

Innovation Projects – National Initiatives: School Safety & Security (Elementary & Secondary) –

Introduction:

Children have right to live with dignity and have access to education in an environment that is safe protective and conducive to growth & development. School safety and security has to be seen from a broader perspective and not confined merely to infrastructural and physical safety. The issue of School safety has become more complex moving beyond corporal punishment to bullying, physical violence, sexual, psychological and emotional violence.

Brief Objectives:

- The scheme Samagra Shiksha takes endeavors to provide every child access to education in an environment that is safe, protective and conducive to growth and development.
- The teachers need to act as first level counselor within the school. Also every school is required to display a board on safety pledge with helpline and emergency numbers and the details of contact persons.
- While in an ideal situation, counselors could be provided in every school, however as this is not possible at present due to dearth of trained counselors in the country, teachers can be sensitized to function as a first step counselor within the school.
- Teachers will be given orientation on counseling, provisions of POCSO Act, School Safety guidelines, helpline and emergency numbers, drop-box for complaints etc. Also, every school is to display a board on safety with helpline and emergency numbers and contact persons.

The project “School Safety & Security” was implemented in the year 2019-20 and all the teachers were given training and all the schools were displayed a board on safety pledge with helpline and emergency numbers and the details of contact persons on that year.

Modalities of Implementation:

For this project fund is provided in two parts.

1. Fund for safety and security at school level.
2. Orientation programme for teachers on safety and security

Due to the current Pandemic situation it was highly essential to sanitize all the schools in our state. Hence the fund given under the head “Safety & Security at School level” may be utilized for sanitization of schools and classrooms.

The fund for Orientation programme for teachers on safety & Security may be utilized for the online/offline training on COVID awareness, Gender Equity, Substance abuse and health & Hygiene and module for the said. And the balance fund may be utilized for augmentation of hand washing system by purchasing of disinfectant cleaning liquids, soap oil, mask etc.

Expected Outcomes:

- The whole teacher community got aware about COVID-19 and safety measures.
- Through the trained teachers, the whole student community got aware of COVID-19.
- Overall COVID positive cases will be decreased in our state especially among students.

Key Achievements:

- Percentage of teachers who have undergone Safety & Security training.
- Percentage of schools benefitted by getting sanitization.
- Number students who have got awareness on Safety & Security at school.

Financial outlay for the year 2021-22:

For Elementary:

| S.No | Activity | Physical | Unit Cost (in lakh) | Financial (in lakh) |
|--------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Safety & Security at school level(Ele.) | 31,214 | 0.020 | 624.28 |
| 2. | Orientation programme for teachers on safety & Security (Ele.) | 1,45,138 | 0.005 | 725.69 |
| Total | | | | 1349.97 |

For Secondary:

| S.No | Activity | Physical | Unit Cost (in lakh) | Financial (in lakh) |
|--------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Safety & Security at school level(Sec.) | 6177 | 0.020 | 123.54 |
| 2. | Orientation programme for teachers on safety & Security(Sec.) | 79,677 | 0.005 | 398.385 |
| Total | | | | 521.925 |

A total amount of Rs. 1871.895 lakh is approved under Safety & Security Component for both Elementary & Secondary level for the year 2021-22.

Beneficiaries:

All the students studying in 24,266 Govt. Primary schools, 6,948 Govt. Middle schools and 6,177 Govt. High & Higher Secondary schools will be benefitted by the trained teachers through this activity.