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Sub: Constitution of a Task Force on National Testing Scheme

Students emerging from secondary school and seeking admission to professional programmes of study at undergraduate level in higher education are required to appear in a multitude of entrance examinations. The standards of these entrance examinations vary widely and the burden imposed on students in terms of time, money and the stress caused in scheduling and preparing for such examination is tremendous. The multiplicity of entrance examinations needs to be dispensed with and it then becomes incumbent to develop a nationally accepted testing mechanism.

2. The idea of developing a national testing scheme with the oversight of a National Testing Authority has been under the consideration of the Ministry of HRD for some time. Accordingly a concept paper on such a scheme was placed before the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), in its 61st meeting. The CABE decided that the proposal to set up National Testing Agency should be taken forward in consultation with all stakeholders.

3. The Government has therefore decided to constitute a Task Force on National Testing Scheme, with the following members:

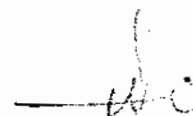
1. Prof. Sanjay Dhande, Former Director, IIT Kanpur	-	Chairman
2. Additional Secretary(School Education),MHRD	-	Member
3. Joint Secretary(Higher Education), MHRD	-	Member
4. Chairman,CBSE	-	Member
5. Representative of UGC	-	Member
6. Representative of AICTE	-	Member
7. HOD(Educational Survey Division),NCERT	-	Member
8. Director(P),MHRD	-	Member

4. The terms of reference of the Task Force will be:

- a) To prepare a blueprint for creating a Special Purpose Vehicle of or a National Testing Agency.
- b) To suggest the parameters to standardize all the major tests including Joint Entrance Examination.
- c) To suggest ways and means of setting up internationally benchmarked testing and assessment organization which will conduct efficient, transparent and international standard tests to assess competency of candidates for admission and recruitment purposes.

5. The Task Force shall be provided secretarial and other assistance for holding meetings by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). This will include expenditure on travel and accommodation of the Task Force on its visits to different parts of the country for interaction with institutions and academics. The TA/DA will be paid by the CBSE as per its norms.

6. The task force may submit its report/recommendations within a period of one year from the date of its first meeting.



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1. Prof. Sanjay Dhande, Former Director, IIT Kanpur
2. Ms. Vrinda Sarup, Additional Secretary (School Education), MHRD
3. Shri R P Sisodia, Joint Secretary (Higher Education), MHRD
4. Shri. Vineet Joshi, Chairman, CBSE
5. Prof. Sridhar Srivastava, Head, Educational Survey Division, NCERT
6. Chairman UGC and Chairman, AICTE with request to nominate a member for the Task Force

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