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Office Memorandum

Subject: Record of discussion of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, MSDE & MoE to discuss amendment in the "Apprentices Act, 1961" on 17th August, 2021 at Shastri Bhawan.

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2. "Record of discussion" of the above meeting is enclosed. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.



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5. Shri D.P. Singh, Chariman, UGC
6. Shri Manoj Ahuja, IAS, Chariman, CBSE
7. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE
8. Dr. Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, NCVET
9. Shri. Mrutyunjay Behera, EA, DHE
10. Dr Manju Singh, Joint Secretary, UGC
11. Shri Ved Mani Tiwari, COO, NSDC
12. Dr. Buddha Chandrashekhar, Chief Coordinating Officer AICTE
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2. After detailed discussion, following view emerged:
 - 2.1 There should be a clear distinction between the Internship programme and Apprenticeship programme under the "Apprentices Act, 1961".
 - 2.2 Internship should be embedded in the education program so that the candidate gets appropriate credits awarded for the duration of training period at the workplace, which shall be made mandatory part of the relevant Degree Programme.
 - 2.3 Apprenticeship program with provision of stipend should be kept separate from such educational programs and it should be offered only after acquiring minimum level of educational/ technical qualification and graduate level degree.
 - 2.4 "DHE, MoE shall continue to administer apprenticeship programme in respect of freshly pass out engineering graduates, diploma holders, those student who are studying degree and diploma level courses in sandwich programme of engineering & General stream graduates i.e. BA, BCom & BSc graduates, MSDE shall continue to administer apprenticeship program for rest of categories of apprentices."
 - 2.5 A committee would be set up comprising of representatives from Directorate General of Training, National Skill Development Corporation, National Council for Vocational Education and Training, University Grants Commission, National Council of Educational research and Training, Central Board of Secondary Education and All India Council for Technical Education to deliberate on convergence of Vocational Education and Training with School Education and Higher Education. This Committee, steered by MSDE, should submit its report by 30th September, 2021. This Committee may also consider credit framework for mobility from educational programmes to skill based programmes and vice-versa.
 - 2.6 Subsequent to the above, discussion on amendments in the Apprentices Act, 1961, in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of State for SDE would be taken up.
3. The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Members present during the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, MSDE & MoE to discuss amendment in "Apprentices Act, 1961" on 17th August, 2021 at Shastri Bhawan

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