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Dear Ma'am / Sir,

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As you are aware, under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP), Government of India has lunched the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) in the year 2015, with an aim to provide a common online platform for the various scholarship schemes of the Central Government and the State Government. The prime objective of the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) is to create a unique, simplified and user-friendly platform for students to help to eligible and genuine beneficiaries avail benefits of educational scholarships in an efficient and transparent manner. To ascertain the genuineness of the applicants, the online applications received are verified at the level of Institutes, District and State by the respective Nodal Officers at each level.

2. For the efficient and transparent functioning of the scholarship schemes and disbursal of scholarship to eligible and genuine beneficiaries, the Central Government has started AADHAAR based biometric authentication of State Nodal Officers (SNOs), District Nodal Officers (DNOs), Head of Institutions (HoIs) and Institute Nodal Officers (INOs) in all states. Since NSP software does not have provision of Biometric authentication, it was decided to conduct the exercise through Common Service Centres (CSCs). The Department has now engaged CSC for Biometric authentication of INOs, DNOs and HoIs. The exercise is expected to take approximately 30 days.

3. The all India exercise has been distributed among different central government departments. This Department has been entrusted with the responsibility of the Aadhaar based Biometric Authentication of State Nodal Officers (SNOs), District Nodal Officers (DNOs), Head of Institutions (HoIs) and Institute Nodal Officers (INOs) through CSC, in the states of Gujarat, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The list of SNOs, DNOs, INOs and HoIs is enclosed.

4. The exercise will be conducted in the leadership of the State Nodal Officer (SNO) and District Nodal Officer (DNOs) of the State and therefore role of these officials become crucial to complete the drive in time bound manner. The Biometric Authentication of INOs, HoIs and DNOs shall be carried out at the District Headquarter by organising camps at district level or at any other location convenient to stakeholders. He may conduct more than one camps in his district as per the convenience of stakeholders but his presence in the camp is mandatory.

5. As we know, the INOs and HoIs are controlled and regulated by **State Education Departments, both school education as well as the higher and technical education. Some of**

the State nodal officers are from the respective secondary and higher secondary education boards. Therefore, the Schools/ Colleges/ Universities are also to be brought on board to complete the verification exercise timely. An advice from your Office to the Education Departments to make available institutes for biometric authentication will help immensely to complete the drive in time.

6. The Department has instructed Common Service Centre (CSC) to appoint State Coordinators for the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat. A list of such officers are being sent to State Nodal Officers (SNOs) and District Nodal Officers (DNOs). The SNO/DNOs should reach out to the State Coordinators for coordination, training, awareness and better scheduling of Biometric Authentication Camps at District and Institute level.

7. In view of above, it is requested that an appropriate instructions should be issued to the Education Department as well as SNOs/ DNOs dealing with Scholarships of Central Government to complete the authentication drive within the stipulated time.

8. Your active support and coordination in the matter would be greatly appreciated.

With regards,

Enc: as above

Yours sincerely,

(P. K. Banerjee)

To

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary (School Education/ Higher Education/ Technical Education/ Labour/Social Justice/Tribal Affairs) of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana