Memorandum of Agreement between Rajya Shiksha Kendra, Government of Madhya Pradesh and Eklavya Institute, Bhopal

Rajya Shiksha Kendra of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Department of Education, and Eklavya Institute, Bhopal hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding in order to progressively enhance the capacity of teachers of Madhya Pradesh. This MoU is for the period 1st January 2008 to 31st March 2010.

Eklavya has been collaborating with the Education Department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, in developing and implementing several innovative educational programmes since 1982. During the last four years, Eklavya has set up a number of community based learning centres (Shiksha Protsahan Kendras) to help school going children especially first generation learners. It is proposed to link these with the government schools to synergise the educational efforts in the locality.

The objective of this collaboration is:

- i. Capacity building of government school teachers in the subjects, pedagogy, planning class room processes and evaluation of students
- ii. Building capacity within the community to support the educational efforts of the schools.

The method to be adopted will be one of on site resource support to BRCs, CRCs and schools and holding of workshop during summer holidays and non teaching days on specific concept areas.

Eklavya will conduct theis programme in the following blocks:

- i. Block Shahpur in District Betul,
- ii. Block Babai in District Hoshangabad.
- iii. Block Bagli in District Dewas.

(This area may be extended with mutual agreement between Eklavya and RSK)

The first Phase of the programme will extend from January 2008 to March 2009. This will comprise of a preparatory period wherein the following activities will be taken up:

- i. Study of actual school situations in selected clusters in collaboration with ZSK and BRCs.
- ii. Interactions with teachers at cluster level,
- iii. Orientation and planning workshops with primary school teachers and headmasters during summer vacations,
- iv. Workshops an Math and Multilingual language teaching for middle school teachers.

- v. Assistance to primary schools of selected clusters in executing the academic plan, including preparation and supply of TLMs.
- vi. Review meetings, periodic workshops for orientation an organisation of activity camps for children.

The Second Phase of the programme will extend from 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010. This will be the phase of review of the work, consolidation and extension of the programme to new areas.

The RSK on its part will:

- i. Ensure action in schools through its system as per plans,
- ii. Facilitate the collaborative work with Eklavya from school-village level to cluster, block, district and state level. To this end the RSK will issue instructions, letters and such documents to various appropriate authorities and personnel,
- iii. The RSK will, supply the requisite teaching learning material to the schools as mutually agreed upon,
- iv. The RSK will also disburse TA & DA of teachers attending the workshops and meetings (to be held during vacations and non teaching days).

Eklavya on its part will:

- i. Deploy staff and mobilise volunteers and resource persons as permitted by its financial resources,
- ii. Plan and conduct workshops etc. in consultation with ZSKs, BRCs and CRCs,
- iii. Provide regular support at the level of school and community,
- iv. Document the process and report periodically on progress.

RSK and Eklavya will jointly review the progress of the programme every six months.

The outcomes which are expected from the programme are as follows:

- i. Improved academic planning and implementation at the school level,
- ii. Enhanced capacity of teachers to handle difficult concept areas,
- iii. Greater synergy between the community aand the school.

The MoU is being entered into on this day, December 27th 2007, at Bhopal.

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