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Subject: Constitution of Group of Secretaries (GoS) for Harmonization of Scholarships schemes– reg.

National Scholarship Portal is envisioned under the 'Digital India Program' as a one stop end- to- end IT Platform for registration, transfer, sanction and payment of all Central Government Scholarships.

2. The NSP portal in its present format is facing many challenges in its organizational structure, architecture and work flow due to diverse design and varied requirements of scholarship schemes implemented by different Ministries/ Departments. **In the CoS Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary, on 18.03.2016**, it was proposed to design new format for rolling out NSP for 2016-17. This entails Ministries/ Departments to undertake work to harmonize various scholarship schemes in Govt. of India so as to ensure certain standard schemes across the board.

3. Accordingly, pursuant to decision taken in the CoS meeting held on 18.03.2016, It has been decided to constitute a Group of Secretaries(GoS) that will oversee the process of harmonization of various scholarship schemes administered by various Ministries/ Departments, with following members:

Secretary (C&PG)	- Chairman
Secretary, DeitY	- Member
Secretary, M/o Minority Affairs	- Member
Secretary, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment	- Member
Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.	- Member
Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment.	- Member
Secretary, Department of Higher Education.	- Member
Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy.	- Member
Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs.	- Member
Secretary, Department of Science & Technology.	- Member
Special Secretary, Expenditure	- Member
Joint Secretary (RS), Cabinet Secretariat	- Member
Joint Secretary (DBT), Cabinet Secretariat	- Member

4. The Group of Secretaries (GoS) will finalise the process re-engineering and harmonization of various scholarship schemes administered by various Ministries/

Departments. It will be assisted by Group of Officers, who will submit their recommendations to Group of Secretaries by 30th April, 2016. Based on the recommendations of Group of Officers, Ministries/ Departments will re-engineer their schemes and will obtain necessary approvals by May, 2016. The new NSP Portal will be rolled out on trial basis in 3 states by June, 2016 and all schemes will be brought under its ambit by August 2016.


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Joint Secretary (DBT)

1. Secretary, DeitY.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment.
6. Secretary, Department of Higher Education.
7. Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy.
8. Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs.
9. Special Secretary, Department Expenditure.
10. Secretary, Department of Science & Technology.
11. Controller General of Accounts.

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