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**Dr. Karan Singh re-nominated as Chairman of Auroville Foundation, an autonomous body under HRD Ministry**

Dr Karan Singh, an eminent scholar, Rajya Sabha Member and a senior leader of Indian National Congress has been re-nominated as the Chairperson of the Governing Board of Auroville Foundation, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Dr Singh has been re-nominated for a term of four years vide Human Resource Development's notification No. 27-9/2012-UU dated 23rd November, 2016.

Names of some distinguished personalities were suggested for the position. After due diligence and considering merit and commitment to work, Dr Karan Singh's name was recommended for re-nomination.

It may be added that Auroville (City of Dawn) is an experimental township in the state of Tamil Nadu, with some parts in the Union Territory of Puducherry. Mother, the spiritual collaborator of Shri Aurobindo, spoke in 1965 of her vision of a city of a new dawn, "Auroville" that she intended to build in the proximity of Shri Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry. Accordingly, the formal inauguration of the city happened on the 28th February, 1968 and was attended by representatives of 124 nations and all the states of India. Today Auroville is recognized as International living experiment in human unity, endorsed by the UNESCO and supported by the Government of India. It is also a centre for applied research in environmentally sustainable living practices, experimenting new system of education, social research and cultural activities.

The Government of India notified the constitution of Auroville Foundation as a Statutory Body on 29th January, 1991 as per the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988. The Auroville Foundation, headed by a chairman, is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Auroville Foundation consists of three authorities, the Governing Board, the Resident's Assembly and Auroville International Advisory Council. The Act vests the Governing Board with the responsibility and the authority for superintendence, direction and management of the Foundation's affairs.

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