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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.

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.

1) Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary, Chairperson
   Dept. of School Education & Literacy
   MHRD

2) Ms. Anita Kaul, Member
   Addl. Secretary (Elementary Education),
   MHRD

3) Dr. Jagmohan Singh Raju, Member
   Joint Secretary (Adult Education),
   MHRD

4) Dr. Amarjit Singh, Member
   Joint Secretary (EE),
   MHRD

5) Prof. Mohd. Akhtar Siddiqui, Member
   Chairman National Council of Teacher Education,
   New Delhi

6) Dr. S.S. Jena, Member
   Chairman, National Institute of Open School (NIOS)
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7) Prof. G. Ravindra (I/c), Member
   Director, NCERT

8) Shri Avinash Dikshit, Member
   Commissioner, KVS

9) Shri Manoj Singh, Member
   Commissioner, NVS

10) Joint Director, Member
    PSSCIVE, Bhopal

11) DDG (Trg.), Member
    DGE&T,
Ministry of Labour

12) Prof. N. Govinda, Member
   NUEPA,

13) Dr. Vineet Joshi, Member
    Chairman,
    CBSE

14) Shri Anil Bordia, Member
    Chairperson,
    Foundation for Education and Development,
    Jaipur

15) Prof. Avtar Singh, Member
    NCERT

16) Dr. G. N. Karna, Member
    Hon. President,
    Soc. for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies

17) Prof. Muchkund Dubey, Member
    President,
    Council for Social Development,
    Delhi

18) Dr. Anjlee Prakash Member
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19) Principal Secretary, Member
    School Education
    Govt. of Gujarat

20) Principal Secretary, Member
    School Education
    Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir

21) Principal Secretary, Member
    School Education
    Govt. of Jharkhand

22) Principal Secretary, Member
    School Education
    Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

23) Principal Secretary, Member
    School Education
24) Principal Secretary, Member
School Education
Govt. of Uttarakhand

25) Principal Secretary, Member
School Education
Govt. of West Bengal

26) Chairman, Member
State Board of Secondary Education
Maharashtra

27) Chairman, Member
State Board of Secondary Education
Kerala

28) Chairman, Member
State Board of Secondary Education
Rajasthan

29) Chairman, Member
State Board of Secondary Education
Orissa

30) Chairman, Member
State Board of Secondary Education
Punjab

31) Head, Member
National Bal Bhavan,
New Delhi

32) Shri. K.P Singh Member
Deputy Adviser (HRD-SE)
Planning Commission

33) Dr. C. Chandramohan Member
Adviser,( Education & Sports),
Planning Commission

34) Dr. S. C. Khuntia, Member- Convener
JS (Secondary Education), MHRD

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 blueprint 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.