

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE CONSTITUTED FOR CONDUCTING ALL INDIA SURVEY ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The fifth meeting of the Task Force constituted for conducting All India Survey on Higher Education was held on 22nd June, 2011 in National University of Education & Planning (NUEPA) New Delhi. The list of participants is annexed.

The Task Force has taken the following decisions:

1. Draft Tabulation Plan as prepared by MHRD was approved by the Task Force. However, Task Force desired to include district-wise enrolment and number of Institutions in the proposed Tabulation Plan for planning. It will help in ground-level Planning.
2. Since the State level agencies for conducting the field work has not been identified till date, Task Force felt that the best way forward is to confine the need for State Coordinating Agencies to unavoidable role they may be required to play vis-a-vis the Stand-Alone Institutions which do not come under the purview of UGC or any other Statutory Authority. Such Stand-Alone Institutions which come under the purview of the State Government could be dealt with through State Level Coordination agencies that could be State Government agencies/departments. NUEPA's Project Office (through UGC, MHRD and Statutory Council) could directly deal with Unitary Universities/ Institutions, Affiliating Universities, Institutions of National Importance etc. and Stand-Alone Institutions coming under the purview of Councils.
3. The soft-ware prepared by NIC for data capture was also presented in the meeting. While approving the same, the Task Force decided that NIC would provide a training and instruction module for online access for Nodal Officers, Investigators and Data Entry Operators. NIC was requested to make it available from 1st July, 2011 for which they agreed to also. This would help the Universities and other Institutions to upload information with the help the instruction module.
4. Training will be conducted off-line also on a need to do so basis.
5. NUEPA would prepare a plan of Action with calendar of all Activities.

6. The target date for initiating on the spot survey in respect of Stand-alone Institutions which are unable to input data online or are under the purview of State Governments was fixed as 3rd week of July.

7. The project office of NUEPA would co-ordinate with UGC and the Councils (AICTE, INC, NCTE, MCI etc.) for following up with the Universities and respective institutions under the control of various Statutory Bodies. Affiliated Colleges would be coordinated by the UGC/University concerned.

8. UGC's/ Councils' advisories would ask universities/institutions to provide data on-line and keep NUEPA as well as UGC/ Councils informed so that the necessary follow up could be done.

9. 'Collection of Statistics Act, 2008' and Rules made thereunder 'Collection of Statistics Rules, 2011' could be invoked for collection of data. Central Government shall designate a nodal officer for exercising powers and performing duties under these Rules. Similar advisory may be issued to the State Governments.

10. A subgroup of the Task Force would work out a campaign, based on news releases on the various aspects of the survey such as training schedule, agencies involved, data capture, actual dates of the survey, objectives of the survey etc. The Composition of the subgroup may be as under

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11. Per man-days norms and norms for other cost elements as prepared by NUEPA/MHRD were approved 'in-principle' by the Task Force. However, Task Force decided that the allocated budget should not be exceeded and all avoidable expenditure should be clearly identified in order to exercise prudence.

12. Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Higher Education Council expressed that with nominal cost on co-ordination with institution, the survey can be completed as Universities and Colleges/Institutions are mandated to provide information to the

Government. He also expressed his keen interest in taking the responsibility of completing the work with almost no cost.

13. It was decided that a core team may be identified for conducting offline training. Constitution of the core team may be as under

Shri M. S. Yadav, CSO, UGC, New Delhi

Representative from NIC

Representative from NUEPA

Shri Sanjay, Director, MHRD

Ms Ruchika Gupta, Deputy Director, MHRD

Shri M.S.Yadav, CSO, UGC was also requested to organize the training programmes.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

Annex

5th Meeting of the Task Force on 22.06.2011 in NUEPA, New Delhi

List of Participants

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6. Shri M. S. Yadav, CSO, UGC, New Delhi
7. Dr. Yas Pal Singh Berwal, Director, AICTE, New Delhi
8. Shri. H. Borah, Director, SSD, CSO, New Delhi
9. Dr. Bharat Bhusan, Director, DEC, New Delhi
10. Ms. P. Bolina, Project Director, NUEPA
11. Dr. N. Rajasekhar Reddy, Secretary, APSCHE, Hyderabad
12. Ms. Rachna Srivastava, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, New Delhi
13. Shri L.C. Yadav, NIC, New Delhi
14. Prof. Avinash Sharma, GGSIU, Delhi
15. Prof. A. N. Reddy, NUEPA, New Delhi
16. Vijender Kumar, AD (P), Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
17. Shri K. Sengutteiyen, Sr. Asst. L.O, Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi
18. Shri D.P. Bhatnagar, Survey Unit Consultant, NUEPA, New Delhi
19. Shri S. K. Bhatnagar, Survey Unit Consultant, NUEPA, New Delhi
20. Shri Gaurav Sharma, NUEPA, New Delhi
21. Shri B. Bhanu Prakash, NIC, New Delhi
22. Shri Sunny Jaiswal, NIC, New Delhi
23. Shri Sanjay, Director, MHRD, New Delhi
24. Ms. Ruchika Gupta, Deputy Director, MHRD, New Delhi
25. Shri Ram Swaroop, SSO, MHRD, New Delhi
26. Shri Saurabh Arora, SI- II, MHRD, New Delhi