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Joint Secretary (Higher Education) &  
Mission Director, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan

D.O No. 4-18/2012-U.II

dated the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Dear

As you would be aware, on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013, the Cabinet approved the new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for implementation in the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan.

2. RUSA is not merely a new funding mechanism to support institutions in the State higher education system but also the prime vehicle for implementing a comprehensive reform agenda at both the institutional and State levels. The quantum of funding and further support under RUSA would be dependent upon the commitment to this reform process and the efficacy with which it is implemented.

3. The focus in the current year will be on preparatory work such as capacity building & preparation, data collection & planning, training, ongoing programmes like Model Degree Colleges etc. Work of substantial nature would be taken up from the second year onwards. With only a few months left in the current year, it is critical that that we commence these activities right away so that available resources are optimally and efficiently utilised and the Plan of Action for next year is ready.



4. In order to kick start the process, the states and Union Territories would be required to communicate to the RUSA Mission Authority its willingness to participate in RUSA by committing to undertake the *a-priori* prerequisites and other reform activities. It is therefore requested that the enclosed undertaking may be signed and the accompanying checklist completed and returned for us to take further action in the matter. The undertaking may be signed by an officer not below the rank of Secretary to State/UT Government.

5. Guidelines on RUSA for helping States and institutions conduct various activities under the Scheme are under preparation and will be circulated shortly.

6. The undertaking along with the filled in check-list may be submitted by 31.10.2013. If it is not received by this date, it will be presumed that the concerned State/UT is not keen to avail of the grants available under RUSA and further action will be taken accordingly.

With

Enclo: As above

Yours sincerely,

(R.P. Sisodia)

To,

All Chief Secretaries (except States of Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Delhi and Rajasthan)

Copy to:

All Principal Secretaries, Higher Education (except States of Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Delhi and Rajasthan)

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## UNDERTAKING

The Government of..... (mention State or Union Territory here) hereby conveys its willingness to participate in the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) and commits to fulfil all the prerequisites under the Scheme. The Government of..... further commits to accept and abide by all decisions of the RUSA Mission Authority and the Project Approval Board.

Dated:

Place:

(Signature with official seal)

Name:

Designation:



## CHECKLIST

Name of State/Union Territory				
Sl No.	Prerequisites	Status		
1.	(a) Whether a State Higher Education Council exists?	Yes/No		
	(b) If Yes, by what name and what is its composition and role?	Enclose copy of order constituting the Council		
	(c) If not, by when does the State/UT commit to set up one?	Indicate date		
2.	Whether it commits to prepare State Higher Education Plan including the following;	Yes/No		
	(a) Perspective plan	Yes/No		
	(b) Annual plan	Yes/No		
	(c) Budget plan	Yes/No		
	(d) Whether it consents to submit them for consideration of the Project Approval Board?	Yes/No		
3.	(a) What is the expenditure on higher education as a percentage of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in the last three years?	Year	Amount	%
		10-11		
		11-12		
		12-13		
	(b) Whether it commits to raising its expenditure on higher education as a percentage of the GSDP?	Yes/No		
	(c) If Yes, by what % points (by 2016-17)?	Indicate % points		
4.	Whether it commits to contribute its share of funds under the Scheme and adhere to the timelines for fund release? (10% for NE States, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and 35% for other States & UTs)	Yes/No		
5.	(a) Whether there is a ban on recruitment and filling up faculty positions in state public universities and public and public aided colleges?	Yes/No		
	(b) If Yes, whether orders for removing the ban have been issued?	Yes/No If yes, please attach copy of the Government order		
6.	Whether it commits to carry out the following reforms at State and institutional levels?	Yes/No		
	(a) accreditation reforms	Yes/No		
	(b) affiliation reforms	Yes/No		
	(c) examination reforms	Yes/No		
	(d) governance reforms	Yes/No		
	(e) administrative reforms	Yes/No		
7.	(a) Whether it agrees to create a State Project Directorate under a senior officer (not below the rank of Secretary to State/UT Govt.) with requisite staff and Technical Support Group as per RUSA scheme?	Yes/No		
	(b) If Yes, by when?	Indicate date		
8.	Whether it commits to ensure compliance of institutions to the prerequisites and other reforms?	Yes/No		

(Signature with official seal)

Name:

Designation: