

Minutes of the Meeting of the Eighth National Steering Committee (NSC) on Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) Phase-II, held on 23rd January 2013 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

The National Steering Committee (NSC) for TEQIP-II met on 23rd January, 2013. Secretary (Higher Education) Sri Ashok Thakur chaired the meeting. The list of participants is annexed. The agenda was discussed and the following decisions were taken.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 7th Meeting of National Steering Committee (NSC) held on 30th March 2012

Decision Taken: Since no comments were made or received, the Minutes of the seventh Meeting of NSC were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 7th NSC Meeting.

Actions taken on the minutes of seventh NSC meeting were discussed and approved.

Agenda item No.3: Welcome to new National Steering Committee Members.

Chairpersons of State Steering Committee from the State of Uttarakhand, Odisha, Kerala and Rajasthan and Directors of IIM Lucknow, IIT Delhi and MNIT Jaipur completed their tenure on the NSC and their contribution to the project was acknowledged and appreciated.

New members nominated to the NSC, viz. Chairpersons of State Steering Committee of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Gujarat and Directors of IIM Indore, NIT Rourkela and Professor Ashok Jhunjunwala of IIT Madras were welcomed

Agenda item No.4: Selection of Government Funded and Government Aided institutions under Sub-component 1.1 - 2nd cycle of selection of Institutions:

A total of 40 Institutional Development Proposals (IDPs) [39 from Govt./Govt. aided, 01 from Centrally Funded Institutions] were received in the month of September 2012.

The proposals received from 33 institutions (Sr No. 1-33 of Annex-I) fulfil all eligibility benchmarks and hence were evaluated by NEC and the proposals received from 07 institutions (Sr. No. 33-40 of Annex-I) did not meet the eligibility benchmarks and hence not evaluated by NEC. Each proposal was evaluated by 3 independent evaluators and their markings were averaged out before arriving at the final result. Result of the evaluation is summarized below:

- (i) 29 institutions listed at Sr. No. 1-29 of Annex-I are recommended for selection.
- (ii) 04 institutions listed at Sr. No. 30-33 of Annex-I are required to submit the improved IDPs by 15th February 2013 due to low quality of the proposal.

Decision Taken: The NSC accorded approval for:-

- (i) Selection of 29 institutions as mentioned above from Sr. No. 1-29 of Annex-I.
- (ii) Commencing the project (i.e. signing of MoU and release of funds) in the recommended institutions.

- (iii) Submission of improved IDPs from the 04 institutions as listed at Sr No. 30-33 of Annex-I to their respective SPFUs by 15th February 2013. Further, the Committee authorized the Chairperson of the NSC and NPD (TEQIP) to approve the results of the improved IDPs under Sub-component 1.1 and subsequent selection of the institutions.
- (iv) The Committee allowed an extension in Time up to 31st March 2013 to NIT Raipur for complying with the Eligibility criteria w.r.t fulfilling regular faculty strength and authorized the Chairperson of the NSC & NPD (TEQIP) to select NIT Raipur, a Centrally Funded institution for participation under Sub-component 1.1 based upon their compliance position as on the day of the deadline.

Agenda item No. 5: Formation of Society at State level for receipt of fund from MHRD and State Governments

NSC took note of the fact that immense delays in fund transfer adverse impacts project implementation. To increase the pace of the expenditure and to enable procedural flexibility needed for time-bound project delivery a societal structure at the state level could be considered as in the case of Sarva Shikshaa Abhiyan, where the a societal structure at the state level has created the capacity for efficient fund transfers in a transparent way.

Decision Taken: NSC accorded approval that SPFUs be converted into Societies under Societies Registration Act. The Central and State Share of funds can be released to the respective Societies directly for further transfer to the institutions concerned.

Agenda item no. 6: Empowerment to Industry-Institute-Interaction Cell (IIIC) for effective partnership in lieu of NPSAG / S-PSAG under TEQIP-II

The NSC expressed concern about the fact that the academic institution and industry interface had not taken off and there was an urgent need to tap its full potential under TEQIP.

Decision taken:

- i. NPSAG and SPSAG would be constituted for a meaningful interaction between the industry and the institute. The NPSAG will frequently communicate with S-PSAGs and identify issues and difficulties faced by the industries and project Institutions.
- ii. Industry representatives would suggest a set of feasible schemes for implementation under TEQIP

Agenda item No.7: Progress achieved

An update on the project activities on various aspects was presented as below:

1. **Collaboration with 04 IIMs for conducting Faculty Development Programme (FDP) under National Mission on Teachers and Teaching and Programme for Administrative Heads of Higher Educational Institutions:**

The NSC noted the collaboration of Project Institutions with IIM Indore, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Lucknow and IIM Bangalore and suggested to further strengthen the Professional Development Programmes with IIMs for the capacity development of the faculty.

2. **Quality Circle Workshop for TEQIP institutions at IIT Kanpur:**

The NSC noted and appreciated IITK's initiative in planning and anchoring a Quality Circle Workshop for Academic collaboration with TEQIP institutions at IIT Kanpur on 22nd – 23rd December 2012. 19 Project Institutions and 52 faculty members attended the academic capacity development and networking programme.

Decision Taken:

- i. A calendar of similar quality circles be drawn up with other IITs
- ii. Sustainable plans for quality circles anchored in IITs be encouraged and to enable them towards this end, IITs with proposals for anchoring quality circles with TEQIP institutions may include the support of an academic resource support unit under TEQIP as part of the proposal to be approved of by the chairperson of NSC.
- iii. Tie up of TEQIP Institutions with IIT Bombay's project on "training upto 15,000 engineering teachers across the country" under National Mission on Teachers and Teaching be explored for implemented.

3. Establishing Centres of Excellence in Project Institutions:

Proposals had been invited from institutions in 1.2 category for establishing Centres of Excellence (CoE). 30 such centres have to be established. 138 Proposals had been received and evaluated in terms of basic eligibility indicated in the guidelines shared for CoE. 57 proposals were found eligible for further technical appraisal.

Decision taken :

- i. Approval was accorded to 57 proposals shortlisted for technical appraisal
- ii. Additional 28 proposals that meet the basic eligibility criteria except accreditation, because the accreditation application was pending would also be included in the zone of technical appraisal.
- iii. A rigorous technical appraisal should be ensured.
- iv. The final shortlisted proposals would be approved by the chairperson NSC
- v. Funds should be released in this fiscal year.

4. Learning Forum for Mentors:

The NSC noted that a learning forum had been organised and that more were suggested. However, the NSC expressed concern that optimum quality support from mentors was not yet forthcoming.

Decision taken:

- i. Performance of Mentors needs to be reviewed based on the visits made by them and the quality of their reports. Those who had not performed upto the mark should be relieved of this responsibility
- ii. Additionally, new mentors need to be identified.

5. Decentralization of procurement activities and other administrative approvals.

Feedback from the institutes in the TEQIP workshop held in September 2012 indicated that centralised procedures and approval processes have been major reasons for implementation delays. Rigid sub-set limits within broad categories of academic, procurement etc have also constrained flexible contextualisation of the project resources at the institute level and created a situation where despite availability of funds, decisions on their use have been hemmed in by rigid uniform activity wise limits leading to stagnant spending. The state secretaries present in the meeting also emphatically raised the issue of over-centralised management and its adverse impact on expenditure.

In response to the work- shop feed- back, the NPIU had already decentralised approval processes for procurement, international travel for academic participation of faculty, inter-se change of activities, keeping procurement at or below 50%.

Decision taken:

The NSC approved of action taken by the NPIU to decentralise approval processes.

6. Evaluation by IIM, Udaipur :

Decision taken:

- i. Extension of one year more for TEQIP-II should be sought.

7. TEQIP Phase-III : In view of the beneficial impact of TEQIP-I and II, the third phase of TEQIP should be planned for. Its broad conceptual framework should be formulated in the light of the experience and insights of TEQIP-I and II and an assessment of the priorities of the Twelfth Plan.

8. Status of Release of Funds:

7.1 The chairperson expressed concern over tardy expenditure. The main reasons for this were identified as:

- i. Delay in start up activities like identification and selection of project institutions, and MoUs with them. Time over-run in this was almost a whole year, thereby reducing the quantum of fund that should have been released by this time.
- ii. Centralised approval processes
- iii. Delay in release of State share by State Governments
- iv. Delay in transfer of funds by State Governments to institutes.

It was expected that with decentralisation of decision making and approval processes, and flexibility in choice of project components according to the dynamic needs of the institutes, expenditure rate would be accelerated.

7.2 The NSC expressed its dissatisfaction over the non-release of funds in the following cases and directed that the matter be taken up again with respective State Governments,

(i) State Govt of Andhra Pradesh for expediting the release of funds to the following 04 institutions:

- Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam
- GITAM Institute of Technology - GITAM University , Vishakhapatnam
- Sreenidhi Institute of Science & Technology, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad
- VR Siddhartha Engineering College, Kanuru, Vijaywada

and (ii) the State of Chhattisgarh for expediting the release of funds to the following 04 institutions:

- Government Engineering College, Bilaspur
- Government Engineering College, Jagdalpur, Bastar
- Government Engineering College, Raipur
- Rungta College of Engineering & Technology, Bhilai

Decision taken:

- i. All efforts to be made to push expenditure.
- ii. State Secretaries heading the SPFUs to monitor expenditure on a monthly basis.
- iii. Proposal for setting up State Societies for TEQIP to be formulated at the earliest on the pattern of SSA
- iv. In view of the delayed start up of TEQIP-II, a one year extension of TEQIP-II should be sought.

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

Annex

List of Participants for 8th NSC Meeting held on 23rd January 2013

Sl. No.	Name & Address
1	Shri Ashok Thakur, IAS, Secretary (HE) Chairperson, NSC, MHRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2	Ms. Amita Sharma, IAS, Additional Secretary (T) & NPD (TEQIP), MHRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
3	Shri Ajay Misra, IAS, Principal Secretary (HE), Government of Andhra Pradesh
4	Shri T Natrajan, IAS, Commissioner (TE), Government of Gujarat
5	Shri Pawan Agrawal, Advisor, Planning Commission, New Delhi
6	Prof. S.S. Mantha, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi
7	Shri Shailendra Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Mgmt.), MHRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
8	Dr. A Mukhopadhyay, Sc & Engineering Research Council, Dept. of S & T, New Delhi
9	Shri Sunil Kumar Sarangi, Director, NIT-Rourkela, Odisha
10	Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Assistant Director, Department of S & T, Government of Bihar
11	Dr. Sandhya Chintala, Sr. Director, NASSCOM, New Delhi
12	Ms Avneet Bajaj, Deputy Director, NASSCOM, New Delhi
13	Shri S. Krishnan, Vice President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi
14	Shri Subhash Sapru, Deputy Director, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), New Delhi
15	Dr. Rita Goyal, Sr. Consultant (Academic), National Project Implementation Unit, Noida

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (TEQIP) PHASE-II

**Evaluation of IDPs of Govt. funded / Govt. aided Institutions under Sub-component 1.1
- 2nd Cycle of selection of Institutions**

(a) Proposals recommended for selection

S. No.	Name of the State/CFI	Registration No.	Type of Institution (Govt/Govt Aided)	Name of the Institution
1	Tamil Nadu	TN-II/GA-1/4	Govt Aided	Thiagaraja College of Engineering, Madurai
2	Tamil Nadu	TN-II/GA-2/4	Govt Aided	P.S.G College of Technology, Coimbatore
3	Kerala	KE-II/G-1/6	Government	Government Engineering College, wayanad Thalappuzha
4	West Bengal	WB-II/G-1/2	Government	Govt College of Engineering and Textile & Technology, Berhampore
5	Kerala	KE-II/GA-6/6	Govt Aided	Thangal Kunju Musaliar College of Engineering, Karicode, Kollam
6	Kerala	KE-II/G-2/6	Government	Government Engineering College, Sreekrishnapuram,
7	Tamil Nadu	TN-II/G-4/4	Government	Bharathidasan Institute of Technology Campus, Trichirapalli
8	Kerala	KE-II/G-3/6	Government	College of Engineering, Adoor, Manakkala
9	UT-Chandigarh	UT-CHD-II/G-1/1	Government (Univ. Dept.)	University Institute of Chemical Engineering and Technology UICET), Punjab University, Chandigarh
10	West Bengal	WB-II/GA-2/2	Govt Aided	Murshidabad College of Engineering and Technology, Berhampore, Murshidabad
11	Punjab	PB-II/G-2/4	Government	College of Agriculture Engineering and Technology, Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana
12	Tamil Nadu	TN-II/GA-3/4	Govt Aided	Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore,
13	Kerala	KE-II/G-5/6	Government	College of Engineering, Karunagappaly, Thodiyoor, Kollam
14	Maharashtra	MH-II/GA-4/4	Govt Aided (Univ. Dept.)	Department of Technology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur
15	CFI	CFI-II/G-1/1	Government	National institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research, Chandigarh (NITTTR)
16	Andhra Pradesh	AP-II/G-1/2	Government	University College of Engineering, Kakatiya University, Kothagudem
17	Andhra Pradesh	AP-II/G-2/2	Government	JNTU College of Engineering, Pulivendula, Kadapa District
18	Rajasthan	RJ-II/GA-3/4	Govt Aided	College of Engineering and Technology, Bikaner
19	Kerala	KE-II/G-4/6	Government	College of Engineering, Cherthala, Pallippuram, Alappuzha
20	Rajasthan	RJ-II/GA-2/4	Govt Aided	Mahila Engineering College Govt Women Engg College), Ajmer
21	Rajasthan	RJ-II/GA-1/4	Govt Aided	Engineering College, Jhalawar
22	Tripura	TR-II/G-1/1	Government	Tripura Institute of Technology, Narsingarh, Tripura
23	Maharashtra	MH-II/GA-2/4	Govt Aided (Univ. Dept.)	Department of Chemical Technology, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon
24	Gujarat	GU-II/G-5/5	Government	Government Engineering College, Patan
25	Gujarat	GU-II/G-4/5	Government	Government Engineering College, Rajkot
26	Gujarat	GU-II/G-2/5	Government	Shantilal Shah Engg. College, Bhavnagar
27	Punjab	PB-II/G-4/4	Government (Univ Dept.)	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
28	Gujarat	GU-II/G-1/5	Government	Lukhidhirji Engg. College, Morbi
29	Gujarat	GU-II/G-3/5	Government	Government Engineering College, Gandhinagar

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S. No.	Name of the State/CFI	Registration No.	Type of Institution (Govt/Govt Aided)	Name of the Institution
(b) Proposal required to submit Improved IDPs to SPFU by 15th February 2013				
30	Rajasthan	RJ-II/G-4/4	Government	Engineering College, Bharatpur
31	Bihar	BI-I/G-2/4	Government	Gaya College of Engineering, Gaya
32	Bihar	BI-I/G-3/4	Government	Darbhanga College of Engineering, Darbhanga
33	Bihar	BI-I/G-1/4	Government	Motihari College of Engineering, Motihari
(c) Proposals not fulfilling the Eligibility Requirements for evaluation by NEC				
S.No.	Name of the State/CFI	Registration No.	Type of Institution (Govt/Govt Aided)	Name of the Institution
34	Bihar	BI-I/GA-4/4	Govt Aided	Birla Institute of Technology, Patna
35	Haryana	HA-II/GA-1/2	Govt Aided	BPS Mahila Vishwavidhalaya Khanpur Kalan (Sonipat)
36	Haryana	HA-II/G-2/2	Government	CDLM Govt Engg. College Panniwala Mota, Sirsa
37	Maharashtra	MH-II/GA-1/4	Govt Aided	Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur
38	Maharashtra	MH-II/GA-3/4	Govt Aided	Department of Chemical Technology, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad
39	Punjab	PB-II/G-1/4	Government	Malout institute of management and Information Technology, Malout
40	Punjab	PB-II/GA-3/4	Govt Aided	Baba Hira Singh Bhattal Institute of Engg and Technology, Lehra Gagga

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