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525-C, Shastri Bhawan  
New Delhi, dated 13.11.2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the SFC meeting for NMEICT (Phase-II) held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 – regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to forward the minutes of the SFC meeting for NMEICT (Phase-II) held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE), M/o HRD.

  
(Rajesh Singh Solanki)  
Under Secretary (TEL)  
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To

1. Ms. Darshana M Dabral, Joint Secretary (FA), M/o HRD
2. Shri K. Rajaraman, Joint Secretary (PF.II), D/o Expenditure
3. Joint Secretary, MeitY
4. Shri D K Kalra, Scientist 'E', MeitY
5. Ms. Sunita Sangh, Advisor, NITI Aayog, Sansad Marg, New Delhi
6. Shri Jagdish Singh, Senior Research Officer, NITI Aayog
7. Ms. Alpana Dey, Scientist 'G' MeitY

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1. PPS to Secretary (HE), M/o HRD
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3. Deputy Secretary (ICT), M/o HRD
4. Shri Parameswaran N, Sr. Consultant, NMEICT, M/o HRD
5. Shri Gurinder Singh Malik, Sr. Consultant, NMEICT, M/o HRD



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**Minutes of the SFC meeting for NMEICT (Phase II) held on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017**

The meeting of the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) to consider the proposal for continuing the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE) on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The list of members of the SFC committee who attended the meeting is enclosed.

2. The SFC considered the Third Party evaluation report of NASSCOM which evaluated the activities taken up under the NMEICT. The NASSCOM report strongly advised continuation of some of the key activities of NMEICT which were found to have had high positive impact. It was submitted to the SFC that the follow-up project proposed only those activities which were recommended by the NSASSCOM. The project proposal was for continuation of (8) major interventions till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, costing Rs. 490 Cr. The eight major project areas are:

- a) DTH Channels
- b) National Digital Library (NDL)
- c) E-yantra
- d) FOSSEE
- e) Virtual Labs
- f) Connectivity
- g) Training in new fields
- h) New projects in emerging areas

The details of the proposed interventions alongwith the expenditure upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 are as given below:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Financial (Rs. in Cr.)</b>
DTH Channels	Satellite Transponder Charges	30
DTH Channels	Uplinking charges for 32 channels	32
DTH Channels	Content creation	56
DTH Channels	Channel operation cost	8
ICT Technology	National Digital Library	50
ICT Technology	e-Yantra	30
ICT Technology	FOSSEE	15
ICT Technology	Virtual Labs	15


Connectivity	NKN connectivity to 1000 institutions including existing 600 institutions	100
Connectivity	Setting up of IT infrastructure in campuses	50
Connectivity	Cloud for the campuses	15
Emerging trends	Training in new fields	12.5
Emerging trends	New projects in emerging areas	60
Admin cost	PMU @5%	16.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	490

3. The following points emerged during the course of discussions:
- a) While the DTH channels are best suited to reach the remotest, the following precautions shall be taken:
    - i. There should be no duplication of content creation between SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha. All content prepared for the SWAYAM shall be used for the DTH Channels. However, additional content required for running of channels such as discussions, live transmission, quizzes etc can be funded under this project.
    - ii. In order to achieve the highest possible coverage, steps should be taken to ensure that the SWAYAM Prabha channels are carried by all the private DTH operators and the cable operators across the country.
    - iii. Take up awareness creation in the target audience using social media, ad clips on TV channels etc for which services of a Media Agency.
    - iv. The schedule of the programmes shall be made available not only through website, but also through a mailer. The content and the scheduling of the programmes shall be overseen by Academic experts.
    - v. Device a suitable mechanism for estimating viewership and feedback of different channels, for which various strategies such as a mobile app shall be devised.
  - b) The proposal for extension of NKN to 400 best government funded institutions (in addition to the existing 600) should be done in due consultation with the NKN (MEITY).
  - c) The connectivity project for the 21,000 Higher Educational Institutions executed with the BSNL shall be discontinued and MHRD should no more finance the VPN over broadband connection including internet bandwidth, connectivity for ITIs and management of the call centre.
  - d) The proposed expenditure upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 would also include current liabilities, including the claim of Rs. 194 Cr of BSNL which is under verification due to complaints of unsatisfactory performance. After finalizing the claim of BSNL it should be cleared first meeting the same from the connectivity Head, and only thereafter new works can be taken up in proportion to the amount left over after clearing the liability.
  - e) The centres for imparting training in emerging technologies should include NITs and IIITs, apart from the IITs.

f) While extending the benefits of the MHRD funded projects like e-Yantra, preference should be given to the centrally funded institutions, State Government institutions and private institutions which are NAAC accredited (min Level B).

4. Having considered all the views and observations of the members, the SFC has approved the NMEICT (Phase - II) at a total cost of Rs. 490.00 Crores (Rupees Four hundred and ninety crores) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 as per the SFC memorandum. All disbursements and monitoring of funds would be done through the EAT module of PFMS so as to eliminate the problem of parking of funds.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair

  
(R. Subrahmanyam)  
Additional Secretary (TE)

## Annexure-1

### List of participants of the meeting of the SFC for NMEICT Phase-II on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 3.00 p.m.

1. Shri K. K. Sharma, Secretary, D/o HE - Chairperson
2. Shri R Subrahmanyam, Additional Secretary (TE), MHRD - Member
3. Smt. Darshana M Dabral, Joint Secretary & FA, MHRD - Member
4. Shri Jagdish Singh, Senior Research Officer, NITI Aayog
5. Ms. Alpana Dey, Scientist 'G', MeitY
6. Shri D K Kalra, Scientist 'E', MeitY
7. Smt. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TE)
8. Shri Parameswaran N, Senior Consultant, NMEICT
9. Shri Pradeep Kaul, Senior Consultant, NMEICT
10. Shri. G S Malik, Senior Consultant, NMEICT
11. Shri Shanker Roy, Senior Consultant, NMEICT
12. Shri Pritosh, ASO
13. Shri Saleh Nadim, ASO