

## **MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE CONSTITUTED FOR CONDUCTING ALL INDIA SURVEY ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

The first meeting of the Task Force constituted for conducting higher education survey was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 in the Committee Room No. 112-C wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is enclosed.

At the outset of the meeting, Shri Sunil Kumar, Chairman of the Task Force, welcomed the members of the Task Force. He highlighted the issues of inadequate database on higher education sector, problems being faced due to diversity and autonomy of higher education institution etc. The objective and need of conducting a survey on higher education was also explained by him.

Ms Ruchika Gupta, Deputy Director made a power point presentation on behalf of MHRD highlighting the objectives , terms of references & issues for discussion in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting . After the presentation, the members of the Task Force were requested to give their views for conducting the all India survey on higher education keeping the agenda points into consideration.

Vice – Chancellor NUEPA, informed that there is a complete database for elementary education (DISE) developed by NUEPA in which data is generated by schools directly and a similar system could be explored for higher education sector also. Regarding the all India survey on Higher Education he emphasized that preparing a core list of institutions is of utmost priority and it should be a part of the survey itself. He suggested listing all the universities at first instances and then colleges may be trapped through universities. The whole database may be relooked at a regular interval say, 2 years & there should be provision for capturing new institutions. He advocated decentralized planning for conducting the survey. He suggested involving multiple agencies and conduct of pilot survey in small State. Agencies like IMRB, ORG etc could be explored for conducting the survey. Students may be trapped through examination body of universities and all the Post Secondary Courses should be covered under survey. He also emphasized that filling up of the data capture format (DCF) must be made mandatory for every university through online mode. Different Data Capture Format (DCF) may be used for different type of institutions.

Director (HE) NCT of Delhi extended full support to the valuable input forward by VC NUEPA and suggested that representative of some more States may also be co-opted as a member of the Task Force.

Joint Secretary MCI stated that there should be uniformity in the format and it must be made mandatory for all the institutions to provide data in soft format. A unique ID may be given for each State/ University/ Student.

ADG, ICAR stressed that the multi-prolonged approach need to be adopted for conducting the survey & DCF should be simplified to the extent possible. There should be separate DCF for universities and colleges. Nodal agency may be identified to co-ordinate the survey activities. He felt that there is no need for conducting pilot survey.

Secretary, UGC stated that there is a problem of poor response from universities in giving data. Hence, she suggested to make each university a nodal agency, provide them with monetary incentives and also proposed for certificate from the MHRD.

Chief Statistical Officer of UGC informed that they have a list of 22,000 colleges. Still, the coverage for the survey and data collection should be increased by identifying the core institutions. He also reiterated that unique code may be given to each institution and keeping the objective of the survey in mind only basic information like name, location, students, teachers etc. should be collected during the survey.

Registrar, GGSIU also reinforced for a unique ID and to involve private sector to conduct survey on higher education. He suggested to have optimum utilization of Technology for speedy retrieval and reliable data.

Technical Director, NIC informed that they have conducted admissions in U.P. through centralized counseling and in Andhra Pradesh by one entrance examination. He suggested for a unique and simplified format online, which much be made mandatory to be updated on a regular basis.

Member Secretary, AICTE said that the proposed survey would be useful for gathering baseline information. There should be different approaches for collecting the data from organized and unorganized sector of higher education. As regard to organised sector, statutory bodies such as UGC, AICTE, MCI etc can play important role, universities may be made nodal points etc. For unorganized

sector, State Directorate of Technical Education may be approached. All the stake-holders including State authorities may be fully involved in the survey. Possibilities may be explored for conducting the survey through National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO). The DCF must be simple and methodology adopted in conducting the survey should be documented and distributed among the functionary involved in the survey. Proper orientation may be given for ensuring authenticity, credibility and reliability of data. As technology is a national mission, the data bank may be designed through NIC and MHRD may act as a Nodal agency.

While concluding, VC, NUEPA suggested that either of the following two approach could be adopted for conducting the survey

- (i) All the Nodal Agencies such as UGC, AICTE, MCI, ICAR etc may be requested to prepare list of institutions under their control and prepare Data capture Format also..
- (ii) All the Nodal Agencies such as UGC, AICTE, MCI, ICAR etc may be requested to prepare core list and conduct survey in a given geographical area.

Finally, the chairman of the committee sum-up the discussions held during the meeting and following decisions were taken.

- 1. All efforts would be made to complete the Survey till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.**
- 2. Data Capture Format will be made simpler and it will be different for different type of institutions/ disciplines. A small team consisting of following members has been constituted for preparing DCF.**
  - (i) **Shri Chander Kant, Chairman**
  - (ii) **Ms. Ruchika Gupta, Deputy Director, MHRD**
  - (iii) **Shri M.S.Yadav, Chief Statistical Officer, UGC**
  - (iv) **Shri Bharat Bhushan, Deputy Director, DEC**

**The DCF prepared by this group will be circulated to all the members of the Task Force for discussion in the next meeting.**

3. Any degree/diploma (more than 9 months) after Post Secondary Level will be included in the survey.
4. Multi-prolonged approach will be adopted in conducting the survey.
5. Different approaches will be adopted for collecting the data from organized and unorganized sector of higher education. State Governments may be approached for capturing data on unorganized sector.
6. ADG, ICAR will be a member of Task Force in place of Joint Secretary, DARE.
6. Following members will be co-opted as a member of the Task Force.
  - (i) Principal Secretary(Higher Education) or his/her representative Government of Gujarat,
  - (ii) Principal Secretary (Higher Education) or his/her Representative, Government of Tamil Nadu
  - (iii) Principal Secretary (Higher Education) or his/her Representative, Government of Assam
  - (iv) Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education
  - (v) Registrar, University of Mumbai
  - (vi) Deputy Director General (Social Statistics Division), CSO
  - (vii) Director, Distance Education Council

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair

## List of Participants

Sh. Sunil Kumar, Additional Secretary MHRD	Chairman
Dr. N. A. Kazmi, Secretary, UGC	Member
Sh. D. K. Paliwal, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member
Dr. P. Prasannaraj, Joint Secretary, Medical Council of India	Member
Prof. R. Govinda, Vice Chancellor, NUEPA	Member
Shri Rajesh Somaal, Director (HE), Directorate of Education, Government of Delhi	Member (Representing Principal Secretary, Govt. of Delhi)
Prof. Avinash Sharma GGSSIP University, New Delhi	Member (Representing Registrar GGSSIP University)
Shri. U. S. Tolia, Registrar IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
Dr. V.V.S. Murthy, Sr. Technical Director NIC	Member (Representing DDG, NIC)
Dr. R. K. Mittal, ADG (EQR) ICAR, New Delhi	Member (Representing DARE)
Sh. P. K. Panda, Additional Director, Directorate of Education, Government of Delhi,.	Invitee
Sh. Vijendra Kumar, AD (Planning) Directorate of Education, Government of Delhi.	Invitee

Shri M.S. Yadav, Chief Statistical Officer,  
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