

Minutes of the Tenth National Steering (NSC) Meeting held on 28th MAY 2015 at MHRD on Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) Phase-II.

At the outset, Joint Secretary & National Project Director (TEQIP-II), and Director (TC) welcomed all the participants to the meeting. The list of participants is attached as Annex-I. The items discussed and decisions taken are as below:

Item No.10.1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of National Steering Committee (NSC) held on 9th January 2014.

The Minutes of the 9th NSC meeting were circulated to all the members. Members were requested to offer comments, if any. Since, no comments/suggestions were received from any member, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 10.2 : Action Taken Report on key decisions of the 9th NSC Meeting.

Action Taken Report on the decisions of 9th NSC was discussed and approved.

Item No. 10.3 : Re-inclusion of Nizam Institute of Engineering & Technology (NIET), Deshimukhi, Nalgonda (Andhra Pradesh).

NSC accorded in-principle approval for re-inclusion of NIET in the Project.

Decision taken:

As only 17 months are left for the closure of the Project, NSC recommended the re-inclusion of the institute with 50% reduced allocation amounting to Rs. 2.00 Crore.

Further, NSC opined that the institute may be asked to submit the following within 3 weeks to the NPIU through SPFU:

- Detailed Actions plan of the project activities to be executed with 50% of the allocation (Rs 2.00 Crore)
- Submission of the time lines for effective usage of the money within stipulated time period i.e. October 2016.

Item No. 10.4 : Progress Report on Project outcome Indicators.

The physical progress achieved during the last one year (2014-15) of project implementation with respect to the Key Performance Indicators was presented and discussed at length.

NSC took note on the progress report of the Project.

Decision taken:

It was recommended that a segregated analysis of the Transition Rate should be made. It should be calculated on the basis of the category of the institutions i.e. separate analysis for CFIs, Govt. Institutions, Govt. Aided Institutions and Private Unaided Institutions.

Item No. 10.5: Comprehensive Academic Reforms in the project.

The Progress Reports on Pedagogy through Quality Circles initiatives at IITs (Kanpur, Hyderabad, Bombay, Delhi, Guwahati, Kharagpur and Roorkee) through Knowledge Incubation Centres (KIT) and Capacity Building initiatives at IIMs (Indore, Lucknow (Noida Campus), Bangalore, Kozhikode, Raipur, Udaipur and Trichy through Management Capacity Enhancement programmes (MCEPs) were also discussed.

Regarding Quality Enhancement in Engineering Education (QEEE), it was suggested that the scope should be expanded for more institutions including training to teachers.

Item No. 10.6 : Monitoring and Evaluation of the Project Institutions.

The National Steering Committee discussed the progress achieved in conducting the Students, Faculty and Staff Satisfaction Survey and 4th JRM Aide Memoire findings. The review was well received by the members of the NSC. However, the issue of extending the benefit of training programmes offered by IITs and IIMs to non-TEQIP institutions' will be reviewed separately by MHRD.

NSC appreciated the significant progress achieved in project implementation since last NSC meeting.

Item No. 10.7: International Travel.

NSC ratified the revised guidelines for International Travel under the project, indicating that all the approvals for undertaking the international travel under project be granted by MHRD.

NSC also expressed its agreement on the recommendations of the 4th Joint Review Mission, that for the proposal for 64 institutions which have met all the required 12 performance indicators, BoG is empowered to accord approval. This criteria will be effective till the 5th JRM planned in July 2015.

Agenda Item No. 10.8: Weeding out of 19 institutions.

The recommendations of the World Bank about weeding 19 out of 190 institutions that have consistently not been able to achieve at least 60% of the indicators over the course of the past three institutional performance assessments, reviewed during the Joint Review Missions, was discussed at length.

The World Bank has recommended that institutions that will not be able to meet all the 'October 2014 PAIs' by March 31, 2015 shall be considered for weeding out from the Project.

The status of PAIs of below performing institutions was compiled by NPIU. 2 out of 19 institutions were able to comply with all the 10 PAIs.

