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Planning Commission**

**Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi-110001  
Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2011**

**ORDER**

**Subject: Formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) – Constitution of Working Group on Secondary and Vocational Education – regarding.**

In the context of the formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17), it has been decided to set up a Working Group on Secondary and Vocational Education under the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

1. The Composition of the Working Group is at **Annexure I**
2. The Terms of Reference of the Working Group are given at **Annexure- II**
3. The Chairperson of the Working Group, if deemed necessary, may constitute sub-groups and/or may co-opt additional members.
4. The Working Group will finalize its report by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
5. The expenditure on TA/DA etc. of the official members in connection with the meetings of the Working Group will be borne by the parent Department/Ministry/Organization to which the official belongs, as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. The non-official members of the Working Group will be entitled to TA/DA as admissible to Grade I officers of the Government of India and this expenditure will be borne by the Convener Department.

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**Annexure I**

**LIST OF EXPERTS FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION – TWELFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN.**

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| 1)  | <b>Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary,<br/>Dept.of School Education &amp; Literacy<br/>MHRD</b>     | <b>Chairperson</b> |
| 2)  | Ms. Anita Kaul,<br>Addl. Secretary (Elementary Education) ,<br>MHRD                          | Member             |
| 3)  | Dr. Jagmohan Singh Raju,<br>Joint Secretary (Adult Education) ),<br>MHRD                     | Member             |
| 4)  | Dr. Amarjit Singh,<br>Joint Secretary (EE),<br>MHRD  | Member             |
| 5)  | Prof. Mohd. Akhtar Siddiqui,<br>Chairman National Council of Teacher Education,<br>New Delhi | Member             |
| 6)  | Dr.S.S. Jena,<br>Chairman, National Institute of Open School (NIOS)<br>New Delhi             | Member             |
| 7)  | Prof.G. Ravindra (I/c),<br>Director,<br>NCERT  | Member             |
| 8)  | Shri Avinash Dikshit,<br>Commissioner,<br>KVS  | Member             |
| 9)  | Shri Manoj Singh,<br>Commissioner,<br>NVS  | Member             |
| 10) | Joint Director,<br>PSSCIVE,<br>Bhopal  | Member             |
| 11) | DDG (Trg.),<br>DGE&T,  | Member             |

	Ministry of Labour	
12)	Prof.N. Govinda , NUEPA,	Member
13)	Dr. Vineet Joshi, Chairman, CBSE	Member
14)	Shri Anil Bordia, Chairperson, Foundation for Education and Development, Jaipur	Member
15)	Prof. Avtar Singh, NCERT	Member
16)	Dr.G.N.Karna, Hon.President, Soc. for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies	Member
17)	Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for social Development, Delhi	Member
18)	Dr. Anjlee Prakash Chairperson Education Quality Foundation of India, 1209, Padma Tower I, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008	Member
19)	Principal Secretary, School Education Govt. of Gujarat	Member
20)	Principal Secretary, School Education Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir	Member
21)	Principal Secretary, School Education Govt. of Jharkhand	Member
22)	Principal Secretary, School Education Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Member
23)	Principal Secretary, School Education	Member

	Govt. of Mizoram	
24)	Principal Secretary, School Education Govt. of Uttarakhand	Member
25)	Principal Secretary, School Education Govt. of West Bengal	Member
26)	Chairman, State Board of Secondary Education Maharashtra	Member
27)	Chairman, State Board of Secondary Education Kerala	Member
28)	Chairman, State Board of Secondary Education Rajasthan	Member
29)	Chairman, State Board of Secondary Education Orissa	Member
30)	Chairman, State Board of Secondary Education Punjab	Member
31)	Head, National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi	Member
32)	Shri. K.P Singh Deputy Adviser (HRD-SE) Planning Commission	Member
33)	Dr. C. Chandramohan Adviser,( Education & Sports), Planning Commission	Member
34)	<b>Dr. S. C. Khuntia, JS (Secondary Education), MHRD</b>	<b>Member- Convener</b>

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION – TWELFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN.**

1. To review the status of secondary and vocational education
2. To suggest measures for universalizing quality education upto class X and subsequently class XII for all children in the relevant age group who are willing to pursue education upto that stage.
3. To review existing Plan schemes of secondary and senior secondary education with a view to :
  - a. Improving their effectiveness in terms of increased enrolment, improved quality and increased retention,
  - b. Suggesting new schemes/amalgamate existing Schemes with focused targeting for increased access and quality secondary and senior secondary education
  - c. Provide a blue print of specific pace setting activities for enhanced role of KVs and NVS and Model School in improving overall quality and standards of secondary education in local area/region
4. To suggest measures for bringing girls, SC&ST, OBCs, Minorities, the Disabled and other disadvantaged groups on par with the rest, thereby eliminating gender, spatial (rural and urban), social and other disparities, and focus targeting of marginalized groups in the area of Secondary and Vocational Education.
5. To suggest measures for providing adequate financial and other support to (i) talented and (ii) needy students, so that they are able to realise their full potential, and no one desirous of pursuing Secondary/Vocational Education is deprived of it due to financial and other constraints.
6. Suggest measures for restructuring of Centre and State Secondary Boards and set nationally acceptable quality standards for secondary and sr. secondary education and related educational reforms including barrier free entry and transparency and time bound decision making and other procedural simplifications and elimination of corruption.
7. To review the role of existing institutional arrangement which support secondary education, namely, NCERT, Teacher Training Institutes, SCERTs, NUEPA, NIOS with a view to redefine their role to the extent necessary
8. To assess the financial requirements for existing and proposed schemes and programmes in secondary education for the XII Plan period.
9. To suggest a long term vision for improving access and quality of secondary education and for re-orienting this to the needs of the coming generation and the knowledge economy.
10. To define the role of the private sector in providing secondary education in the XII Plan, and in the long term, including examination of incentives required for increased contribution of the private sector.

11. To define the role of open and distance learning in universalizing access and providing education of satisfactory quality to students who cannot pursue formal education.
12. To suggest measures for improvement of vocational education in the secondary /senior secondary school system and development of futuristic curriculum with due regard to emerging market demand for skills , particularly in the tertiary sector and institutional mechanism for objectively grading /rating VE institutions which should be excluded.
13. To examine how best the employers or end users of vocational education can be included in the process.