

**MINUTES OF THE SFC MEETING OF THE SCHEME
'ENHANCING SKILL DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN
NE-STATES AND SIKKIM'**

SFC meeting to appraise the proposed scheme titled 'Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in NE States and Sikkim' was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (L&E) in the 'C' Wing, Committee Room, S. S. Bhawan, New Delhi on 11.1.2011 at 11.30 AM.

The list of members present in the meeting is annexed.

2. DG/JS extended a warm welcome to all the members present in the meeting. He drew the attention of the Committee to Govt. orders to the effect that 10% of budget (plan) for each scheme of DGE&T has to be earmarked for utilization in North Eastern States. He informed the Committee that it has not been possible for E&T bureau to utilize such 10% provisions, in all its schemes and, therefore, a separate scheme, exclusively for NE States and Sikkim, has been formulated to fully utilize the plan funds earmarked for the NER. The total cost of this scheme is ₹57.39 crores which would be met out of 10% provisions for NER in plan schemes of DGE&T and the scheme would require no separate allocation of plan funds. DGE&T further informed the SFC that the scheme primarily envisages upgradation and supplementing deficient infrastructure in existing ITIs in NE States and Sikkim. Appraisal of the SFC is being sought so that the scheme could be started within this FY. He then requested DDG (T) to give a power point presentation on the proposed scheme.

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During the discussions, the following points were raised by the members:-

- i) Jt. Secretary, DONER pointed out that there were some areas in NE States like Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh etc. where more attention is needed and the population of such areas is so less that it is difficult to get adequate number of trainers. Moreover, there should also be facilities of hostels for the students from these areas.

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ii) Secretary (L&E) pointed out that the 3 trades chosen for upgradation of ITIs under this scheme should be as per the necessity of the NE-States. Joint Secretary, M/o DONER also desired that trades should be selected in consultation with the States as well as DONER.

iii) Financial Advisor pointed out that the proposed scheme is to be funded out of savings of funds earmarked for NER in various plan schemes of the E&T bureau. It means that we have not been able to implement some of our schemes in NER. Reasons for our inability to implement such schemes in NER need to be recorded. Further, he opined that through this particular scheme, there should be no duplication of funds and benefits to those areas / ITIs which are already covered under some other schemes of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

4. After elaborate discussion, the SFC made following recommendations unanimously:-

A. An expenditure not exceeding ₹ 57.39 Crores may be incurred for 'Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in NE States and Sikkim' as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme subject to the following conditions:-

- Separate functional Head of Account should be opened in the Detailed Demands for Grants of MoL&E.
- Under the scheme no duplication of funds and benefits should be provided to any Institute. Before release of funds, a certificate to this effect from the concerned State to be obtained.
- ITIs to be covered under the Scheme and the trades to be introduced under upgradation component to be decided in consultation with DONER, Planning Commission, and concerned States. Views of MHA also to be considered in deciding ITIs to be covered under the scheme.
- As the scheme is for 3 years only, the State Governments should undertake the responsibility for payment of salaries to Instructors, as per NCVT norms, beyond 3 years. A commitment from the respective State Government to this effect should be obtained before implementing the scheme in the State.

B. For monitoring of the scheme, creation of following posts as recommended:

- i) Only one post of JDT and one post of Stenographer will be created. No other regular post is to be created. However, to support project implementation and monitoring, Project Management Unit with sufficient staff (e.g. 3 consultants, 2 Data Entry Operator & 1 Peon) will be hired on contract basis.

ii) Only one post of ADT and one post of Data Entry Operator are recommended for project implementation in respective State H.Qrs.

It was noted that creation of posts would require approval of MoF.

C. To constitute a National Steering Committee (NSC) for execution, implementation and monitoring of the project, with Secretary (L&E) as Chairman and other members as follows:-

- i) Financial Advisor (LEM)
- ii) DG/JS (DGE&T) - Nodal Officer at Central level
- iii) Advisor (LEM), Planning Commission
- iv) Deputy Director General (Training) -Member Secretary
- v) Director of Training

D. To authorise the National Steering Committee (NSC) to

- i) Review the program implementation structure and modify it based on ground realities;
- ii) Review fund utilization under various heads & institutes and reallocate within state, if required;
- iii) The fund will be disbursed only to the Societies formed in the State. These Societies should maintain separate account of funds released under the scheme and operate separate bank account for the scheme.
- iv) Approval for escalation of project cost, if any, would have to be taken from competent authority as per prevailing guidelines.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure

List of Members present in the SFC meeting to consider the scheme 'Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in NE States and Sikkim' was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (L&E) in the 'C' Wing, Committee Room, S. S. Bhawan, New Delhi on 11.1.2011 at 11.30 AM:-

1. Sh. P. C. Chaturvedi, Secretary, M/o.L&E – Chairman
2. Sh. Chaman Kumar, Financial Advisor & Addl. Secy.
3. Sh. Sharda Prasad, DG/JS – Nodal Officer at Central level
4. Ms. Jayashree Mukherjee, Jt. Secretary, DONER – Member
5. Ms. A. Siriya, Advisor (LEM), Planning Commission – Member
6. Sh. R.K. Chugh, DDG (T) – Member Secretary
7. Sh. R.L. Singh, DT – Member
8. Other Officials present:
 - (i) Sh. D.N. Dwivedy, DS (F)
 - (ii) Sh. T. Nand Kumar, US (F)
 - (iii) Sh. Rajesh Kumar, SO (F)
 - (iv) Sh. R. N. Bandyopadhyaya, JDT
 - (v) Sh. J.P. Meena, JDT
 - (vi) Sh. Sushil Kumar, DDT
 - (vii) Sh. Ashim Roy, ADT