

## **REVISION OF THE SCHEME DURING XI PLAN**

The proposal of Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development for revision and expansion of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education during the XI Plan was considered by Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) at its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2007. EFC recommended comprehensive evaluation of the Teacher Education Scheme. Till such evaluation, the existing Scheme of Teacher Education may continue without any change in its existing norms and parameters. National Council for Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has been entrusted with the task to evaluate the Teacher Education Scheme.

For the purpose of carrying out the evaluation, the NCERT and its team of experts will be undertaking visits to the state governments, SCERTs and the various teacher training institutions (TTIs) of the country to obtain 'first hand' knowledge of the functioning of the TTIs. In the process, they would also be interacting with the various stakeholders. The state governments may extend full cooperation to the visiting teams. At the same time, if the state governments/SCERTs have any suggestions which would be useful in evaluating the Scheme and in modifying the existing guidelines on Teacher Education, the same may be forwarded to the Ministry at the earliest, so that the same could be considered in the evaluation process