To

Sub: Call to join hands with BOPT (ER), Kolkata and adopt e-transaction facility through National Webportal under NATS w.e.f. 01.04.2016.

Sir,

You might be aware that Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India implements the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) through Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region), Kolkata and other three Regional Boards located at Chennai, Mumbai and Kanpur. The main objective of NATS is to provide skilled training to Graduate; Diploma engineers in engineering & technology and 10(+2) Vocational pass outs as Graduate, Technician and Technician (Vocational) apprentices under The Apprentices (Amendment) Act, 1973 & 1986 and its subsequent amendments. NATS is one of the flagship programs of Govt. of India for skilling the Indian youth. The main objectives of NATS are -

1. To fulfil any gaps, the practical / hands-on-skill of fresh graduate and diploma engineers in engineering & technology and 10(+2) Vocational pass outs which they do not acquire during their study in the institutions.
2. Facilitate employers like yours to develop and regulate skilled manpower to meet the present and future HR requirement which will help them to face challenges of technological growth in the organizations at the competitive cutting edge in the global market.
3. To help prospective employers like you in making better selection for providing required information.

In this connection, we are glad to inform you that a National Webportal www.mhranats.gov.in was launched successfully on 10/09/2015 by the Hon’ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India and is available in public domain to facilitate the stake holders to do hassle free e-business transactions in regards to all activities under NATS. The important activities covered under NATS are fully automated through e-business transaction which includes student enrolment, establishment enrolment, panel preparation for selection of apprentices, creation of contract of apprenticeship, record of progress, payment of stipend to the apprentices as well as reimbursement of 50% Central Govt. share of stipend, issue of Certificate of Proficiency etc. The effectiveness of the National Webportal mentioned earlier can be summarised into a single sentence as “Employers and other stake holders need not to do any manual activity”. The broad objectives of e-transaction through National Webportal are-

- Standardization of procedures followed in implementation of The Apprentices Act, 1961 and its subsequent amendments.
- Enabling all stake holders to enjoy on time services.
- Developing a strong linkage between all stake holders.
- Streamlining operations by eliminating manual work for all those activities in the implementation of The Apprentices Act.

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Post enrolment benefits on www.mhrdnats.gov.in to establishments / industries in implementation of The Apprentices Act are as follows:-

- Approval for engaging apprentices through online facility.
- Preparation of panel of candidates for selection of apprentices.
- Assessment and recording of the progress of performance of apprentices.
- Reimbursement of 50% Central Govt. share of stipend.
- Tracking of all the status.
- Participation in the Centralised Selection / Job Fair
- Advertisement for vacancy positions.
- Making better selection for employment.

With the above mentioned bouquet of benefits for establishments, you are hereby requested to ensure the following:

- BOPT (ER), Kolkata has already converted all its activities from manual to portal driven on www.mhrdnats.gov.in w.e.f. 01.04.2016 and invite all stakeholders, particularly eligible students, establishments and employers as well as technical institutions to join hands with BOPT (ER), Kolkata and carry out all relevant activities at their part through National Webportal only.
- Your organization is enrolled in the National Webportal at www.mhrdnats.gov.in immediately. If, you are already engaging apprentices, then your data has been migrated and hence, you must obtain user id and password (one time) to log-in and update your profile and change your password for subsequent activities.
- All training establishments engaging apprentices must log-in and update their profile at least once in every 30 days at www.mhrdnats.gov.in, else contract of apprenticeship as well as stipend claim bill shall not be processed by BOPT (ER), Kolkata due to work flow requirement.
- All training organization must ensure that the stipend are paid to the apprentices through their bank account only. Stipend paid to the apprentices through their bank account by the training establishments shall only be considered by BOPT (ER), Kolkata for reimbursement w.e.f. 01.04.2016.
- The training organizations before signing of contract of apprenticeship must ensure that all selected apprentices are enrolled on the National Webportal at www.mhrdnats.gov.in and must have a valid enrolment number which must be put at appropriate places in the contract of apprenticeship.
- The registration of contract of apprenticeship is only allowed for enrolled candidates.

You are once again requested to implement the above mentioned process in your industry immediately and do all future e-transactions under NATS through Webportal only. In case, you have any difficulty in accessing / navigating, you may refer to step-wise procedure available at our website www.bopter.gov.in or may contact the following officers during working hours:-

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You may also send your relevant issues through mail at inf@bopter.gov.in.

We strongly solicit your help and cooperation in adopting National Webportal in making NATS easy to navigate.

With regards,

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DIRECTOR
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