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Government of India

Ministry of Human Resource Development

Department of Higher Education

Technical Section-II

New Delhi, dated 22nd October, 2014.

ORDER

Subject: Constitution of All India Council for Technical Education Review Committee to restructure & strengthen the Technical Education Sector.

Indian Technical Education sector has witnessed vast growth in terms of expansion as well as quality. The number of technical institutions in the country has increased manifolds since last two decades. Such expansion and massification has thrown up a wide variety of challenges and addressing these challenges by maintaining quality and adoption of world class norms would constitute the key to ensure advances in the Human Development Index of the Country and transform the country into a knowledge society.

2. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) was set up in 1987 by an Act of Parliament [i.e. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987]. The definition of technical education under the AICTE Act, 1987 is "programmes of education, research and training in engineering, technology, architecture, town planning, management, pharmacy and applied arts and crafts and such other programmes or areas as the Central Government may, in consultation with the Council, by notification in the Official gazette, declare."

3. However, there is a realization that the AICTE is finding it difficult to match the demand of private players in the field of technical education. It is a fact that lot of private institutions have come up in technical education sector and there is a growing trend of commercialization of technical education and the laid down norms and standards of technical education are not fully implemented. The technical education sector needs to be reoriented in light of these difficulties and globalization and competition in economy and the technical education needs to be redefined. Therefore, it is imperative that an urgent review of the AICTE be conducted.

4. The Central Government, therefore, recognizing the need for restructuring and strengthening the All India Council for Technical Education to address imperatives and challenges in the Technical Education Sector for fullest realization of the higher/technical learning and research potential in the Country, hereby constitutes a AICTE Review Committee with the following members:

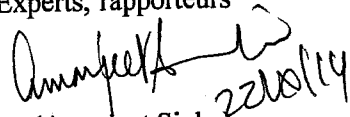
- (i) Mr. M.K. Kaw (Ex-Secretary, MHRD).....Chairman
- (ii) Prof. Dr. A.K. Aggarwal (VC, Gujarat Technological University).....Member
- (iii) Prof. U.B. Desai, (Director, IIT Hyderabad).....Member
- (iv) Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala (IIT, Chennai)Member

5. The Committee shall conduct a review of the present status of AICTE and suggest restructuring and re-organizing of AICTE for attaining even better performance to meet the desired objectives. The Committee shall also suggest amendments to the AICTE Act, 1987, and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. The following shall be the items of review / Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Committee:

- (i) Evaluation of the performance of the AICTE in coordinating and determining standards of education in technical institutions, conducting an audit of its regulatory reach and identifying strengths and weaknesses on this aspect. (This will also include an evaluation of the performance of the Regional Offices of the AICTE)
- (ii) Requirement of regulatory space for the AICTE vis-à-vis other regulatory bodies for providing educational leadership in the technical education sector.
- (iii) Analysis of the regulatory function vis-a-vis grant disbursing function of the AICTE and recommending changes in the balance between the twin functions.
- (iv) To suggest way and means to set up a robust accreditation system in the technical education sector to meet the challenges of mandatory accreditation.
- (v) Use of Information and Communication Technology along-with Business Analytics.
- (vi) Revamping the grant disbursing function of the AICTE to introduce effectiveness and efficiency for timely utilization of grants.
- (vii) Analyze the way AICTE staff is organized in head office and regional offices and suggest re-structuring of the entire AICTE including its regional offices.
- (viii) Measures for enhancing quality research in technical education and ushering a climate of innovation in technical education sector in the country.
- (ix) Measures for effectively regulating distance education and online education in the country and to harness the technology for enabling access to technical educational institutions
- (x) New measures for enhancing student mobility and internationalization/globalization of the technical education sector
- (xi) Suggest amendments in the AICTE Act, 1987 to meet the present day requirements
- (xii) Suggest measures for industry persons (from Govt., PSUs and Pvt.) to be appointed as faculty on deputation and possible amendments in Regulations of AICTE.
- (xiii) Suggest measures for streamlining the vocationalization of technical education.
- (xiv) Regulation of Private Not-for-Profit entities in technical education and also measures to curb commercialization.
- (xiv) Suggest measures to issue equivalency in all levels of degrees and NSQF
- (xv) Any other item as deemed fit by the Committee.

6. The Committee shall submit its report within a period of six months from the date of issue of order for constituting the Committee. The Committee shall cease to function on the day it submits its report to the Government. The AICTE shall provide all secretarial assistance and logistics support to the Chairman and Members of the Committee. This will include expenditure on travel and accommodation of the Committee on its visits for conducting interaction with technical educational institutions and academics.

7. The Committee may devise its own methodology and processes for its functioning. The Committee may also engage Experts, rapporteurs and raconteurs as required by it for enabling smooth progress in its working. The expenditure for engagement of such Experts, rapporteurs and raconteurs may also be borne by the AICTE.


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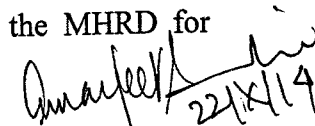
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To:

The Chairman and all Members of the Committee.

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7. All Joint Secretaries in the Department of Higher Education, MHRD.
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