

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE CONSTITUTED FOR CONDUCTING ALL INDIA SURVEY ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The sixth meeting of the Task Force constituted for conducting All India Survey on Higher Education was held on 22nd June, 2012 in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri Sunil Kumar, Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh. The list of participants is annexed.

The Task Force has taken the following decisions:

1. Since data for the year 2010-11 could not be collected from all the Institutions, Task Force endorsed the proposal of the Ministry to estimate the data on the basis of sample of collected data keeping in view the sufficiency of sample size. Task Force empowered the Group constituted for estimation to finalise the estimates and estimation methodology.
2. Sri Amit Khare, JS(P) raised issues related to estimation of data and emphasized that the methodology for estimating the GER and other indicators should be well documented. MHRD should be in a position to explain the related queries, limitations and also the reasons for higher enrolment figures. He also appreciated the incorporation of additional items such as scholarship, education loan in DCF to be revised for future. Task Force took note of his concerns and recommended for proper documentation of estimation methodology and related issues, while releasing the reports.
3. Survey Reports may be released in phases. First Report on Provisional Results (actual as well as estimated at All India Level) of the survey may be released on the basis of data collected upto 30th June, 2012. Before finalizing the Report, a draft version should be submitted to Secretary (Higher Education) and Hon'ble HRM.
4. Data collection for the year 2010-11 may be continued till September, 2012. The estimation of data should be refined iteratively as more institutions upload data between 30.06.2012 and 30.09.2012.
5. Task Force appreciated the work done by the team headed by Ms. Rachna Srivastava, Sr. Technical Director, NIC for their valuable contribution in developing the e-version of DCFs.

6. Task Force expressed its concerns on the quality of the reports and also on that some of the Reports are still pending. NIC was requested to rectify all the reports by 30th June, 2012 and prepare the remaining reports by 10th July, 2012.

7. Apart from Static Reports, A presentation was made by the Business Group of NIC in regard to user friendly customized Reports based on the sample data collected under the survey, which was appreciated by the Task Force. NIC was requested to prepare the Customised Reports before the next year survey is launched. Financial Requirement, if any, for the development of Customised Reports may be sent to MHRD immediately so that further action could be initiated.

8. Since the survey is being undertaken for the first time, NIC was also requested to be flexible in their approach if any modification is required in the reports as well as user management.

9. UGC was requested to share the estimation methodology adopted historically by them in estimating the data, which may be considered by estimation group while developing the estimation methodology for estimating the survey data. UGC was also requested to share the actual data collected from Institutions for the year 2010-11. This may be used to fill the data gaps and verification of data collected under the survey.

10. Project Unit of NUEPA appraised the Task Force about its Contribution in terms of correspondences made with the Institutions. They also informed that 447 bills (out of 542 bills received) have been settled till date and about 9000 bills are yet to be received by them. NUEPA was requested to settle all the claims of the Institutions/ Agencies for 2010-11 survey. Payments to the affiliating colleges may be made on the pro-rata basis if sufficient number of colleges has uploaded the form.

11. Task Force felt that the survey having gained momentum ought to continue annually as the learning acquired during the survey for the year 2010-11 should be gainfully leveraged. Survey for the year 2011-12 may be started by 1st September, 2012. In this regard NIC was requested to make modifications in the Forms as well as Institutional Management in consultation with MHRD. However, MHRD should take a decision about the continuity of the survey.

12. Modifications in the Data Capture Format for the year 2011-12 were discussed in the meeting and Task Force broadly agreed on the changes to be incorporated. It was decided that the final version of DCFs will be sent to Task Force members for endorsement.

13. Provision of Honorarium to the Institutions may be continued for the year 2011-12 also. JS (P), MHRD was requested to make financial provisions in this regard. It was informed by Statistics Division, MHRD that a scheme has been proposed during XII Plan. Since XII plan is not yet finalized, approval of the scheme may get delayed. Keeping this in view, some alternate arrangements may be made for the release of money, if required.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

Annex

6th Meeting of the Task Force on 22.06.2012 in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

List of Participants

1. Shri Sunil Kumar, Chief Secretary, Govt. Of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. Shri Amit Khare, JS (A & P), MHRD, New Delhi
3. Shri R.P.Sisodia, JS (HE), MHRD, New Delhi
4. Dr. Vijay P. Goel, DDG, MHRD, New Delhi.
5. Shri M. S. Yadav, CSO, UGC, New Delhi
6. Ms. P. Bolina, Project Director, NUEPA, New Delhi
7. Shri D.P.Bhatnagar, Consultant, NUEPA, New Delhi
8. Shri. H. Borah, Director, SSD, CSO, New Delhi
9. Shri Sahdev Singh, Under Secretary, DHE, New Delhi
10. Prof. P.M.Kavimani, Additional Director, Directorate of Tech. Edu. Tamil Nadu
11. Dr. P.Sathi Reddy, Secretary, A.P.State Council of Higher Education
12. Dr. Shailesh B. Bhavsar, SNO-AISHE, Commissionerate of Higher Education, Gujarat
13. Ms. Pushpa Kumari, Statistician, University of Delhi
14. Dr. Ranvir Singh, Principal Scientist, ICAR, New Delhi
15. Shri A.K.Aggarwal, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, New Delhi
16. Shri P.Lenin, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, New Delhi
17. Ms. Rachna Srivastava, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, New Delhi
18. Shri Aayush Bagra, NIC, New Delhi
19. Ms. Daisy Gupta, NIC, New Delhi
20. Shri Dheeraj Miglani, NIC, New Delhi
21. Shri Sunny Jaiswal, Scientific Officer, NIC, New Delhi
22. Dr. Yasmin, Assistant Director, DEC, New Delhi
23. Shri Vijender Kumar, AD (P), Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
24. Shri Sanjay, Director, MHRD, New Delhi.
25. Ms. Bindu Sreedathan, Director, MHRD, New Delhi
26. Ms. Ruchika Gupta, Deputy Director, MHRD, New Delhi.
27. Shri V.B. Sharma, SSO, MHRD, New Delhi.
28. Shri Ashok Kumar, SSO, MHRD, New Delhi.