Subject: **Minutes of Meeting of Review held for the ''Scheme for financial assistance to select states for skill development in ESDM sector'**

A meeting to review the progress of various stakeholders including State Implementing Agencies (SIA) and Key Implementing Agencies (viz. SSCs and NIELIT) made so far in the 'Scheme for financial assistance to select states for skill development in ESDM sector' was held via Video Conference at 9.30 AM on 16.01.2015 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, DeitY. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

2.   At the outset, Chairman welcomed the participants and sought to know the progress and status of the Scheme in all the selected 8 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Telangana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. He also informed that under the aegis of 'Digital India' programme, the department has approved another enhanced Scheme for "**Skill Development in ESDM for Digital India**" on 09.12.2014 to cover all the remaining States/UTs with a target of skilling 3,28,000 persons in a period of 4 years at an outlay of Rs. 411 crore (approx.). This is in continuation of the existing Scheme being implemented in 8 states and both the Schemes are to be implemented concurrently. He further informed that under the new Scheme a provision has been included to reward the well performing States/UTs who quickly achieve their targets by allotting them additional seats over and above their assigned targets. He requested all the States to make use of these provisions by achieving their targets as early as possible.

3.   Thereafter, the Chairman requested all the States to one by one present their status of implementation, action plan and the impediments faced, if any. All the SIAs informed about the status, progress made and issues faced in their respective states. A brief summary of the deliberations and the recommendations made are brought out in the succeeding section:

3.1   **State-wise deliberations and recommendations:**

i)   **Andhra Pradesh:** The State of Andhra Pradesh informed that they have selected "Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation" as their SIA and requested to hold an ESDM workshop in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The Chairman informed that a workshop could be held at a mutually convenient date in Feb/March 2015 but the training programme should be rolled out without waiting for the workshop. The SIA of Andhra Pradesh requested to sign a MoU with DeitY.

Recommendations: Chairman directed that DeitY would send the duly approved scanned copy of the MoU via email for signatures of the CEO of designated SIA. After signatures, the same would be returned back to DeitY for signatures of Competent Authority. The Chairman further directed the SIA to immediately roll-out the courses without waiting any further.
[**Action by: DeitY/SIA of Andhra Pradesh**]

ii)   **Jammu & Kashmir:** The Secretary, IT, Govt. of J&K informed that they had signed a MoU with MTL in July 2014, however, owing to certain issues they are in the process of cancelling the said MoU. It was further informed that they are in the process of signing an MoU with the SSCs and NIELIT. Representative of ESSCI informed that they have mobilised more than 1000 candidates in the state of J&K and they are awaiting the directions from SIA to start the training activities. NIELIT also indicated their readiness to launch the training activities subject to clearance by SIA.

Recommendations: The Chairman directed the SIA to provide necessary clearance to SSCs and NIELIT for immediate roll-out of the scheme without waiting any further. It was further indicated that the State Govt. needs to provide necessary support to the SIA for implementation of the Scheme.
[**Action by: SIA of Jammu & Kashmir/Govt. of J&K**]

iii)   **Karnataka:** The State of Karnataka informed that they have already given work orders to ESSCI and TSSC and have identified 20 Training partners affiliated to SSCs and NIELIT. It was also informed that 475 students have been enrolled for 5 courses and also informed that training of 1 batch of the

TSSC course "Handset repair Engineer (Level 2)" has been completed with 7 students passing out of 13 students who appeared for the certification. SIA of Karnataka also informed about the various implementation techniques they have adopted in order to implement the scheme. SIA also informed that they are planning a Job Fair in March 2015 that would showcase the Training partners and various stakeholders on a single platform. The Chairman appreciated these initiative of Karnataka. The SIA of Karnataka requested for a clarification on Service Tax applicability on ESDM courses.

Recommendations: The Chairman directed the SIA for immediately starting the training activities as proposed and also launch more courses in line with the requirements of the state. It was also directed that DeitY needs to look into the issue of Service Tax applicability and inform all the stakeholders accordingly.

[**Action by: SIA of Karnataka/DeitY**]

iv) **Kerala:** The SIA of Kerala informed that 785 students have been enrolled for 5 courses and since the enrolled students are students pursuing regular academic courses and that they are having examinations in February & March, and hence, the courses can start only by end of March 2015. It was also informed that the state of Kerala had enrolled 3800 students in 13 courses in the year 2014, but only 1 (Certificate Course in Electronic Product Testing) out of the 13 courses is in the ESDM list of approved courses. It was informed that 135 students were enrolled in the course certified by ESSCI which was however duly approved and requested to consider the same under the ESDM Scheme. ESSCI/NIELIT also indicated their readiness to launch the training activities.

Recommendations: It was agreed that since the training for 135 enrolled candidates in the 'Certificate Course in Electronic Product Testing' was done subsequent to approval of the Scheme, the same are approved for inclusion in the Scheme subject to their final certification after assessment. The Chairman directed the SIA to immediately start the training activities as proposed and also launch more courses from the approved list. As regards, new courses which are not included in the list of courses, it was directed that the SIA may submit the details of such courses along with justification for including the same to DeitY for consideration by the Expert Committee.

[**Action by: SIA of Kerala**]

v) **Punjab:** The State of Punjab informed that they have prepared/finalised the MoU to be signed with SSCs and NIELIT which is going to be signed shortly and thereafter the training activities would be launched. ESSCI also informed that they have mobilised around 1000 candidates in the State of Punjab and are awaiting clearance from the SIA. NIELIT also indicated their readiness to launch the training activities subject to clearance by SIA.

Recommendations: The Chairman directed the SIA to provide necessary clearance to SSCs and NIELIT for immediate roll-out of the scheme without waiting any further. It was further indicated that the State Govt. needs to provide necessary support to the SIA for implementation of the Scheme.

[**Action by: SIA of Punjab**]

vi) **Telangana:** The state of Telangana informed that they have renamed their earlier SIA "Andhra Pradesh Society for Knowledge Network" to "Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK)" and written to DeitY for accepting this change. ESSCI also informed that they have mobilised around 500 candidates in the State of Telangana.

Recommendations: The Chairman indicated as the implementing agency has only been renamed, DeitY does not have any objection to the same and the same may be treated as approved. Accordingly, the existing MoU that was signed with Andhra Pradesh Society for Knowledge Network which had covered both the states of AP as well as Telangana (both physical targets as well as financial details) needs to be treated as cancelled and a fresh MoU needs to be signed with "Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK)" for the state of Telangana. Chairman directed that DeitY would send the duly approved scanned copy of the MoU via email for signatures by the CEO of designated SIA. After signatures the same may be returned back to DeitY for signatures of Competent Authority. The Chairman further directed the SIA to immediately roll-out the courses without waiting any further.

[**Action by: SIA of Telangana/DeitY**]

vii) **Uttarakhand:** SIA of Uttarakhand informed that they have been assigned Level L1-L2 for which there are only 3 courses in the approved list of ESDM courses. He further informed that there is demand of only 1 course (Installation & Maintenance of Photocopiers and Printers Photocopier), hence he requested to increase the number of L1-L2 courses in the approved list of courses. ESSCI also informed that they have mobilised several candidates in the state of Uttarakhand and are awaiting clearance from the SIA. It was also informed that the State of Uttarakhand has been included in the new Scheme to conduct the L3 to L5 courses.

Recommendations: The Chairman directed the SIA to immediately start the training activities/ courses from the list of approved courses and provided necessary clearance to the SSCs and NIELIT to conduct the courses. As regards, new courses which are not included in the list of courses, it was directed that the SIA may submit the details of such courses along with justification for including the same to DeitY for consideration by the Expert Committee.

[**Action by: SIA of Uttarakhand**]

viii) **Uttar Pradesh:** The State of Uttar Pradesh informed that they did not receive the 25% overhead and placement assistance amount due to a pending UC at their end. It was informed that due approvals to surrender the unutilised amount has been taken and DeitY is being informed accordingly. ESSCI also informed that they have mobilised around 1000 candidates in the state and are awaiting clearance from the SIA. NIELIT also indicated their readiness to launch the training activities subject to clearance by SIA.

Recommendations: The Chairman directed the SIA to immediately start the training activities/ courses from the list of approved courses and provide necessary clearance to the SSCs and NIELIT to conduct the courses.

[**Action by: SIA of Uttar Pradesh**]

3.2 **Other recommendations:**

i) **List of Affiliated Training Partners**: It was recommended that a list of all training partners affiliated with SSCs and NIELIT in all the 36 States/UTs should be shared with all the SIAs. The Chairman directed all the three key implementing agencies viz. ESSCI, TSSC and NILEIT to send the list of their affiliated training partners to DeitY. This list would be made available to all the SIAs and also placed at DeitY's website and ESDM Skill Development portal being developed for the Scheme for information of all concerned.

[**Action by: SSCs and NIELIT/DeitY**]

ii) **Addition of new courses**: It was recommended that all the SIAs may propose new courses, to be added to the approved list of courses, based on demand and employability prospects. The SIAs may send the details of the courses in the prescribed Proforma (**Annexure-II**) along with the detailed justification for inclusion based on the demand and employability perspective. All the proposed courses would be put up before the Expert Committee for recommendations and approval. All the SIAs to share list of proposed new courses at the earliest and latest by 6th Feb. 2015.

[**Action by: SIAs of all 8 States**]

iii) Scheme mandates training for 60% General and 40% Reserved category candidates (15% SC, 7.5% ST, 17.5% EWS). However it was brought to notice that all States do not have SC or ST in the desired ratio e.g. Punjab has no population of ST. The Chairman recommended that overall ratio of General vs. Reserved Category should be maintained in the Scheme for each Level and it can be adjusted across the States, if required. It was recommended that if sufficient number of candidates are not available in any category, then with due approval from respective SIA, they may be filled with candidates from SC/ST/EWS in that order as applicable. This may be included in the scheme guidelines.

[**Action by: DeitY**]

iv) Next review meeting to be scheduled in the month of February, 2015.

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

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List of participants in the Review meeting held for the ''Scheme for financial assistance to select states for skill development in ESDM sector' held via Video Conference at 9.30 AM on 16.01.2015 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, DeitY

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2. Dr. Ghanta Subba Rao, MD & CEO, APSSDC [Andhra Pradesh]
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18. Shri Anil Kumar Srivastava, Attached Officer, IRDT [Uttarakhand]
19. Shri Vishnu Mohan, Assistant Manager (CE&T), U.P. Electronics Corporation Limited [Uttar Pradesh]
20. Shri Saurabh Gupta, SIO, NIC, Lucknow, UP [Uttar Pradesh]

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Skill Development Course in ESDM
Proposal by State of <_____>

Level Code:		Vertical Name:	

Course Code:	To be filled by PMU	Course Name:	

Objective of the Course:

Learning Outcomes:

Expected Job Roles:

Duration of the Course (in hours)	

Minimum Eligibility Criteria and pre-requisites, if any	

Professional Knowledge:

Professional Skill:

Core Skill:

Detailed Syllabus of Course

Module. No	Module. Name	Minimum No. of Hours

Total Theory / Lecture Hours:	
Total Practical / Tutorial Hours:	
Total Hours:	

Recommended Hardware:

Recommended Software:

Text Books:

Reference Books: