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**COMMEMORATION OF 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
SWAMI VIVEKANANDA**

**Minutes of first meeting of the Sub- Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup>  
January 2011 under the Chairmanship of Shri Pranab  
Mukherjee, Hon'ble Finance Minister to review the  
implementation of Vivekananda Value Education  
Programme**

1.The meeting of the Sub-Committee constituted in terms of the decisions taken in the first meeting of the National Implementation Committee (NIC) on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 for overseeing the implementation of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur's approved Vivekananda Value Education Programme (VVEP) was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. Other Members of the Sub-Committee present were Justice Ashok Kumar Ganguly, Swami Prabhananda, General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission Belur, Swami Suvirananda, Trustee, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur, Shri Jawhar Sircar, Member Secretary and Secretary, Ministry of Culture. Also attending the meeting as special invitees were, Swami Shubhakarananda of the Ramakrishna Mission Belur, Smt. Sushma Nath, Secretary (Expenditure) and officials from the Ministry of Culture- Dr (Ms) T. Kumar, Joint Secretary and Shri Sudesh Kumar, Project Coordinator.

2.Chairman, NIC welcomed the members and gave the background of Government's decision for Commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda leading to

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constitution of the National Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the National Implementation Committee and the Sub-Committee. Thereafter, Chairman, NIC requested Member Secretary to take up the Agenda items.

3. Member Secretary & Secretary, MOC informed that Agenda Item (1) related to evaluation of the Vivekananda Value Education Programme for which Rs 8 crores were released in October 2010 to Ramakrishna Mission, Belur. The second installment of Rs 4 crores has since been agreed to by the Integrated Finance Division and the amount will be released within this month. Swami Prabhananda stated there were practical difficulties in submitting Utilization Certificates in time before seeking subsequent instalments of funds because completion of accounts from different branch centres and their consolidation at the HQs requires time. If submission of Utilization Certificates for the previous grants was a prerequisite for sanction of next instalment, the flow of funds would stop which would hamper continuity of ongoing projects.

4. Justice Ganguly stated that since government's Financial Rules had to be followed in letter and spirit, a via media needed to be worked out. Smt. Sushama Nath stated that in case adequate justification was given for delay in getting utilization certificates from the field units, the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment could be released so that ongoing works were not affected. However before release of the next installment in the following financial year the U.C. should be obtained. At this Member Secretary



suggested that Ramakrishna Mission could be allowed to submit Utilisation Certificate for the first installment at the time of release of third installment, for second installment at the time of release of fourth installment and so on. This was agreed to though Expenditure Secretary felt that from 2011-12, in case the scheme merited it, the entire annual amount could also be released in one installment. All present also agreed that, keeping in line with the requirements, approval of the EFC would also be taken for the overall Plan outlay for the project.

5. Justice Ganguly stated that Swami Vivekananda had laid great emphasis on physical fitness for the youth. He therefore suggested that Ministry of Culture take up the matter with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports/ Ministry of Human Resource Development to introduce initiatives in schools and colleges for encouragement of physical activities in the name of Swami Vivekananda.

6. For the next agenda item, Member Secretary recalled that in the NIC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010, some Members had suggested development of some heritage Monuments of different religions to uphold the secular message of Swami Vivekananda. This was accepted by NIC and it was agreed that at least 3 Monuments including the iconic Fatehpuri Mosque in Delhi would be taken up during this period for restoration and upkeep by ASI/INTACH, preferably with the association of the R.K.Mission, wherever feasible.




7. The Archaeological Survey of India have since intimated that they have identified following four monuments for undertaking one-time comprehensive conservation to strengthen the structure of these monuments –

- 1. Restoration of Pothimalar Building, Ferozepur (Punjab) at an estimated cost of Rs.2.26 crores.
- 2. Restoration of Fatehpuri Mosque, Delhi, at an estimated cost of Rs.5.31 crores.
- 3. Renovation of Rachol Seminary, the Roman Archdiocese of Goa at an estimated cost of Rs.1.81 crores.
- 4. Renovation of Koodalmanickam Temple, Irinjalakkuda, Kerala, at an estimated cost of Rs.3.04 crores.

8. A point was also raised about proposals being received wherein activities/ programmes proposed to be undertaken overlapped with somewhat similar activities/ programmes already approved to be taken up by other Institutions. A case in point was the proposal received from the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture whose revised proposal has many programmes similar to those already being undertaken by the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur. It was agreed that these would be put up to the NIC for advice.

9. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
Pranab Mukherjee  
Chairman