

F. No. 1-1/2016-UBA
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
UBA Cell

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated 4th April, 2016

ORDER

Subject:- Constitution of National Steering Committee of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan-reg.

The Government has launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan as a programme to improve outreach of higher educational institutions to the rural areas in the country, and thereby promoting the social and economic well-being of the people therein. The detailed guidelines of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan has been issued vide F. No. 19-8/2014-TS.I dated 24.08.2015.

2. After reviewing the progress of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and to provide a much required thrust in implementation, it has been decided to form a National Steering Committee that could lead the efforts by working with all the stakeholder institutions and State Governments.

3. Professor Vijay P. Bhatkar, former Chairman of Board of Governors of IIT-Delhi has been nominated as the Chairperson of the National Steering Committee with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development vide order of even No. dated 01.02.2016.

4. The Headquarter of National Steering Committee would be located at IIT-Delhi.


5. The Minister for Human Resource Development has approved the composition of National Steering Committee as under :-

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar	Chairman
2.	Prof. Kshitij Gupta, IIT Delhi	Co-Charman
3.	Dr. Raghunath Anant Mashelkar(Ex-Director General), CSIR	Member
4.	Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe (Chairman), AICTE	Member
5.	Shri Gopal Krishna Nayak (Director), IIIT Bhubaneswar	Member
6.	Geeta Bali (Chairperson), Maulana Azad NIT, Bhopal	Member

The Terms of Reference for National Steering Committee are as under :-

1. To formally define and delineate the meaning, vision, mission, objectives, strategy and program of UBA consistent with the original concept note and subsequent MHRD notes.
2. To network with knowledge institutions with panchayat raj institutions (PRIs), voluntary organizations and other Stakeholders/Ministries to implement the program of UBA.
3. To help identify villages/cluster of villages depending upon their commitment and potential and linking them with knowledge institutions and associated PRIs and voluntary agencies.
4. To provide guidelines for preparation of village/ village cluster development plans through knowledge institutions, voluntary organizations and PRIs.
5. To work out convergence of various existing and new agriculture and rural development schemes as well as convergence of new initiatives recently announced by the Government and accelerate the village development process through the convergence.
6. To integrate various S&T interventions such as CAPART, RUTAG, CSIR, ICAR, ICMR, MNRE, etc. and converge them for integrated village development.
7. To identify model villages and discover the reasons for their success for replicating them through promotion and best practices.
8. To identify successful methods, technologies and innovations developed so far in knowledge institutions that have potential for field deployment and successful commercialization.
9. To identify problems that need to be solved through R&D in knowledge institutions and recommend them for funding through appropriate agencies.
10. To identify gaps/shortcomings in current schemes and recommend corrective actions for policy changes and implementation guidelines in agriculture, rural development and S&T interventions.
11. To ensure convergence of UBA with schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna to accelerate the national rural development program.
12. To recommend to MHRD and knowledge institutions necessary enhancements and modification required in the curricula, and R&D programs to prepare the human resources to solve the grass root development of India.
13. To recommend effective modalities for integrating NSS programs with UBA activities.

14. To Coordinate the activities of various UBA Cells and review the progresses accomplished and recommend a system of monitoring of evaluation of work done under UBA.
15. To enlist experts/resource persons who can contribute to UBA program implementation and work out a framework for their engagements in UBA program.
16. For attending meetings/conduct business under UBA the members of the Committee shall be eligible for payment/reimbursement of actual travel expenses for to and fro journey. Members will be entitled to get the reimbursements and honorarium as per existing norms of GOI for such Committees.
17. In case, the Committee member attends any program in the field on the advice/suggestion of the Committee, he/she will be entitled for admissible TA/DA.
18. The National Steering Committee will meet at least once in three months and if required more frequently.


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