MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF "PROJECT EVALUATION & IMPLEMENTING COMMITTEE" OF PMKVY-TI HELD ON 19TH JULY, 2018 AT AICTE HQ

1.   The first meeting of the "Project Evaluation and Implementation Committee (PEIC)" of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana for Technical Institutes (PMKVY-TI) was held on 19th July, 2018 at AICTE HQ's, New Delhi.

2.   As per the composition of the committee, the meeting is to be chaired by Chairman, AICTE. But due to last minute call from Rashtrapati Bhawan to attend a Director's Meet, the PEIC meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Vice Chairman of AICTE

3.   The following members of the Committee were present:

a)	Prof. M.P. Poonia, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, AICTE.	Chairman
b)	Sh Subba Rao, Sr Economic Advisor, MHRD.	Member
c)	Sh R.K. Gupta, Director, MSDE.	Member
d)	Sh Chiranjiv Guha, Analyst, representative from NSDC.	Member
e)	Directors of Technical Education /Representative (Annx.-A)	Member
f)	Vice Chancellors of University/Representative (Annx-B)	Member
g)	Invitees from Sector Skill Council (Annx.-C)	Invitees
h)	Lt. Col. Kailash Bansal, Director, Skill Development Cell, AICTE	Convener
i)	Regional Officers, AICTE (Annx.-D)	Member
j)	Mrs Ruchika Kem, Asstt. Director, S D Cell, AICTE	Member

4.   Lt. Col. Kailash Bansal, Director, Skill Development, AICTE welcomed all the committee members and requested Sh Subba Rao, Sr. Economic Advisor, MHRD for the opening remarks.

5.   **Opening Remarks by Sr Economic Advisor, MHRD.**   Sh Subba Rao thanked all the stakeholders for their presence and applauded everyone about the progress made in the PMKVY-TI for AY 2017-18. He stressed and urged all stakeholders for even better participation for AY 2018-19 in order to achieve the overall aim of the scheme. Sh Rao also stated following: -

a)   The efforts made by AICTE team in making this scheme successful is appreciable.

b)   He also laid stress that the major problem which being faced by the institutions is with respect to mobilizing the candidates for the training and finding better industry partner for placement. Thus he focused upon successful placement of the students post completion of the training.

c)   He stressed that youths who have taken the training and are self-employed and wants to increase their potential can be linked with Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, where they can get some soft loan for their small business.

d)   He advised AICTE to organize Awareness Workshop in each region for maximum mobilization of students and also requested DTE's and State Universities to assist the institutes in expanding/ running PMKVY-TI scheme.

6.   **Opening Remarks by H'onable Vice Chairman AICTE.** Hon'ble Vice Chairman, AICTE, Prof M.P. Poonia welcomed Sh Subba Rao, Sr. Economic Advisor, MHRD and other members of the Committee. He conveyed his thanks to the forum for sparing their valuable time for the meeting. He also acknowledged the suggestion given by Sh Subba Rao, Sr. Economic Advisor, MHRD. He then made a small presentation about the AICTE and its strength and conveyed the following:-

a)   The surplus infrastructure available with AICTE approved institutes can be effectively utilized under PMKVY-TI scheme, to accommodate dropout students to enable them to learn better livelihood.

b)   To utilize the available infrastructure with the institution, Council has also introduced Vocational Courses from the AY 2018-19 and 385 institutions were given approval to run B.Voc/D.Voc courses. At this point of time, he requested all the Vice Chancellors, their representative and Director of Technical Education for providing affiliation to the institute who have applied for running the vocational courses.

7.   **Agenda Points.**   Ms. Ruchika Kem, Asstt. Director, Skill Development Cell, AICTE after a small brief about the scheme and its implementation status for last two years placed the agenda before the Committee.

Agenda Item No. 1: Status of implementation of PMKVY-TI.

Mrs. Kem informed the house about the status of implementation of PMKVY-TI scheme from 2016-17 and 2017-18. Council has released 1st installment of Grant to 970 institutes for 85,350 students admitted in AY 2017-18 and the release of 2nd installment of grant is already under process.

The Committee noted the status of PMKVY-TI scheme and appreciated the efforts made by AICTE.

Agenda Item No. 2: Opening of Portal of PMKVY-TI for the AY 2018-19.

It was informed that in the AY 2018-19, Council has floated 449 QP's of 30 Sector Skill Council, which are NSQF aligned with duration of approx 250-600 hrs. The curriculum of these QPs are readily available and have sufficient employment opportunity. The Council had opened the portal for inviting applications from AICTE approved institutes/ Polytechnics from 29th May 2018 to 02nd July 2018. By the closing Council had received applications from **1808 institutes to train approx 10 lakhs.**

The Committee appreciated the Council efforts for receiving a good response under PMKVY-TI in the AY 2018-19.

Agenda Item No. 3: To consider the Parameters for shortlisting the application under PMKVY-TI 2018-19.

The Committee had a detailed deliberation on the suggestive parameters for shortlisting applications under PMKVY-TI for the AY 2018-19. The following recommendations as finalized by the committee are given as under: -

a)   Allocation will be made to only those institutes which are into existence for a minimum period of two years and are approved by AICTE.

b)   Institutes which are not Granted Extension of Approval (EOA) from AICTE in AY 2018-19, will not be considered.

c)   Institute who had applied for other than approved Branches may not be considered.

d)   Approved intake by AICTE during AY 2018-19 may be considered before allotting intake to the institute under PMKVY-TI.

e)   Any institutes who have not performed well during last two sessions or did not submit Utilization Certificate or some complaints are pending against them shall be discouraged.

f)   Maximum intake per course for each institute may be limited to 100.

g)   Maximum intake per Institute may also be restricted to 500.

h)   RO's may identify the well performing institute (in AY 2016-17 and AY 2017-18) in consultation with DTE and state university of their region, and they may be recommended higher intake of maximum of 1000.

In addition of the above, Committee also recommended that preference may be given to Courses, which are successfully running by applied institutes in the AY 2017-18.

Agenda Item No. 4: Approval to run 2nd batch of course for the AY 2018-19

The committee was informed that in the AY 2018-19 some of the institutes have applied for higher intake (1500 or more) in one particular specialization/course due to high demand of the course in a particular area or nearby industry.

The Committee in order to encourage the well performing institutes under PMKVY-TI, accepted the Council's suggestion to permit the institute to run the 2nd batch for the course, after at least 70% of the students are provided placement within reasonable time after competition of the course. AICTE will grant approval of the same after a detailed report is submitted by the institute.

Agenda Item No. 5: To provide the state wise requirement of skilled manpower and allocation of demand based target in Telecom Sector Under PMKVY-TI 2018-19.

Prof. Poonia informed the Committee that Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) had submitted the proposal to train approx 2 lakhs students under the different courses offered by the TSSC. He also, requested Lt. Gen. S.P. Kochar, CEO of TSSC to give out the details about their proposal. Lt Gen S.P. Kochar informed the house

that TSSC has done the ground work and captured the data given by AICTE approved institutes. Based on their ground work, they have already collated the demand of 1,13,000 jobs through their industry partners for the placement of the students. In order to facilitate the such trainees, TSSC was willing to provide a teaser Soft skills module to the students enrolled under PMKVY-TI free of cost. Accordingly, Lt Gen S. P. Kochar requested the committee to approve the intake of 2 Lakh student for courses in pertaining to telecom under PMKVY-TI Scheme for AY 2018-19.

The Committee welcomed the 'Pull Model' approach as suggested by TSSC wherein the letters of approval from affiliated industry partners have been procured. The Committee also recommended TSSC to provide the detailed list of institutes along with the suggestive intake for different courses of Telecom Sector. The committee also suggested that AICTE seek the re-validation of the institute vs intake allotment with TSSC to rightly map the employment generation prospects.

Since actions as undertaken by TSSC greatly enhanced the possibility of employment, the Committee also requested the other Sector Skill Councils to provide the similar data along with state wise requirements for pro-rata allotment of intake to Institutes in each state.

Agenda Item No. 6: Integration with SDMS portal for timely assessment of students.

It was informed that Council is receiving frequent mails and telephone regarding non assessment of the courses in IT/ITeS sector from the institutes as NASSCOM is insisting on institutes to sign a MoU with the SSC and to upload the details on SDMS portal.

The Committee discussed the matter with NASSCOM and NSDC in detail. The NASSCOM was advised to take necessary steps in expediting the assessment of students without insisting upon MoU with individual institutes. To resolve the matter Committee, AICTE will issue an Authorization letter to NASSCOM for conduct of assessment in the institutes approved under PMKVY-TI scheme. AICTE will also share student details of each Institute in excel sheet with NSDC, for uploading the same on SDMS portal.

The Committee also urged NSDC to expedite the process of integration of AICTE portal at the earliest with SDMS portal for smooth implementation of the scheme.

Agenda Item No. 7: Time line for each approved Course under the Scheme.

The Committee was informed that the Internal Audit of AICTE has suggested that a maximum timeline may be fixed for institute to complete the courses under PMKVY-TI Scheme.

The committee after the deliberations concluded that for course/ QP of approx 250-400 notion hours, maximum timeline for completing the course

may be fixed at 06 months and for courses/ QP's of duration of 400-600 hours, maximum time limit to complete the course may be fixed at 09 months.

Agenda Item No. 8: To consider and approve Minimum Batch size.

The committee was informed that in few cases institute who have been approved a batch of 25 are enrolling only 3-5 students in a course/QP and requesting Council to release their grant. The representatives of different SSC also raised the issue of conducting assessment of batch with less than 10 students. As per them, it is difficult for the SSC to conduct their assessment for less than 10 students as the minimum charges of assessment by their respective training partner is at least 10 students per batch.

Based on the facts as above, the Committee decided that minimum batch size for a course /QP under PMKVY-TI may be fixed to 10 students.

The committee also felt that a time-line may be fixed for different SSC for conducting assessment of the students undergoing training under PMKVY-TI. It was decided that for a batch size of 10-25 students, SSC will conduct the assessment within 15 days after the receipt of assessment charges from the institute. However, for the batch with less than 10 students, 10 additional days for conducting assessment may be given. However, the assessment exercise complete in all respect (including declaration of result) is to be finished within 30 days.

Agenda Item No. 9: To discuss about the request received from Nalanda Group of Institutions, Odisha, and other similar cases.

The Committee was apprised that Nalanda Group of Institutions has requested to offer training to 5000 students in different sector/specialization in the state of Odisha and Jharkhand.

The committee directed that a visit to the Institute be undertaken by an expert committee comprising of representative from Regional office, DTE and University where intake sought is of such large number. Such a expert committee will assess the ability and potential of the institute to train and place students in the courses for which high intake has been sought. Based on the report of the expert committee, the allotment will be proposed to National Steering committee (NSC).

Agenda Item No. 10: Mandatory Biometric Attendance

As per the direction of the MHRD, the Committee was informed that AICTE portal should have provision of uploading student attendance on the portal once a month by the training provider.

The Committee approved that biometric attendance may be made mandatory in all the institute offering the courses under PMKVY-TI Scheme and accordingly the amendment in the Guidelines may be made.

8. **Closing Session.**   In the closing session, the committee suggested the following: -

    a)   Pedagogy may be developed to bring drop out students in mainstream.

    b)   The AICTE portal should display the list of certified candidates in each Course so that the same can be shared with the placement agencies or industry partner to directly interact and provide job opportunities to student in upliftment of the economic condition.

    c)   A midterm appraisal meeting of PEIC may be conducted tentatively in November-December' 2018.

    d)   Regional Offices of AICTE in association with Universities, DTE and institution together make a wider publicity and awareness among the students for better participation in the Scheme. This may be done by organizing awareness workshops across the country as early as possible.

    e)   Study material in local languages should also be prepared by SSC. If some specific material has already been prepared by institutes, the same may be shared with AICTE who will place it on its web portal.

    f)   To mobilize students under the scheme, advertisement shall be issued in local newspapers and efforts shall be made to develop a media advertisement for Local Cable channels and FM Radio.

    g)   The assessment committee who undertakes the exercise shall also give its feedback in writing to AICTE to strengthen the courses in forth coming batches.

9. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

Annexure-A

List of DTEs/Representatives

S. No.	Name of the officer
1	M.L. Purohit, Joint Director, DTE , Jodhpur, Rajasthan
2	Kumar Digvijay, Joint Commissioner, Govt. of Bihar
3	Mohammed Ansar, Joint Director (Planning) Directorate of Technical Education, Karnataka
4	Dr. Ashok Jain, OSD Directorate of Tech. Education , M.P
5	Dr. Joginder Sigh, DTE, Sundernagar, Mandi, H.P.
6	Pankaj Yadav, DTE Kanpur, U.P
7	Pankaj Kapoor, (Representative from DTE, Chandigarh)
8	Shankar Rao, Coordinator, PMKVY, DTE, Andaman Nicobar
9	A.M Rafeeq, Special Officer, DTE, Chennai.
10	Shri R.P. Gupta, Additional Director, DTE, Uttarakhand
11	Vivek Kamat, DTE, Goa
12	Dr. Suman Dhawan, Department of Training and Technical Education, Delhi
13	Mohamed Anwar, Joint Director, DTE, Karnataka
14	Dr. M.F. Qureshi, Additional Director, DTE, Raipur , Chattisgarh
15	Biswaroop Thakur, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society, Ranchi, Jharkhand
16	Shubhaya Basu, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society, Ranchi, Jharkhand

Annexure-B

List of Vice Chancellor/Representative

S.No.	Name of Officer
1	Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Sheth, VC, Gujarat Technical University, Ahmedabad
2	Dr. Gopal Pathak, VC, Jharkhand Technical University, Ranchi
3	Sh. J. A. Laxminarayana, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Goa University

Annexure-C

List of Invitees from Sector Skill Council

S.No.	Name of Director
1	Lt. Gen. (Retd.) S.P. Kochhar, CEO, TSSC (Telecom Sector Skill Council)
2	Mr. Ishvinder Singh National Lead-Training & Efficacy , IT-ITeS Sector, Skills Council NASSCOM
3	Mr. Ajit Kumar Padai, Director-Operations, IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council, NASSCOM
4	Ms. Akansa Mehrota, CSDCI (Construction Skill Development Council)
5	Mr. Parveen Malhotra, ESSCI (Electronics Sector Skills Council of India)

List of Regional Officers of AICTE

S. No.	Name of Regional Officers
1	Shri N. Ramesh, SWRO, Bangaluru, AICTE
2	Dr. Amit Vishwasrao Salunkhe, ERO Kolkata, AICTE
3	DR. Amit Dutta, WRO, Mumbai, AICTE
4	Dr. C. S. Verma, CRO, Bhopal, AICTE
5	Shri G. S. Negi, ERO, Guwahati, AICTE
6	Dr. R. K. Soni, NWRO, Chandigarh, AICTE
7	Sh. M. Sundaresan, SRO, Chennai, AICTE
8	Dr. Manoj Tiwari, NRO Kanpur, AICTE