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Ministry of Defence
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To

The Principal Director
Central / Southern / Western / Eastern / Northern Command,
Lucknow / Pune / Chandigarh / Kolkata / Jammu

Subject : Dovetailing vocational training and skill development with high-school education

Section 64 of the Cantonments Act, 2006 provides that Cantonment Boards may make provision for:

- (a) furthering educational objects by measures other than the establishment and maintenance of primary schools; and
- (b) setting up of high-schools, colleges, vocational & professional and special education.

2. A number of Cantonment Boards are running schools upto high-school level. It has been generally observed that after passing out from the high-school, children find it difficult to get admissions in higher classes in other schools. Many children, therefore, drop-out after passing high-school.

3. It will be very useful if these students can get gainful employment or start some work on their own. For this purpose, it is desirable that all those Boards having schools upto high-school level introduce vocational training classes for the passed out children beginning **March / April, 2011**. The period of vocational training may be around six months and it should also preferably include apprenticeship work where children are associated for a short period with some small (or micro) businesses and get on-hand experience. Apprentice work engagement may be for free or paid. Vocational training will be free of any fees.

4. Some of the areas where vocational training may be considered to be imparted are: Cutting & Tailoring, Gardening, Painting, Carpentry, Embroidery Work, Sewing, Knitting, Stenography and Typing, Computer hardware, Air conditioning, Beautician

course, Computers and MS Office, Two Wheeler Mechanic, Motor Mechanics, Cycle Repair and Mobile Repair etc.

5. For a number of vocational courses, a system of recognition from National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) is also available. NCVT is under Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGET), Min of Labour. For this purpose the website of DGET at '<http:dget.nic.in>' and the link at '<http://dget.nic.in/mes/sectors.htm>' may also be accessed.

6. As to the teachers for imparting the necessary vocational training, the Boards may consider hiring them on contract basis for the present. Boards may also consider public-private participation.

7. You are, therefore, requested to issue necessary instructions to the Cantonment Boards under your jurisdiction to take necessary steps regarding selection of vocational courses to be run (as per local needs), hiring of teachers, formulation of syllabus, purchase of necessary tools / implements and location of classes for training so that as soon as children pass out from tenth class of your school(s), they get enrolled for the vocational training classes.

8. A progress report, in this regard, may be submitted to this Directorate General on quarterly basis, the first such report commencing from end Feb 2011.

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for Director General DE