

ANNEXURE

(i) Composition of the State Higher Education Council

The composition of State Councils should reflect the needs and diversity of States for planning and requirement in the higher education sector. Given below is the description of the broad contours of the recommended institutional architecture of State Councils of Higher Education. The State Higher Education Council should consist of fifteen to twenty five members; each with a term of 6 years, of whom one-third will retire every two years.

The composition of the Puducherry State Higher Education Council is as follows: -

(1). **Chairman:** preferably an eminent Academic/Public intellectual with proven leadership qualities.

(2). **Vice Chairman:** must be an eminent academic administrator with proven record (rank of a Professor) – In case the chair is a non-academic person. In other cases it could be a professional from industry etc., with sufficient experience in the sector.

(3). **Member Secretary:** an eminent academic of the rank of Professor-Chief Executive.

(4). State Project Director

(5). Ten to fifteen members, individuals representing fields of arts, science and technology, culture, civil society and industry and vocational education and skill development

(6). Three Vice Chancellors of State Universities and two Principals of autonomous/affiliated colleges

(7). One nominee of the Government of India

• At any point in time, seven members of the Council should be from the state and three members must be individuals of national eminence (outside the state). Each member will have a term of 6 years; 1/3rd of the members will retire every 2 years.

The existing council will nominate 3 new members every 2 years.

• The Council must meet at least once every quarter. The Quorum for the Council meetings shall be 1/3rd of the strength, including the Chairman and Member Secretary.

TERMS OF REFERECES OF PUDUCHERRY STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL :

Formation of Councils under RUSA - states without existing State Higher Education Council

The first Council will be appointed by a five-member selection committee to be appointed by the State, whose the members must be:

- 2 eminent scientists/social scientists
- 1 former VC of a state university
- 1 former director of Institute of National repute within or outside the state
- 1 former VC of a central university

When the Council is constituted for the first time, initially, one-third of the Board members (i.e. six members) should be given one non-renewable term of six-years. Another one-third should be given a four-year term and the remaining one-third would be given a term of two years.



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