

## **CONSTITUTION OF TASK FORCE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Central Government is in the process of undertaking reforms and restructuring of the Higher Education sector in pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee to advise on the Renovation and Rejuvenation of Higher Education and the National Knowledge Commission. In order to aid and advise the Central Government on implementation of such reforms and restructuring, a Task Force was constituted by order dated 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, consisting of the following members, in alphabetical order:-

- (i) Prof. M. Anandakrishnan, Chairman, IIT Kanpur & Former Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai.
- (ii) Prof. M. K. Bhan, Secretary, Deptt. of Bio-Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.
- (iii) Begum Syeda Saiyidain Hameed, Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANNU) and Member, Planning Commission.
- (iv) Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Member, Planning Commission & Former Vice Chancellor, University of Pune.
- (v) Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, National Research Professor and Chairman, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore.
- (vi) Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon, Member, Commission on Centre-State Relations Government of India.
- (vii) Prof. Mrinal Miri, Former Vice Chancellor, North Eastern Hill University.

Joint Secretary (Higher Education) shall act as the Convener of the Task Force.

2) The Task Force was constituted with the following terms of reference:-

- (i) To aid and advise the Central Government in the establishment of a Commission for Higher Education and Research.
- (ii) To aid and advise the Central Government in the establishment of a National Testing system for admission to Universities and other institutions of higher learning.

- (iii) To aid and advise the Central Government in evolving new governance structures for Universities.
- (iv) To monitor the implementation of such recommendations of the Committee to advise on Renovation and Rejuvenation of Higher Education and the National Knowledge Commission as the Central Government may decide to implement.
- (iv) To aid and advise the Central Government in the establishment of Innovation Universities aiming at world class standards.

3) The draft legislation on the establishment of the National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) as approved by the Task Force is placed for consultations in the public domain for obtaining feedback and suggestions from all stakeholders.