Subject: Constitution of Task Force for Implementation of National Scholarship Portal for M/o Minority Affairs- reg

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   DG, NIC                      Chairman
   JS, M/o Minority Affairs   Member
   Jt. CGA                      Member
   Dir (DBT)                   Member

5. The task Force will ensure timely release of M/o Minority Affairs scholarships for the financial year 2015-16 & will have the following terms of reference:

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   2. To identify and resolve causes of large no. of rejection even in renewal cases
   3. To resolve validation problems in large no. of beneficiaries bank accounts.
   4. To address issues of Software, Hardware, Poor Connectivity and Business Processes.
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To,

1) Copy to all members by name
2) Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs
3) Director General, NIC & Additional Secretary (DeitY)
4) Controller General of Accounts

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JS, M/o Social Justice & Employment
JS, M/o Tribal Affairs
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