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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: 7th June, 2010.

To

All Nodal Secretaries in-charge of NSS, States/UTs.

Sub.: Guidelines for opening Self Financing Units of NSS in educational institutions.

Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing the centrally sponsored scheme of National Service Scheme (NSS), which aims at the personality and character development of students in schools and colleges. Although NSS has remained immensely popular among student youth it has not been possible to cover even 15% of students in the country in the last 38 years of its inception due to budgetary constraints.

2. Acceding to the requests for introduction of new NSS units in schools and colleges without any financial assistance from the Government, this Ministry had with letter of even number dated 10th October, 2007 allowed opening of new NSS units on self-financing basis in addition to the present system of fully funded units. A copy of the operational guidelines for the NSS Self Financing Units (SFUs) is enclosed.

3. In order to expand the volunteer base of NSS, it has been decided to simplify the 'Procedure for Application'. The proposal for opening new NSS SFUs should be signed by the Principal/Head of the institution. The institution seeking to open NSS SFU should submit their proposal to the concerned NSS Regional Centre. A copy of the same may be sent to State Liaison Officer and NSS Programme Coordinator of the University/+2 Council concerned; for their information. The NSS Regional Centres will obtain the necessary approval from the Programme Adviser and convey such approval/disapproval to the concerned institutions.

4. As indicated in Ministry's letter of even number dated 10th October, 2007, the SFUs will for all practical purposes, be considered at par with regular NSS Units except that the funding for the 'Regular Activity' and 'Special Camping' and institutional establishment expenses like honorarium to Programme Coordinator/Programme Officer and support staff will be borne by the SFU Institution.

5. The Ministry/NSS Programme Adviser Cell will be responsible for imparting training, orientation of the key NSS officials of the SFU through its Training Orientation and Research Centres (TORCs) as in the case of fully funded NSS units. These SFUs will also be eligible to participate in all national and international

programmes of NSS i.e., Republic Day Camp, students exchange programmes and other special as well as sponsored programmes of the NSS along with fully funded units. The SFUs can avail financial assistance through their respective Regional Centres and Programme Adviser's Cell under the grants-in-aid scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The SFU Institution may, if necessary, charge a nominal fee from participating students for NSS programme activities.

6. It is requested that proactive action may be taken for covering more and more institutions and wide publicity may be given through notices, electronic/print media, convening special meetings with potential institutions, etc. to avail this new window of opportunity for student volunteers.

Yours faithfully

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Encl: NSS SFU Guidelines

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1. Vice Chancellors, All Central and State Universities.
2. Directors/Head of Autonomous Institutes.
3. All NSS State Liaison Officer.
4. All Head of NSS Regional Centres.
5. All NSS Programme Coordinators.

Copy for information to:

6. Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD.
7. Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD.
8. NSS Programme Adviser Cell.