applications examined for its innovative content through the Deptt. of Non-Formal Education in the NCERT and also institute a Field Inspection Team to obtain feedback on the presence & capability of the NGO, in the area of work."

Since the Communication Technology is very fast in the present IT Era, it was felt that the period of submission of comments by the State Government on I&E proposals of an NGO may be reduced.

The Grant-in-aid Committee (GIAC) for Innovative and Experimental component of SSA in its 57th meeting held on 22-12-2009 considered the matter and decided that the time limit for submission of comments by the concerned State Government(s) may be reduced to 45 days.

PAB in its 133rd meeting held on 23-12-2009 considered the matter and approved minor modification in I&E guidelines to reduce the time limit for submission of the comments by the concerned State Government(s) to **45 days from three months**.

Yours faithfully,

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