

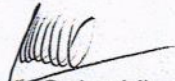
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'D' Wing, Shastri Bhawan  
New Delhi, Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the SFC Meeting on SWAYAM held on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017-  
regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of a meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 on the subject mentioned above under the Chairmanship of Secretary(HE) in his office, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information & necessary action.

  
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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.

Copy to:

1. PPS to Secretary (HE)
2. PPS to AS (TE)
3. Deputy Secretary (ICT)
4. Shri Parameswaran N, Sr. Consultant, M/o HRD.
5. Shri Gurubinder Singh Malick, Sr. Consultant, M/o HRD.



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**Minutes of the SFC meeting on SWAYAM held on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017**

The meeting of the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) to consider the proposal for continuation of SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) programme was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE) on 26th September 2017. The list of members of the SFC Committee attended the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-I.

2. The objective of SWAYAM is to provide high quality education by best teachers through online delivery to all, on anyone, anytime and anywhere basis. The scheme shall specially focus to all educationally backward areas, including northeast and LWE areas. The Scheme shall also be beneficial to women learners, more to those women student who are deprived of quality education, because of reach to good institutions, which may be away from their place of stay.

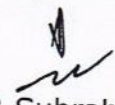
3. The SWAYAM project was sanctioned by the SFC on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 for formulating a National MOOC platform, develop content and set up suitable infrastructure for running the courses. The total cost of the project approved was Rs. 439 Cr for 2015-16 and 2016-17; of which Rs.135 Cr has been spent. Under this project, the IT platform has been made fully functional, more than 700 MOOCs have been formulated, the cloud infrastructure has been procured and suitable Regulation has been brought out by UGC and the AICTE for transfer of credits. The SWAYAM has been launched by Hon'ble President on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017. More than 2 lakh students are already enrolled for the courses on SWAYAM. Further, it was reported that there are no unpaid liabilities for the previous project.

4. Further, for continuation of the project till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 a follow up project has been formulated costing Rs.489.32 Cr. The interventions in the revised project were largely in accordance with the recommendations of the Third Party Evaluation. The break-up of the expenditure is as follows:

**Cost of running SWAYAM till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 (Norms as per Para 4.2. of SFC Note)**

Components	Financial (In Rs. Cr)
Development of new 1350 MOOC	192.42
Delivery of 6500 MOOCs	78.00
Translation of 275 courses into 10 regional	41.3
Maintenance of the IT Platform	50
Cloud infrastructure, call centre and CDNs	90
Reimbursement of Exam Fee (for first year)	5.2
SWAYAM PMU for monitoring the scheme, 3%	13.9
Advertisement and publicity @ 3 %	13.9
SWAYAM local chapter @1%	4.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>489.32</b>

5. The Project would achieve the following outputs:
- Develop 1,350 new MOOCs (in addition to about 650 courses already running) with the help of the selected best teachers.
  - Run atleast 6,500 courses (some courses would be offered many times a year) during the period.
  - Make available as many courses as are possible in the regional languages; translation of atleast 275 MOOCs into 10 Indian languages with Video Subtitle.
  - Maintain the portal and the cloud infrastructure with the State-of-the-Art facilities.
  - Ensure that atleast 10 lakh students would be able to access the courses simultaneously.
  - Conduct of examination and award of certificates to participants having successfully completed the course.
  - To popularize courses on SWAYAM, create SWAYAM local chapters in 10,000 institutions in the Country so that the faculty will use the SWAYAM on a blended mode and thereby improving their own performance.
  - Have a media plan to reach out to the potential students.
6. The Project has been supported by NITI Ayog, Department of Expenditure and the MEITY with the following observations:
- SWAYAM/ MOOCs annual outcome Indicators should be provided regularly.
  - All the expenditure from 1st April 2017, including current liabilities (if any) shall be booked to this project.
  - The MHRD/UGC should make efforts to ensure a large number of students enroll to MOOCs and benefit from Credit Policy of UGC/AICTE.
7. After due deliberations and having considered all the viewpoints and inputs from the members, the SFC has approved the continuation of SWAYAM scheme at a cost of Rs.489.32 Crores for a period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The expenditure shall be through the EAT modules of PFMS to avoid any parking of funds anywhere.

  
(R. Subrahmanyam)  
Additional Secretary (TE)

Annexure-1

List of participants of the meeting of the SFC for SWAYAM 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