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Dear Sir / Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a communication received from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Department of Youth Affairs regarding National Service Scheme (NSS) which aims at the development of personality and character of the students through community service. The Department had introduced a mechanism for permitting the setting up of self-Financing Units (SFUs) of NSS in the year 2007-2008. The SFUs are entitled to all the benefits of the scheme at par with Government-funded NSS units, the only difference being that the expenditure on setting up such units is required to be borne by the concerned educational institutes. The Department has suggested that such institutions may charge nominal fees from students for NSS programme activities and may also mobilize funds through CSR activities of corporate sector or from any other legitimate source.

The Ministry has requested that all the Educational Institutions should join this youth development effort by setting up Self-Financing Units (SFUs) of NSS.

I accordingly request that all the universities and its affiliated colleges / institutions shall take necessary steps for implementing the above measures.

Yours sincerely,


(Pankaj Mittal)

To the Vice-Chancellors of all universities

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Rajeev Gupta, IAS
Secretary



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Government of India
Department of Youth Affairs
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

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Dear Sir,


As you would be aware, the Department of Youth Affairs is implementing National Service Scheme (NSS), which aims at the personality and character development of the students through community service. At present, the NSS has 3.3 million volunteers on its rolls, spread over 336 Universities, 15,908 Colleges/ Technical Institutions and 11,809 Senior Secondary Schools. Ideally, the Scheme should be available to all eligible students, but due to funds constraints, the Scheme currently covers less than 10% of the students eligible to join it. The need for expansion of NSS has been emphasised in various Forums. In fact, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on HRD also emphasised the need for expansion of NSS as third dimension of education.

2. In view of the above, the Department had introduced a mechanism for permitting the setting up of Self-Financing Units (SFUs) of NSS in the year 2007-08. The operational guidelines for setting up of SFUs have been simplified recently. A copy of the same is enclosed for ready reference. It may be seen that the SFUs are entitled to all the benefits of the Scheme at par with Government-funded NSS units, the only difference being that the expenditure on setting up such units is required to be borne by the concerned educational institutions. The Department has suggested that such institutions may, if necessary, charge a nominal fees from students for NSS programme activities and may also mobilise funds through CSR activities of corporate sector or from any other legitimate source. The annual expenditure on operating one NSS unit with 100 volunteers works out to Rs.47,500/- only.

3. NSS has been promoting the spirit of community service among the youth, thereby helping in building their character and making them better citizens. NSS is an important dimension of value education. Considering the significance of the Scheme, I would urge upon you to kindly advise all the Educational Institutions affiliated to your Organisation to join this youth development effort by setting up Self-Financing Units (SFUs) of NSS.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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