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NOTIFICATION

No. 18-4/2009-Lib (Pt.):- In pursuance of Cabinet Secretariat's L.D. No. 292/2/1/2012-CA.III dated 20th March, 2012, a high level Committee i.e., National Mission on Libraries is constituted with the following composition, terms of reference and other modalities:-

1. COMPOSITION

- (i) Prof. Deepak Pental, Chairman
- (ii) Shri BS Baswan, Member
- (iii) Dr. Sanjiv Misra, Member
- (iv) Dr. H.K. Kaul, Member
- (v) Prof. ARD Prasad, Member
- (vi) Prof. Subbiah Arunachalam, Member
- (vii) Mrs. Sudha Murty, Member
- (viii) One of the Trustees of Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Member
- (ix) Secretary, Deptt. of Higher Education, Min of HRD, Member(Ex-Officio)
- (x) Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Member - Convenor

All Members of the Mission would be on part-time basis and would not claim any salary for their association with the Mission.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following are the terms of reference for the proposed National Mission on Libraries:

- a) Advising the Government of India on all library and information sector matters of national importance.
- b) Preparing long term plans and strategies for development of the library sector, including conceptualization and approval of projects and preparation of a "National policy on Library and Information Systems for India".

- c) Interacting with State Governments on all library matters, especially on public library matters.
- d) Setting standards, including quality standards, for library collections, services, technical work and infrastructure, and devising in-built mechanisms to ensure compliance for all types of libraries.
- e) Encouraging and promoting partnership with corporate sector, philanthropic organizations, as well as bilateral and international agencies in the development of the library and information sector.
- f) Reviewing and assessing current status of library and information service education and in-service training facilities, and working with agencies such as the UGC and universities to address the identified issues.
- g) Coordinating with stakeholder Ministries such as the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Information Technology, Department of Panchayat Raj etc., to ensure effective implementation of the NKC recommendations and management of the post-implementation scenario.
- h) Coordination with other national stakeholders of the library and information sector, such as the University Grants Commission (UGC), the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) and so on, to ensure effective implementation of the recommendations and management of the post-implementation scenario.
- i) Collaborating with counterpart agencies in other countries to explore areas for cooperation which will lead to strengthening of India's library and information sector.
- j) Securing public support through advocacy and media by providing evidence of delivery, usage, outcomes and impact.
- k) Helping State Governments (that do not yet have library legislation) in formulating State Library Acts.

3. CO-OPT EXPERTS

The Mission would be free to co-opt experts to associate with it in the management of its tasks.

4. TENURE OF THE MISSION

The tenure of the National Mission on Libraries will be three years.

5. METHOD OF OPERATION

The Mission will address its Terms of Reference through Working Groups to be constituted for the purpose of formulating elaborate plans of action.

6. MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Management Support to the Mission would be as follows:

Raja Rammohun Ray Library Foundation, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture will be the nodal agency for the National Mission on Libraries for administrative, logistic, planning and budgeting purposes.

7. TRAVELLING AND DAILY ALLOWANCE

The non-official members will be paid travelling and daily allowances for attending the meeting of the National Mission on Libraries according to the existing norms. Sitting fee will also be paid according to the rates fixed by the Government of India from time to time.


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