

Markazi Taleemi Board

Concept Paper

Assalamu alaikum w.r.b.

Hope you are doing well by the grace of Allah.

As you are aware, the importance of education, for any community and movement, cannot be overemphasized. This is especially so for Muslims, for whom education is a religious obligation. That's why for Jamat-e-Islami Hind, since its inception, education has been the major thrust of the work. Establishment of schools and *madradas*, improving standards of education therein, preparation of curricula, teacher's training, and many such steps have regularly been taken in this direction. Feeling an immense need, now, the Jamat has decided to set up a *Markazi Board for Education*, the details of which are presented below.

The Background

The main aim of setting up this Board is to bring forth the educational vision of the Islamic movement which is embedded in the relevant articles of the Policy and Programme of Jamat as well as 'Markazi Educational Policy'. The principle reason for establishing a Board is that it is all the more important to focus on education. It has been felt that there seems to be a lack of coordination and uniformity of aims as our educational work is spread over various departments and independent bodies. It is high time that all educational work is carried out in an orderly manner under the supervision of field experts in complete harmony with our educational philosophy. Towards this end, all education-related work will be brought under a Board which will comprise of experts from different fields of education. The Board will be headed by someone who is not only well-versed with the current educational arena but also understands the temperament of the Islamic movement, its philosophy of education and its preferences.

Major Tasks to be Undertaken by the Educational Board

1. To implement the Markazi Educational Policy and recommend amendments to it as necessary.

2. To prepare the 4-year plan and annual plan of JIH in the light of Markazi Policy and Programme and implement the same.
3. To keep abreast of the latest developments, research and innovations in the field of education, to participate in them in the light of Islamic philosophy of education as well as JIH's educational policy, and apprise our bodies and teachers of the main findings of the same.
4. To keep abreast of the government's educational policy and decisions, steps taken by schools, government bodies and non-governmental organizations with respect to curricula and advise and make recommendations to them as necessary; to hold symposia; take legal recourse and to hold, if necessary, protests with the help of departments working in internal affairs or *milli* protection against certain government action.
5. To evaluate schools of JIH or run by the like-minded trusts, to improve and elevate their standards and implement Markazi educational policy therein (all those bodies which have been mentioned in the Policy).
6. To provide training and guidance to teachers, school administration etc. for effective implementation of Markazi educational policy and to provide them necessary materials as necessary.
7. To guide and supervise educational boards and educational departments set up in the states (*halqa*).
8. To set up new bodies in accordance with the planning and help establish independent bodies with the help of associates.
9. To prepare curricula in Urdu, English and Hindi as well as prepare manual work books, digital materials, etc. for teachers.
10. To participate in important governmental, non-governmental Indian and international meetings, conferences, seminars, etc. and represent JIH.
11. To keep in contact with important organizations, agencies, research bodies, scholars etc. working in the field of education in India and abroad and find ways to cooperate with them.
12. To collect and disseminate information about various government schemes for education and ensure benefiting from them fully; also recommend the government important schemes.
13. To collect information with respect to educational schemes of various non-governmental organizations and to remain in touch with them and ensure educational upliftment of Muslims; also taking important measures for educational awareness on our own accord and draw the attention of the states (*halqa*) towards these measures, especially those states and regions where relatively more educational backwardness is found.

14. To promote, with the help of HRD department, the talents required for the education field, arrange national and international visits for such persons, getting them enrolled in courses, making them aware of important educational bodies and systems.
15. To coordinate and guide various *tahriki* bodies working in the field of education, especially, AITA, FEMA, SIO, CSR, Human Welfare Foundation, etc.; to cooperate with them as well as get their cooperation.

Board Members and Staff

1. The head of the Board will be an executive Chairman and will be responsible and accountable for all above-mentioned affairs of the Board.
2. The Chairman of the Board will directly report to the President JIH.
3. There will be a full-time Secretary to assist the Chairman of the Board.
4. 'Curriculum Research and Preparation', 'Training', and 'Administration' will be the main sections of the Board. Each section will be under an Assistant Secretary, or if need be, a Secretary.
5. Apart from full-time and part-time staff for sections like 'Curriculum Research and Preparation' and 'Training', outsourced staff will also be engaged. For other tasks, full-time, part-time or honorary staff will be deployed.
6. The efforts will be made to incorporate in the Board the members from variegated fields of knowledge. Apart from them, experts from various educational fields will also be invited in the Board meetings.
7. In its *Term* and *Annual* plans, the Board will set targets with regard to each task and will make efforts to achieve the same.

Convey my Salam to your family and friends.

Wassalam.

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