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To

**The Chairmen/President(s)/Chancellor(s)/Vice Chancellor(s)
Director(s)/Principal(s)/Dean(s) of All Educational Institutions
The President(s)/Secretary(s) of All Educational Associations**

**Sub: EPSI Delegation met Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of HRD on 02.09.2015
at MHRD, New Delhi**

Dear Sir(s)/Madam,

Greetings from EPSI!

We are glad to inform you that the delegation of EPSI met **Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of HRD** on Wednesday, the 2nd September, 2015 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. A copy of representation submitted to the Hon'ble Minister is enclosed herewith. The Minister has patiently heard our views and acknowledged the contribution of private sector in education. Apart from the discussions about our representation, the Hon'ble Minister asked EPSI to submit documents on the following issues:

1. Launching 'Study in India for Greater Inflow of Foreign Students' in Indian Campuses:

The Hon'ble Minister has given us a new idea for launching '**Study in India**' Programme in foreign countries to attract foreign students in large number. We have been asked by the Minister to prepare a document enlisting modus-operandi of attracting foreign students in large number. EPSI requested one month time to submit a Paper on the same after doing some primary and secondary research.

2. About SWAYAM:

The Minister discussed about SWAYAM and directed the Additional Secretary, MHRD to meet the office bearers of EPSI. The office bearers met Shri R Subrahmanyam, Additional Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD. He has explained us the whole concept of SWAYAM and scope for involvement of member institutions of EPSI.

On our side, we have suggested that a few workshops on MOOCs could be organized at some metro cities for the principals, directors and vice chancellors. These workshops will help a lot our member institution to adopt the right approach of MOOCs.

3. PGDM Case Pending in the Supreme Court of India since 2011:

Since the Supreme Court has issued four interim orders against AICTE's Notification dated December 28, 2010, we have requested the Hon'ble Minister to issue direction to AICTE to

settle the case outside the court with all PGDM institutions by withdrawing the Notification dated December 28, 2010.

We were directed to forward all details and papers related to above case which is pending in the apex court since 2011 to consider the same.

Further the Hon'ble Minister seeks support/contribution/suggestions for preparing National Education Policy and asked EPSI to organise interactive meetings with stake holders. To showcase Indian Higher Education Institutions are at par with Global Standards, the MHRD is under consideration of organising an International Education Exhibition at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (preferably on 27th to 29th November, 2015) , wherein some reputed foreign universities have been invited. The Hon'ble Minister asked EPSI to take a Pavilion on behalf of the members and show case the contribution of private sector in Education.

As you are aware, EPSI is in the process of preparing a document on National Education Policy and the draft document has already been circulated to all. All are once again requested to please send your views/suggestions, so that the same can be incorporated.

For any queries or assistance please contact Mr. P Palanivel, Executive Secretary (M-09818229745/ 09868526065), through mail at exesecretary@epsfi.org, mail@epsfi.org.

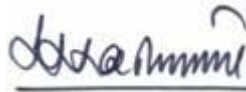
We will update the future developments in this regard as and when we get the information from the MHRD.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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