Subject: Minutes of the Review Meeting on SWAYAM & SWAYAM Prabha held on 20th January, 2020

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the Review Meeting on SWAYAM & SWAYAM Prabha held on 20th January, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE), M/o HRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, for information and further necessary action.

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3. Prof. Deepak B. Phatak, IIT Bombay
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5. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL, IIT Madras
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Dated: 20.01.2020

Secretary (HE), MHRD took a Review Meeting on SWAYAM & SWAYAM Prabha at 03.00 PM. on 20.01.2020 at MHRD. List of Participants is enclosed.

2. Secretary (HE), MHRD welcomed all participants and made the following opening remarks:

(i) Spatial distribution of users / beneficiary of the project need to be studied. We should concentrate more on the States where the impact is not significant.

(ii) GER is to be increased from 26% to 40% in the next 5 years. For achieving this, 2.5 Crore of enrollment is required in Higher Education. Of this, 1 Crore would be in Conventional Education and 1.5 Crore would be through Online Learning.

(iii) The Projects should be integrated with the School Education Department Projects such as DIKSHA, so that convergence is achieved.

(iv) Emphasis should be laid on Developing Courses on Life Skills so that the employability of the students increased.

3. A presentation on SWAYAM & SWAYAM Prabha showcasing the scheme details was made.

4. Prof. D. B. Pathak, IIT Bombay made the following points:

- The SWAYAM should work as a Top Layer for enrollment of students in courses offered through any approved platform such as NPTEL, IIT Bombay and IIM Bangalore.
- The SWAYAM should not only target the students but must include working professionals, Life Long learners etc. This will help to increase the GER.
- SWAYAM Courses are useful for both Distance as well as Blended Mode of Learning.
- Not only the Data should remain within the country but the sovereign ownership of the data should also be with the country.
- The geographical breakup of the data should be analyzed to target the States not using the platform effectively.
- The Vice Chancellors of Open Universities should be called for a meeting for discussing effective use of Online Platform.
5. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, IIT Madras made the following remarks:

- Assured that the data stored in Google Cloud in SWAYAM is secure and proper agreements have been made to ensure sovereign control.
- The Policy on inter-connection with other platforms should be decided by the SWAYAM Board.
- Letter from MHRD regarding continuation of the project beyond March, 2020 to ensure continuation of project staff.
- To make the fund allocation on yearly basis.

6. Prof. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras made the following remarks:

- The SWAYAM Prabha Channels are mainly targeted towards the Rural and other areas which does not have good internet connectivity.
- It is planned to introduce more interactivity in the Channels.
- It is also planned to have content from Skill Development for Vocational Guidance.
- Colleges should be encouraged to develop their own programmes for SWAYAM Prabha.

7. After discussions, Secretary (HE), MHRD directed that the following actions be taken:

- Meeting with Vice Chancellors of Open Universities in-person should be organized. Prof. D. B. Phatak, IIT Bombay and Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, IIT Madras to be invited.
- SWAYAM Board meeting to be scheduled in First Week of February, 2020. CBSE Chairman, Skills Ministry representative and representative from team of Shri Nandan Nilekani is to be invited for the SWAYAM Board meeting for effectively integrating all efforts.
- Letter to be issued regarding continuation of the project after finalization of budget in February, 2020.
- The Fund Allocation for the project to NPTEL may be made for a longer period.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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List of Participants who attended the Review Meeting on SWAYAM & SWAYAM Prabha held on 20.01.2020

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