**RUSA Review Meeting**

**Video Conference, Shastri Bhawan**

**5thNovember, 2018**

 A Video Conference was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE) to review the progress of the implementation of RUSA in the States/UTs. The list of participants is enclosed. The purpose of the meeting was to review the status of completion of the projects sanctioned under RUSA 1.0, and to elicit the status of starting of the projects under RUSA 2.0.

**RUSA 1.0.**

2. After due discussion about the progress, the following have been decided:

1. All States and UTs should ensure utilisation of at least 85% of the central grants released before 30th November 2018. The UCs for this expenditure should be sent.
2. Physical inspection reports where due should be submitted along with the UC of the penultimate instalment.
3. All States where there is a shortfall in share transfers should release their share and confirm the same by 15th Dec 2018.
4. The States and UTs where new colleges (model degree colleges and professional colleges) have been sanctioned under RUSA were requested to ensure that their respective classes commence **from the next academic session 2019-20** keeping in view the interests of the area for higher education. In order to achieve this target, the States were requested to consider starting the sessions from temporary campuses as done by IITs. States were asked to submit the report on the progress of the **above by 1st February 2019.**
5. Regarding the State of Jharkhand’s non-submission of land documents and the DPRs with respect to two professional colleges sanctioned in RUSA 1.0 in Bokaro and Godda, the State was directed to submit the land documents by 15th November, 2018, failing which the sanction to these would be cancelled.

**RUSA 2.0**

3. Regarding the RUSA 2.0, since large number of projects have been sanctioned and first release has been made, the following have been agreed to:

1. The pre-construction activities of the Model Degree colleges - provision of land, preparing designs/estimates, tendering process for construction agency - shall be completed before 30th Nov.
2. Under the component of Enhancing Quality and Excellence in Select Universities, the matching state share may be contributed at the earliest for the 4 universities which have been already released the 1st instalment of central share. For the remaining 6 universities approved under this component, revised presentations along with Action Plans must be submitted to MHRD by 15thNovember, 2018.
3. In case of both Model Degree Colleges and the Professional Colleges, suitable temporary accommodation should be found by the State Govts so as to start them from academic year 2019-20.
4. Taking necessary steps for ensuring that all the institutions eligible for accreditation (Govt./Govt. Aided/Private) are accredited by 2022 is a big priority. The States and UTs were informed that they could use the preparatory grants under RUSA to assist the institutions for obtaining NAAC accreditation.

4. Apart from the above, the following issues pertaining to the systemic improvements may be carried out by the States:

1. Passing of the State Higher Education Council (SHEC) Acts, were not done so far.
2. Implementing the graded autonomy Regulation in respect of the State Govt Universities may be done without any further delay.
3. Converting the best autonomous colleges to Universities, and creating cluster Universities - are two major structural reforms which would help in decongesting the affiliating universities. The reduced affiliation load on the State Public Universities would help in meaningful contribution on matters of academic excellence. Affiliating Universities shall not remain merely exam conducting bodies. All States may therefore take a review of the existing system and come up with ideas for bettering the same.

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