

**SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSION OF THE 63<sup>RD</sup> CENTRAL ADVISORY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2015**

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) was held under the Chairpersonship of Union Human Resource Minister Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at New Delhi.

2. The meeting was attended by the Union Minister for Women & Child Development, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Shri J.P. Nadda, and the Minister of State for HRD, Shri R.S. Katheria.
3. Education Ministers of 19 States, representatives of 29 States and Union Territories, Members of CABE, heads of autonomous organizations, Vice Chancellors of Universities, senior academics were present in the meeting. Shri V.S. Oberoi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education and Member Secretary, CABE and Dr. Subash C. Khuntia, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy were present in the meeting along with senior officials of the Central and State Governments.
4. The CABE is the highest advisory body to advise the Central and State Government in the field of education. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 were confirmed along with the Action Taken Note.
5. In her opening address the Union Minister of Human Resource Development highlighted the achievements of the Ministry in promoting quality education to all through new and impending initiatives such as the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT), SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds), the Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) and the Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan (RAA). She stressed their importance and catalytic role in transforming the education sector and sought the cooperation and active participation of the States and Union Territories in their implementation.
6. She dwelt on the consultative and inclusive process of evolving, after 29 years, a New Education Policy, one that would be in step with the changed perspectives and aspirations, and with the needs of the country and the economy. The multi-layered and wide ranging process involves people from the grassroots, with meetings from the village level moving upwards to the State through Blocks, Panchayats, Districts and Urban

Local Bodies (ULBs). The Chairperson requested the States to initiate the grassroots consultation and keep the HRD informed of the progress.

7. The Chairperson also informed the members that she would be visiting the States through the month of September to continue a process of two-way engagement and dialogue.

8. A number of decisions were taken at the meeting, in part flowing from the agenda, and in part stemming from concerns raised by the State Governments and experts. The following resolutions were adopted :-

- (i) It was decided to constitute three Sub-Committees of the CAGE, to consider respectively, a) issues and impediments to mainstream out-of-school children, and measures to bring them into the fold of the educational system, b) measures and suggestions to improve the infrastructure, environment maintenance and learning outcomes of Government schools, c) measures to improve and enhance skilling and technical education in the school and higher education systems. These sub-Committees, each with representatives of States, academia and experts would give their report and recommendations within a year. Tentative composition of these Sub-committees is at **Annexure-I**.
- (ii) Members of the CAGE considered ways to encourage school and college students to participate in the National Cadet Corps and the National Service Scheme, which inculcate discipline, foster national integration and promote community service. It was felt that these were extremely important, and beneficial for the growth and learning of the students, as well as valuable to society. These activities could form the core of a series of activities, appropriately structured which would form an integral part of the learning process for students. Other co-curricular activities could include the performing and creative arts, as well as community service.
- (iii) The CAGE took up for consideration the issue of lightening the burden of school children. A range of views and suggestions were put forward.
- (iv) It was decided that a special meeting to discuss about teaching, teacher training and recruitment will be held by the Ministry of Human Resource development with the State Ministers in early October, 2015.

- (v) There was a broad consensus at the meeting, with State Governments being unequivocal in suggesting that the 'No-Detention' policy be revoked. Education Ministers, representatives of the States and CAGE members unanimously agreed on the need to do so. However, GOI proposed that the State Governments should formally provide their views, in writing, within 15 days, to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, which would consider the next steps, based on these recommendations.

8. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

**Annexure – I (3 pages)**

**Sub-Committee to Devise Pathway for Re-Engaging Out of School Children**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	
1.	Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Minister of State for Human Resource Development	Chairman
2.	Shri Tapan Chakraborty, Minister (School & Higher Education), Tripura	Member
3.	Shri Paras Chander Jain, Minister (School Education), Madhya Pradesh	Member
4.	Shri Ram Bilas Sharma, Education Minister, Haryana	Member
5.	Shri Ramji Raghvan, Founder-Chairman, Agastya International Foundation & CABE Member	Member
6.	Shri Vinayak Lohani, Founder of PRIVAAR Organization & CABE Member	Member
7.	Ms. Anjali Deshpande, Founder Secretary of 'DRISHTI' Stree Adhayayan Probodhan Kendra & CABE Member	Member
8.	Ms. Swaroop Sampat, CABE Member	Member
9.	Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Member
10.	Director, NCERT	Member
11.	Additional Secretary (School Education & Literacy), MHRD	Member Secretary

**Sub-Committee to Devise Pathway to**  
**Improve Condition of Government Schools**

S.No.	Name	
1.	Dr. Daljit Singh Cheema, Minister (School Education), Punjab	Chairperson
2.	Shri P.K. Shahi, Education Minister, Bihar	Member
3.	Shri Ram Govind Choudhary, Minister (Basic Education), Uttar Pradesh	Member
4.	Dr. Neera Yadav, Minister for Human Resource Development, Jharkhand	Member
5.	Shri Kimmene Ratnakar, Minister of State (I/C) for Education (Primary & Secondary), Karnataka	Member
6.	Prof. Vasudev Devnani, Minister of State for Education (Primary & Secondary), Rajasthan	Member
7.	Prof. M. K. Sridhar, Professor at Canara Bank School of Management Studies & CABE Member	Member
8.	Sh. Dileep K. Rajnekar, CEO, Azim Premji Foundation & CABE Member	Member
9.	Vice Chancellor, NUEPA	Member
10.	Joint Secretary (SE), MHRD	Member Secretary

**Sub-Committee on Skill & Technical Education in**  
**School & Higher Education System**

S.No.	Name	
1.	Prof. (Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria, Minister of State for Human Resource Development	Chairperson
2.	Shri Yitachu, Minister (School Education), Nagaland	Member
3.	Shri Mantri Prasad Naithani, Minister (School Education), Uttarakhand	Member
4.	Dr. Ranjeet Patil, Minister of State for Urban Development, Maharashtra	Member
5.	Shri Manish Sabharwal, CEO, Team Lease India & CABE Member	Member
6.	Dr. Joram Begi, CABE Member	Member
7.	President, The Institution of Engineers	Member
8.	Chairman, UGC	Member
9.	Chairman, AICTE	Member
10.	Chairman, NIOS	Member
11.	Additional Secretary (TE), MHRD	Member Secretary