

16th Meeting of the National Skills Qualifications Committee (NSQC)

Date: 12.4.2017 Time: (3:00pm-4:00pm)

Venue: MSDE office at 2nd Floor, Annexe Building Shivaji Stadium, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110001

The 16th meeting of the National Skills Qualifications Committee (NSQC) was held on 12.4.2017 in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri K.P Krishnan, Chairman, NSDA and Secretary, MoSDE.

The list of participants is at **Annexure I**.

Agenda Item No. 1: Approval of Minutes of the 15th Meeting of NSQC

As there were no comments on the minutes of the 15th NSQC meeting, the same were treated as approved.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report

The Committee was informed regarding the action taken on the decisions of the last NSQC meeting (copy attached).

Agenda Item No. 3: Update on NSQF operationalization and related activities

DG, NSDA provided an update on the action taken on NSQF implementation in various states and central ministries since the last NSQC Meeting. The Committee noted the same.

Agenda Item No.4: Approval of SOP for aligning qualifications to NSQF

DG, NSDA informed the committee that with the increasing number of approved qualifications and variety of awarding bodies, a number of issues had come up in the process of NSQF alignment. There were narrow qualifications within an occupation, duplication of qualifications across awarding bodies, entry requirements leading to mismatch between qualifications and occupations etc. In the last meeting, NSDA had been directed to develop a standard operating procedure (SOP) for approval of qualifications.

Accordingly, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for aligning qualifications to NSQF prepared by NSDA, and shared with NSQC members was also put up on NSDA website for public comments. The SOP was placed before the NSQC and the same was approved by the committee.

Agenda Item No.5: Qualifications on Entrepreneurship

DG, NSDA informed that the issue of NSQF alignment of entrepreneurship qualifications has been discussed with various stakeholders. Based on this, it was decided that since all NSQF aligned qualifications need to be mapped with corresponding National Classification of Occupations (NCO) codes and entrepreneurship qualifications do not have corresponding NCO codes,

entrepreneurship training and qualifications may be kept out of the purview of NSQF. This was approved by the Committee.

Agenda Item No.6: Any other matter with the approval of the Chairman

6.1.1 It was informed that Pandit Sundarlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE) is working on curriculum development for Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD under its Scheme of Vocationalisation of School Education. It was suggested that this institution would be a good resource for NSDA in the process of NSQF alignment of qualifications. Chairman, NSQC directed NSDA to organize a meeting with PSSCIVE and to identify specific areas of collaboration.

6.1.2 It was also discussed that in regard to scheme for Vocationalisation of School Education PSSCIVE face difficulty in development of curriculum as approved qualifications have lesser number of hours which needs to be stretched over 2 years of schooling. This difficulty could be obviated by allowing additional components of skilling in the scheme. It was decided that the issue was specific to the scheme and may appropriately be discussed in MHRD. NSDA may examine it if referred to it by MHRD. **(Action: NSDA and School Education, MHRD)**

6.1.3 In the 12th NSQC meeting held on 21st July 2016 it had been discussed that qualifications could be examined and approved only if accompanied by course curriculum. It was decided that henceforth all proposals may be submitted along with course curriculum and in the case of previously approved qualifications, course curriculum may be submitted within financial year 2016-17. It was brought to the notice of the Committee that this has not been complied with till date. Chairman, NSQC directed that all submitting bodies may submit course content to NSDA before the next NSQC, else approval will be withdrawn and these courses (QPs) will be treated as not approved. **(Action: SSCs)**

6.1.4 In his closing remarks, the Chairman, NSQC thanked the nominees of State Skill Development Missions of Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Nagaland for their contribution to the NSQC and requested them to continue their cooperation to the skilling effort. He also mentioned that representatives of State Skill Development Missions of West Bengal, Rajasthan and Tripura now will be the State nominated members on NSQC for one year on rotation basis. **(Action: NSDA)**

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Chair.

Annexure I

List of Participants of the 16th NSQC Meeting

12.04.2017 at 3:00 PM

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1. Shri K.P.Krishnan, Chairman, NSDA & Secretary, MoSDE
2. Ms Sunita Chhibba, IES, Senior Adviser, MSDE & DG, NSDA
3. Mr A Subramanium, Additional Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD
4. Mr Ravi Ranjan, Mission Director, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission
5. Mr Amar Jha, CEO, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission
6. Dr Aquib Javed, Jt Director, MoL&E
7. Mr M Sangtam, Director, Department of Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Nagaland
8. Mr P P Gupta, DS, D/o school Education and Literacy
9. Ms Gauri Kalra, Consultant, MHRD
10. Ms Nidhi Gautam, Consultant, NSDA
11. Mr Anand Ramesh, Consultant, NSDA
12. Ms Neha Gupta, Consultant, NSDA