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

New Delhi, dated the 9th June, 2010.

To

All State Education Secretaries incharge of Higher Education.

Subject: Setting up Model degree colleges in 374 identified higher
Educationally Backward districts.

Sir,

The Central Government has approved a scheme to assist State Governments to set up Model degree colleges in each of the 374 identified higher educationally backward districts (list enclosed) where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER. State Governments may like to set up the college either as an affiliated or a constituent college of the State University.

2. The Scheme will cater to the needs of students in educationally backward districts and is designed for improving access, equity and inclusiveness. State Governments/State Universities are expected to ensure transparency while establishing new colleges. After establishment of the colleges, the authorities shall be accountable to the stakeholders, that is, the students and their parents/guardians.

3. State Governments may send their proposals along with a detailed project report (DPR) directly to the UGC as per the guidelines of the UGC in the prescribed proforma attached to the UGC guidelines, details of which are available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in. The provisions in these guidelines are to be adopted except for the provision relating to 'Procedure for Release of Grant'. The procedure for release of grants to State Governments by the Ministry shall be as detailed in this communication. A copy of the proposal sent to the UGC may also be endorsed to this Ministry, to enable this Ministry to follow up the matter with the Commission.

4. After receipt of the proposal and DPR from the State Government, the UGC shall constitute an expert committee to evaluate the proposal/DPR and make final recommendations, within a period of one month, to the MHRD for direct release of funds to the State Governments. Central assistance shall be subject to the following conditions:-

a) The Central Government shall provide assistance to the extent of 1/3rd of the capital cost for establishment of each college, limited to Rs. 2.67 crore.

For Special Category States, the Central share shall be 50% of the capital cost limited to Rs.4.00 crore for each college.

(b) The land shall be provided free of cost by the State Governments. The balance amount of the capital cost, and the recurring cost of running these new colleges shall be met by the concerned State Governments.

(c) During the remaining period of the 11th Five Year Plan, assistance shall be provided for establishing 200 model colleges in identified districts, with priority being given to special category states and districts having concentration of weaker sections and minorities as well as other districts in Schedule V and Schedule VI areas.

(d) Those colleges which have been established on or after 1st January, 2008 in identified districts shall also be eligible to be covered under this Scheme and proportionate Central assistance shall be provided.

(e) A clear Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed with each State Government before any release of funds is made (format enclosed).

5. The State Government concerned shall acquire and allot adequate land to set up the Model Degree College. Panchayats may provide/arrange land for new colleges, if available. Panchayats may also be consulted about the location of the college(s). Given the low GER for females in higher education in backward areas, preference may be given to setting up of women's colleges. This may be ensured, particularly in Minority concentrated districts and provision of girls hostel ensured through convergence of other schemes implemented by the UGC.

6. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) may be got prepared by the State Government and sent with the proposal to UGC complete in all respects including justification for each item for which financial assistance is sought. The Cost Estimate (broadly indicative) for establishing a college may be as under:-

Academic & administrative buildings (3000 sq.mtrs):	Rs 2.5 crores
Campus development :	Rs 2.0 crores
Teachers'/Non teaching quarters (20 each):	Rs 2.5 crores
Laboratories :	Rs 0.2 crore
Library :	Rs 0.2 crore
Computer Centre :	Rs 0.2 crore
Health centre :	Rs 0.1 crore
Sports facilities :	Rs 0.1 crore
Miscellaneous :	<u>Rs 0.2 crore</u>
Total:	<u>Rs. 8.00 crore</u>

(Cost of construction of a hostel estimated at Rs 1 crore for each college, shall be provided by UGC out of its own Scheme for construction of hostels, which shall be over and above the central assistance under this Scheme.)

7. Any expenditure in excess of the projected estimated cost will have to be met by the State Government. The State Governments will also have to undertake the full liability for recurring expenditure.

8. Subject to approval of the competent authority and fulfilling of all conditions, the MHRD shall release 50% of the allocation as the first instalment. The second instalment of 40% of the allocation shall be released by the Ministry only after the State Government concerned releases 50% of its committed share towards non-recurring expenditure and recurring grant for at least one year, besides submission of the Utilisation Certificate by the College in respect of the first instalment of the grant released. The final instalment, limited to 10% of the allocation, shall be released on reimbursement basis after the completion documents of the building project(s) are submitted by the State Government and the same have been scrutinised by the UGC.

9. While setting up these colleges in the identified EBDs is essentially a joint initiative of the Central Government/UGC and the State Governments, the State Governments, if they so chose, may identify private "not-for-profit" participants who may be willing to contribute, in PPP mode, to share the State's burden ensuring that the involvement of the Private Sector, does not in any way adversely affect the access of the disadvantaged sections.

10. The State Governments will also ensure that necessary steps relating to reforms in the university system and course contents to be imparted in the proposed colleges are in consonance with the UGC instructions issued in this regard from time to time. Each college will also have an Advisory Committee to oversee the academic and administrative functioning, as has been detailed in the UGC guidelines for implementing the scheme for providing financial assistance to New Model Colleges in Educationally Backward Districts. The UGC shall also monitor the implementation of the Scheme as a centrally sponsored programme through the concerned university. For this purpose, the College shall submit an Annual Progress Report to the UGC through the concerned University.

11. State Governments are requested to kindly identify suitable location(s) for setting up of a model degree college(s) in their respective identified educationally backward district(s) and send the proposal to UGC.

Yours faithfully,


(Atul Sirsikar)
Director

Encls: as above.

Copy to Secretary, University Grants Commission for information and necessary action. It is also requested that a copy of this communication may be placed on the UGC Website. A fortnightly progress report may be furnished to this Ministry.

Copy also to Web Master, MHRD for placing this communication on the MHRD website.


(Atul Sirsikar)
Director

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FORMAT

Memorandum of Understanding between the _____ (name of State government) and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education.

1. Preamble

While the growth of higher education in India over the past six decades has been visible and substantial, it has not percolated to all regions of the country. Based on Census, 2001, 374 districts have been identified by the University Grants Commission (UGC), having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) lower than the national GER. The Eleventh Five Year Plan emphasis on the need to increase the 'access' to higher education, especially in the Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs).

2. Memorandum of Understanding

(i) The _____ (name of the State Government) and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education have forged a formal understanding between the two partners in taking up establishment of Model Degree College (post senior secondary) in each of the 374 identified EBDs.

(ii) The main objective is to enhance the access to degree courses in EBDs in the country, so as to achieve expansion in higher education with

inclusion, equity and quality. The Scheme is a motivational mechanism for the State Government to uplift the under-served districts educationally by providing appropriate financial assistance.

3. Scope of MOU

The _____ (name of the State Government) will make use of its own resources and envisage the establishment of a Model Degree College for which it shall identify suitable location, reasonably well connected by transport facilities, and acquire and allot suitable land to set up such colleges. A location which does not have a colleges within a radius of 10 kilometers may be given preference.

4. Terms and Conditions

- i. The Central Government shall provide assistance to the extent of 1/3rd of the capital cost for establishment of each college, limited to Rs. 2.67 crore. For Special Category States, the Central share shall be 50% of the capital cost limited to Rs.4.00 crore for each college.
- ii. The land shall be provided free of cost by the State Governments. The balance amount of the capital cost, and the recurring cost of running these new colleges shall be met by the concerned State Governments.
- iii. During the remaining period of the 11th Five Year Plan, assistance shall be provided for establishing 200 model colleges in identified districts, with priority being given to special category states and districts having

concentration of weaker sections and minorities as well as other districts in Schedule V and Schedule VI areas.

iv. Those colleges which have been established on or after 1st January, 2008 in identified districts shall also be eligible to be covered under this Scheme and proportionate Central assistance shall be provided.

5. Termination of MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature and will remain in force until either side delivers written notification to the other of its intention to terminate the Memorandum, in which case it will terminate three months after the receipt of such notification.

6. Amendment of MOU

The MoU may be amended by mutual consent through an exchange of correspondences between the two Partners.

7. Seal of Parties

Singed, on the _____ day of _____ (English month) of _____ (year) corresponding to theday of.....(Hindi month) of(Saka) in two originals each in Hindi and English languages, all text being equally authentic. In case of doubt in interpretations, the English text shall prevail.

For the State Government

For the MHRD