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To
All Industry Partners under NATS
(Establishments participating in Skill Development activities under NATS)

Sub: Engagement of Graduate and Diploma Engineers under NATS and Reimbursement of Stipend to Industry Partners.

Dear Sirs,

At the outset, I would like to convey my Season’s Greetings to all of you and feel very pleased for your continued support and commitment in making the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) a successful program of Government of India.

It is very heartening to see that your contribution to the skill development in the recent past at different levels has been very committed and focused. It is your dedication and commitments that during the year 2017-18, more than 20,000 Engineering Graduates have been benefitted under NATS in the Eastern Region of the country. It is also worthwhile to mention here that many organizations who have not contributed in the past are likely to join hands in 2018-19 which is expected to further scale up the current activities.

I am writing this letter referring to the discussion in the review meeting held on 09/07/2018 with the Secretary and Joint Secretary of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. One of the matter which was discussed in detail was delay in release of stipend fund by Ministry of HRD to the Regional Boards in order to facilitate the disbursement of stipend to the industry partners. As per the directive of the Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of India, the current delay in release of stipend fund by the Ministry of HRD to the different Regional Boards is due to delay in completion of procedure by Ministry of HRD through convening a meeting of Economic Finance Committee. The entire procedure although has taken a little more time due to some unavoidable circumstances at the end of Ministry, however, the same is expected to be completed very soon and the Regional Boards including BOPT(ER), Kolkata are likely to receive the grants for reimbursement of stipend by end of August 2018. However, the bills for reimbursement of the stipend received till date have already been processed and those being received are continuously verified and processed. As soon as the grants is received from the Ministry of HRD expected by end of August 2018, immediate reimbursement will be effected by BOPT(ER), Kolkata to the industry partners.

We solicit your help and cooperation to bear with the un-wanted situation emerged in the recent past. Hope you understand and continue your support.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR
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