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To
All Principals/Director of the AICTE approved Technical Institute

Sub: Apprenticeship Training through Board of Practical Training (ER)

Sir/Madam,

Now-a-days it has become an open secret that quite often the Engineers after passing out find it hard to get an appropriate job. The prime reason, as it appears, is that though those students acquire theoretical knowledge in course of their study, few of them get sufficient scope for hands-on experience on the subjects which they have theoretically learnt. This lack of practical knowledge keeps the major part unsuitable to take up responsibilities as a professional technical person.

As you are aware, Board of Practical Training (ER), Kolkata is one of the four Regional Boards across the country as the implementing authority of Apprenticeship Training for Graduate Engineers and Diploma Holders under the Apprentices Act. The prime objective is to develop requisite skill among the fresh pass-out students so that they are ready enough to take up the responsibilities as a well-equipped technical personnel while joining the industries.

The training period is of one year with the provision of stipend half of which is borne by Govt. of India at prescribed rates. BOPT (ER) through the NATS portal (www.mhrdnats.gov.in) facilitates the enrolled students in getting a training seat in an appropriate industry and also disburses 50% of the prescribed stipend to the trainer industry for crediting Bank A/C of the respective students.

The students can avail of this opportunity to overcome the hurdle. It would help them in acquiring skill through on-the-job training and make them prepared to get a better job. As it is also responsibility of the Institutes and Colleges to make the students aware of such programme of Govt. of India, the Technical Institutes should ensure that the students do avail such a facility by providing them a window in the Home Page of its website so that the final year students be aware of such initiative of Apprenticeship Training and enroll themselves for a sure chance.

The above facts are brought before you for your kind information and taking immediate necessary action for wide publicity of the scheme to facilitate the students of your institute to utilize the opportunity in their best interest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

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Regional Officer