

**Minutes of the Ninth National Steering Committee (NSC) Meeting
held on 9th January, 2014 at India International Centre
on Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) Phase-II.**

At the outset, the Chairman, National Steering Committee and Secretary(Higher Education) welcomed all the participants to the meeting (the list of participants is enclosed in **Annex-I**) with emphasis on the following points:

- (i) Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyaan (RUSA), a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Department of Higher Education and proposed TEQIP-III should share each other Plans and experiences and in future National Steering Committee of TEQIP should include members from RUSA.
- (ii) Interaction with the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) to fast track accreditation for project institutions has to be accelerated as technical education reforms have to have accreditation as mandatory component for quality enhancement.

The issues discussed and the decisions taken are summarized below.

Agenda Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8th Meeting of National Steering Committee (NSC) held on 23rd January 2013

The Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of NSC were circulated to all the members. Since no comments / suggestion have been received from any of the members, the minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 8th NSC Meeting

Actions taken on the minutes of eighth NSC meeting were discussed and approved.

Agenda item No.3 : Selection of Government Funded and Government Aided institutions under Sub-component 1.2

- Under Sub-component 1.2, a total of 17 compliance reports were received from State Government / Government aided institutions which had initially failed to meet the Project eligibility requirements. Of these, four institutions were recommended for selection under Sub-component 1.2 of the Project.
- The Chairperson of the NSC accorded approval to the selection of these institutions, subject to the ratification of the NSC members.
 1. Delhi Technological University, New Delhi NCT-Delhi
 2. JNTU Institute of Science & Technology, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
 3. Kamla Nehru Institute of Technology, Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh
 4. Bundelkhand Institute of Engineering & Technology, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

Decision taken:

The members of the NSC ratified the selection of the above four institutions.

Agenda Item No. 4 : Weeding out of 2 institutions (i) Nizam Institute of Engg. & Technology, Deshimukhi, Nalgonda (Andhra Pradesh) and (ii) Sinhgad College of Engineering, Pune (Maharashtra)

(i) **Nizam Institute of Engg. & Technology, Deshimukhi, Nalgonda (Andhra Pradesh):** SPFU Andhra Pradesh has recommended the weeding out of the institute from the Project. As the institute failed to obtain permanent affiliation from the affiliating university (JNTU, Hyderabad) and as the 1st year pass percentage is only 2.0% rendering it unable to apply UGC for autonomy — a mandatory requirement of the project. Accordingly, MHRD has accorded approval for weeding out the institute from the Project.

However, the institute has approached the Hon'ble National Commission for Minority Educational Institution. The matter is subjudice before the National Commission for Minority Educational Institution and final decision is awaited.

(ii) **Sinhgad College of Engineering, Pune (Maharashtra):** As the procurement is non-applicable to Pvt. Unaided institutions, the institute decided to withdraw from the Project.

Decision taken:

- (i) The NSC accorded approval to the weeding out of Sinhgad College of Engineering, Pune from the Project.
- (ii) In the case of Nizam Institute of Engineering and Technology, decision of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institution is awaited which shall be put up for approval of the Chairman, National Steering Committee .

Agenda Item No. 5 : Progress Report on Project Outcome Indicators as per PIP

The physical progress achieved during last two years (2011-2013) of project implementation with respect to key performance indicators was presented and discussed at length.

- **NBA Accreditation:** It was observed that status of NBA accreditation was marginally less compared to the target due to reason that NBA did not accept applications until September, 2013.
- **Academic Autonomy:** Since NBA accreditation is a mandatory requirement for obtaining autonomy, several project institutions, not having accreditation are still awaiting their autonomy status.

It was discussed that newly-formed universities like the Gujarat Technical University and the Jawaharlal Nehru Technical University do not have 12-B Registration of the University Grant Commission. As a result, affiliated project institutes have not been able to apply for academic autonomy status.

- **Faculty with at least an M.Tech and Faculty enrolled for qualification upgradation:** Under TEQIP, there needs to be a constant emphasis on improving quality of faculty at project institutions. It was observed that such faculty development programmes are key to improving the quality of faculty at project institutions.

