Subject: Minutes of the meeting of High Level Committee on DTH Operations and Monitoring Group – reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose hereon a copy of minutes of the meeting of High Level Committee on DTH Operations and Monitoring Group held on 28.06.2016 at 12:00 Noon under the Chairmanship of Prof. Sudhir Jain, Director IIT Gandhinagar, for information and necessary action.

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To,

The Chairman and all Members of the Committee:-

1. Prof. Sudhir Jain, Director IIT Gandhinagar - Chairman
2. Representative of Secretary Department of Space
3. Dr. T. P. Singh, Adviser, Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY)
4. Prof. Mangala Sunder K, Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras, Chennai.
5. Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi
6. Director, Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC)
7. CMD, Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL)
8. Mission Director, NMEICT

Copy to:-

1. Sr. PPS to Additional Secretary (TE), M/o HRD
2. Director (TE), M/o HRD
3. Deputy Secretary (ICT), M/o HRD
4. Shri Parameswaran N., Sr. Consultant, NMEICT, M/o HRD

Copy for information & necessary action to:-

1. Project Manager (NMEICT) – for information and necessary action.
2. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Project Coordinator, SAKSHAT Portal, IGNOU – for uploading it on Sakshat Portal.
Minutes of DTH OMG meeting held on 28 June 2016

A meeting of the High Level Committee on DTH Operations and Monitoring Group (OMG) constituted vide letter no. 01-01/2014 TEL dated 3rd May 2016 was held under the Chairmanship of Director, IIT Gandhinagar on 28th June, 2016 at MHRD Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The list of persons attended is enclosed.

2. The OMG was briefed regarding the developments since the last meeting of the committee on 16.5.2016. It was informed that the launch of the 32 DTH channels is likely by the Hon’ble Prime Minister on 15th August 2016. ED ECIL informed that orders have been placed for all the equipments and is expecting delivery before 28th July 2016. A team from ECIL is reaching BISAG soon to start the preparatory work. Both ECIL and Director BISAG confirmed that once the equipment is received the network could be made operational in 8 days. It was noted that steps have been taken for timely regulatory clearances from WPC, NOCC etc so that the same can be procured before August 2016.

3. After reviewing the matter, the following decisions have been taken by the OMG:
   a) There shall be a Chief National Coordinator (CNC) for the project to coordinate between the various National Coordinators and for maintaining standards. CNC may also be responsible for maintaining the common portal/mobile app covering all the channels. It has been suggested that taking into account his vast experience in the field, Prof Mangala Sunder K, of IIT Madras may be designated as the CNC for a period of 2 years. He may hold this post on honorary basis, but funds would be provided for maintaining support staff and office at IIT Madras/BISAG.
   b) There shall be a Technical Committee under the chairmanship of Sri. Ravi Kanth, Director, Electronic Media Production Centre, IGNOU to oversee the various technical aspects in the implementation of this project. This committee should be constituted early and shall work in close coordination with the CNC and BISAG.
   c) ECIL shall monitor the progress of dispatch of the indented material and confirm dispatch of the same on 15th July.
   d) A mail invitation may be sent from MHRD to the CEOs of the companies on whom the orders have been placed for gracing the occasion launch function by Hon’ble PM on 15th August 2016.
   e) ECIL and BISAG were requested to take necessary action for getting the various Regulatory clearances.

4. The meeting ended with the thanks to the Chair.