

Minutes of the Seventh National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting held on 30th March 2012 at MHRD on Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) Phase-II

Secretary (Higher Education) welcomed all the participants to the meeting (the list of the participants is annexed). Special Secretary and National Project Director (NPD) made a brief presentation on the decisions taken in the 6th NSC meeting and the progress made in implementation of thereof.

Agenda Item no. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6th NSC Meeting held on 16th November 2011

Since no comments were made or received from the Members of the NSC, the minutes of the 6th Meeting of NSC were confirmed.

Agenda Item no. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 6th NSC Meeting

Action Taken on the minutes of the 6th NSC Meeting was discussed. As regards the Status of signing of MoUs, it was decided that Secretary, Department of Higher Education would write to the Chief Secretaries of the 3 States i.e Bihar, Gujarat and Chhatisgarh which have not yet issued the Government Orders to the Selected Institutes for implementation of the Project. The rest of the agenda items were confirmed.

Agenda item no.3: Funding to Private unaided Institutions under Sub-component 1.2

NSC noted the selection of 17 CFIs and 56 State Institutions (comprising 42 State Govt. funded and Govt. aided Institutions and 14 Private unaided Institutions) for participation under Sub-component 1.2 – Scaling-up Postgraduate Education and Demand Driven Research and Development and Innovation.

NSC noted that the fund allocation to Govt. funded and Govt. aided Institutions under Sub-component 1.2 will be Rs.12.50 crore per institution and Rs. 4.00 crore for each Private unaided Institution. While appreciating the capability of Private unaided Institutions to meet the core objectives of this Sub-component, NSC further clarified that as the Private unaided Institutions are expected to already have adequate infrastructure, limited funding is to be provided for carrying out activities that would help these institutions achieve the Project objective of significant increases in PG education, research development and innovation. Besides this was the decision of the EFC and also of the Cabinet.

The allocation and fund distribution under various heads for Private unaided Institutions under Sub-Component 1.2 as indicated in the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) and other working documents need to be modified accordingly.

Agenda item no.4: 2nd Cycle for selection of Centrally funded, Govt. funded and Govt. aided institutions under Sub-Component 1.1

For selection of around 40 more Govt. funded and Govt. aided Institutions including CFIs in the 2nd cycle of selection, NSC accorded approval for inviting the Institutional Development Proposals (IDPs) from the potential CFIs and State Govt. Funded and State Govt. aided institutions from the States that are already selected in the Project. It was also felt that a workshop could be held for better leveraging of funds in a more innovative manner if possible.



Agenda item no.5: Planned work programme for NPIU from April 2012 – June 2012

Sub-component	Activity and Objective	Time-line
1.1 & 1.2	Training on MIS to States and Institutions	April – May 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Gathering, Consolidation and verification of baseline data into MIS	April – May 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Project orientation	April – May 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Orientation Workshops for Mentors / Performance Auditors	April – May 2012
1.1	2 nd Cycle of Selection of Govt. funded and Govt. aided Institutions under Sub-component 1.1	April – May 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Submission of Procurement Plan by all Institutions	April 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Review of all Procurement Plans by NPIU	April – May 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Monitoring of Procurement	April – June 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Conducting of Statutory Audit of SPFU and Institutions for Financial Year 2011-12	April – June 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Training on Financial Management and e-FMR to States and Institutions	April – June 2012
1.3	Short listing of training providers for Pedagogy Training	April 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Submission of Quarterly FMR to World Bank	15 th May 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Workshop on Good Governance	May - June 2012
1.2.1	Selection of Institutions for award of Centre of Excellence (CoE)	May – June 2012
1.1 & 1.2	1 st Joint Review Mission	June 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Submission of Approved FMR by World Bank to CAAA	5 th June 2012
1.1 & 1.2	Start of Mentoring of Project Institutions	June 2012

The NSC accorded approval to the NPIU's work programme.

Agenda item no.6: Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

- (i) Extension of time to NIT Jalandhar and NIT Raipur to sign the MoU with the MHRD.

The NSC accorded approval for extension of time to NIT Jalandhar and NIT Raipur to sign the MoU with MHRD up to 30th April 2012.

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