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Guidelines for Utilisation of Grant-in-aid by Schools

Grant-in-aid of Rs. 20 lakhs has been sanctioned for each of the schools for establishing Atal Tinkering Labs, which includes Rs. 10 lakh as one time establishment cost and the remaining Rs. 10 lakh towards O&M expenses @ Rs. 2.00 lakh per year for five years. The guidelines for utilisation of grant-in-aid is explained below:

1. Utilisation of Grant-in-Aid towards Establishment Cost

One time establishment cost of up to Rs. 10.0 lakh has been provided for each ATL. The establishment cost may be utilised for the following purpose:

- Up to Rs. 5.00 lakh could be utilised for procurement of ATL equipment as per the list approved by the Committee of school Principals in first 6 months of 2017-2018. However, to begin with, schools should start procurement of equipment in small lots and based on the experience gained in the usage, additional kits/components could be procured after 3 months.
- Maximum of Rupees One lakh may be used for purchasing laptops and a projector, in case these are not already available in ATL/school.
- Refurbishment of the ATL in terms of electrical fittings, internet facility, painting procurement of furniture like tables, chairs, storage boxes, printing of banner/board etc. can be undertaken by the schools on a 50:50 cost sharing basis. A maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh from the grant-in-aid may be utilised for this purpose.
- More guidelines will be provided for utilising the remaining Rs. 3.00 lakhs.

2. Utilisation of Grant-in-Aid towards Operation and Maintenance

An amount of Rs. 10.0 lakh has been provided for each ATL @ Rs. 2 lakh per year (for a period of 5 years). The O&M cost may be utilised for the following purpose:

- Repair & Maintenance of ATL equipment
- Purchase of consumables / spares
- Part travel reimbursement (max. 50%) for faculty to attend events/meeting/training programme organised by AIM
- Organising intra and inter-school competitions, guest lectures, hands-on workshops for students, training workshops for teachers and community outreach
- Payment of token remuneration to ATL-in-charge (one) and lab assistant (one) subject to maximum Rs. 1000 per month.

3. The grant-in-aid should not be used for following purposes:

- Payment of salaries to ATL-in-charge, faculty and lab assistant
- Payment to mentors