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**Sub: Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of National Steering Committee (NSC) held on June 28, 2010 at MHRD regarding Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) Phase – II.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of NSC was held on June 28, 2010 1530 hrs at MHRD for selection of States/UTs for participation in TEQIP-II. Secretary (Higher Education), MHRD presided over the meeting. The list of the participants is annexed.

2. After welcoming the participants, Additional Secretary & NPD presented a brief outline on the Agenda of the meeting.
3. The minutes of the meeting are as follows:
  - Agenda item 1 : Status of the Project :

A brief presentation was made by the CPA on the status of the Project till date and the proposed milestones for selection for institutions under sub-component 1.1 and 1.2, was made.

It was pointed out that though the TEQIP-I ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 the interim period was very usefully utilized for project preparation activities in parallel and the following has been achieved.

In principle approval for project by Planning Commission	25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2007.
The World Bank acceptance of Concept Note of the Project	6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2008.
Consultation Meeting with States, UT, CFIs Central Universities, Central Technical Universities, private sector etc.	17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2008 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2009 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2009 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2010
Negotiation Mission with the World Bank	21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2009
EFC Approval	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2010
Invitation of States/UTs for participation in the Project	4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2010
Evaluation of States/UTs proposals by National Evaluation Committee	19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2010 21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2010
Cabinet Approval for the Project	10 <sup>th</sup> June, 2010
Project Initiation Mission with World Bank	14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 2010

1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of National Steering Committee (NSC) for selection of States/UTs	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2010
Preparation of Project Implementation Plan (PIP) Financial Manual, Civil Manual, Procurement Manual & Software for procurement.	Finalized
Basic & Advanced modules in the Pedagogy training	Finalized

- Agenda item 2: Selection of States/UTs: *“NSC to review the NEC’s recommendations and give approval for selection of States/UTs for participation in TEQIP-II. NSC may also consider the State of Assam and provide time till signing of MoU with State of Assam for submitting other commitments.”*

The sequence of events for selection of States/UTs like the evaluation of States/UTs proposals by National Evaluation Committee (NEC), Evaluation procedure, comments of NEC were discussed at length. It was decided that the States/UTs may be selected, subject to obtaining minimum of 70 out of 100 marks as qualifying marks. Based on above, NSC approved the selection of the following 23 States/UTs for participation in TEQIP-II as recommended by NEC

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT
1	Andhra Pradesh
2	Bihar
3	Chhattisgarh
4	Goa
5	Gujarat
6	Haryana
7	Himachal Pradesh
8	Jharkhand
9	Karnataka
10	Kerala
11	Madhya Pradesh
12	Maharashtra
13	Orissa
14	Punjab
15	Rajasthan
16	Tamil Nadu
17	Tripura
18	Uttar Pradesh
19	Uttarakhand
20	West Bengal
21	Chandigarh
22	National Capital Territory of Delhi
23	Puducherry

The State of Assam, did not clear the threshold as they have only given a one page commitment without giving a detailed proposal. After taking into account all factors, the NSC recommended that Assam may be offered one more opportunity and given one month time period for submitting the proposal. After the receipt of detailed revised proposal, evaluation will be done by NEC. NEC recommendation on Assam will be put up in the next NSC meeting.

The NSC directed the NPIU to make special efforts to include North-Eastern States in the Project.

- Agenda item 3 : Relaxation in eligibility criteria for “Special Category States” on the same lines as for “New States Lagging in Technical Education” : *NSC to consider relaxation in eligibility criteria for “Special Category States” on the same lines as for “New States Lagging in Technical Education”.*

NSC approved the relaxation in eligibility criteria for “Special Category States” from 6 to 4 years for institution.

However, NSC advised to review the definition of “New States lagging in technical education” based on AICTE data available as in August 2006. .

- Agenda item 4 : Any Other Business with the permission of Chair

The following were requested by the members:

- To explore the possibility for including tracer studies in the project design
- To review the possibility of changing funding pattern of 60:20:20 under subcomponent 1.1 to 60:40 with share of 40 to private institutions
- To relax the faculty qualification from PhD to MTech. for areas of cross cutting technologies like Biotechnology, Nanotechnology etc.
- To relax the condition of a total of 2% of annual recurring expenditure of the institution in building the four funds.
- To allow the Retroactive Financing to SPFUs with effect from 1st April, 2009 upon successful signing of MOUs with States.

Secretary (HE) asked NPD to examine these issues and bring it in the next meeting.

4. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of participants for National Steering Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

S. No.	Name & Designation
1.	Ms. Vibha Puri Das, Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD, New Delhi
2.	Sh. Ashok Thakur, Additional Secretary, MHRD & NPD, TEQIP, New Delhi
3.	Dr. B. Hari Gopal, Scientific and Engineering Research Council (DST), New Delhi
4.	Ms. Vrinda Sarup, IAS, Principal Secretary (T.E.), UP
5.	Sh. Satish Ch. Tewary, IAS, Principal Secretary (HE), Kolkata
6.	Mr. Mahesh Pathak, IAS, Secretary (H&TE), Maharashtra
7.	Prof. SS Mantha, Acting Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi
8.	Sh. Madan Mohan, Advisor, Planning Commission
9.	Prof. Devang Khakhar, Director, IIT Mumbai
10.	Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, Director, NIT Surathkal
11.	Sh. HU Talawar, Director (TE), Karnataka
12.	Sh. Nikhil Gupta, Manager, NASSCOM, New Delhi
13.	Mrs. Rashmi Chowdhary, Director (Mgmt), MHRD, New Delhi
14.	Prof. AU Digraskar, Central Project Advisor, NPIU, Noida