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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

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ORDER

Subject: Constitution of a committee to examine at the 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs).

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is being implemented in all participating States and U.Ts. The Project Approval Board (PAB) has met thrice to consider the higher education plans of States and U.Ts and approved proposals under various components of RUSA.

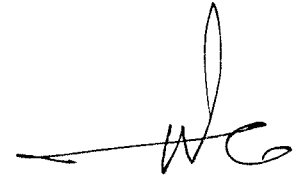
2. With the launch of RUSA, it has subsumed the erstwhile scheme of setting up of one Model Degree College in 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs). The 374 EBDs were identified on the basis of the 2001 census. Since then, the census 2011 has been completed and published. The Higher Education scenario too has changed during this period as has the GER status of all the districts in India. Many of the old districts have been bifurcated into new ones, a new state has been created. Some of the states have also stated that many of their districts do not find a mention in the list of EBDs despite having a very low GRE and institutional density.

3. Accordingly the PAB, in its meeting held on 13.05.2014, decided that a committee would be constituted to examine at the list of 374 EBDs and suggest modifications in the context described above. The committee will conduct sample surveys of districts in addition to consulting the census 2011 data, AISHE data etc. The committee should also analyse the districts the on the basis of GER in higher education, institutional density especially the College Population Index (CPI) and other criteria such as location, social and economic backwardness, other special problems like insurgency etc.,

4. The Committee will have the following members:

- i. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan
Chief Consultant (RUSA) - Chairman
- ii. Shri P. Vaiphei
Principal Secretary (Higher Educaiton)
Government of Manipur - Member
- iii. Ms. Manisha Panwar
Secretary (Education)
Government of Uttarakhand - Member

- iv. Mr. Ali Raza Rizvi
Principal Secretary (Education)
Government of Himachal Pradesh - Member
- v. Prof..B.Venkatesh Kumar
Tata Institute of Social Sciences - Member
- vi. Mr. Simanta Mohanty
Chief Consultant, RUSA - Member Convenor
4. The Committee may co-opt any other member as it feels necessary.
5. The Committee shall be provided secretarial and other assistance by the RUSA Resource Centre (RRC) for holding meetings including payment of TA/DA as per norms.
6. The committee will submit its reports/recommendations within three months from the date of its first meeting.



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To

1. All members of the Committee
2. Chief Consultant RRC
3. PS to Secretary (HE)
4. Webmaster (for uploading the same on the Ministry's website for general information)