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Office Memorandum

Sub: Advisory Group on <u>Content, Quality and Examination framework</u>

National Telecom Policy – 2012 recognises that the rapid growth in the Telecom Sector requires to be supported by an enhanced pace of human capital formation and capacity building. It envisages to put in place an integrated skill development strategy for the converged ICT Sector as a whole.

2.   An Apex Body for Skill Development in Telecom Sector has since been constituted vide OM No. 100-47/2012-STG-I dated 22nd April 2013 (Copy enclosed).

3.   As provided in NTP-2012, the Apex Body is to be supported by Advisory Groups comprising representatives from industry, academia, PSUs etc. Accordingly, following Advisory Group on **Content, Quality and Examination Framework** has been constituted with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT:

1	Advisor (T) - Chairman
2	Head – Information Repository
3	DDG(NICF)
4	Nominee from MHRD/ AICTE
5	Nominee from NCVT
6	Nominee from Telecom Sector Skill Council/ TCOE
7	Nominee from BSNL
8-9	Two nominees from Telecom Sector Industry Associations COAI/ AUSPI/ ISPAI/ TEMA/ ICA etc[#]
10	One nominee from Academia[#]

[#]   *To be selected by DoT from amongst the nominations received. The organisational nominations will be requested based on expertise needed with the subject matter.*

DDG (Skill Development), DoT will be convener of the Advisory Group.

4.   Depending on the topics under focus, the chairmen of the Group is authorized to call subject-matter experts/ other stake-holders as Special Invitees during the deliberations.

5.   The above Advisory Group will be a Standing Group as wide varieties of subjects linked with Skill development initiatives need to be dealt with over a period of time.

6.   Mandate for the Group

The Advisory Group is expected to focus on Quality with a content-driven approach for development of National Occupation Standards, Course

Content as per identified Skill Gaps, framework for certification/ accreditation and to promote R&D, standardization & domestic telecom equipment manufacturing. The mandate of the Group is to examine and evolve the guiding principles/ approach specifically focusing on the following strategies enunciated in NTP-2012:

(a)   To put in place an ecosystem to advise and assist Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to periodically upgrade academic curriculum of telecommunication courses.

(b)   To set-up a comprehensive repository in NTIPRIT for disseminating telecom field related information, standards, benchmarks, resources, program curriculum, etc.

(c)   To promote and augment vocational and non-formal training institutes in urban and rural areas to cater to the skill and training needs of telecom sector.

(d)   To encourage collaboration with premier educational institutes like IITs and telecom research organisations of excellence for directing research and development to field problems.

7.   The Advisory Group will also be responsible to present the matters before the Apex Body for seeking strategic direction/ decisions, as well as informing the Apex Body about the initiatives undertaken and progress made.

8.   The proposed frequency of meetings of Group is quarterly. However, based on needs, meetings can be held earlier as well - as decided by the chairperson.

9.   The Group will submit its interim report within 3 months.

Encl: As above

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