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Subject:- Committee for reform and revamping of National Institute of Rural Development, SIRDs, etc.

The capacity building of Rural Development functionaries and elected representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the field of rural development is of prime importance for better implementation of the rural development programmes. In order to meet the growing challenges in this field, it has been decided to constitute a Committee to suggest measures for reform and revamp of the National Institute of Rural Development, State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs) and Extension Training Centres (ETCs) which are the nodal Institutions engaged in training and capacity building of the rural development functionaries at National, State and District levels. The Committee will have the following composition:

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| Dr. Yoginder. K. Alagh, Chairman, IRMA | - Chairman |
| 2. Shri B.K. Sinha, Secretary, Department of Rural Development | - Member |
| 3. Shri A.N. P.Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj | - Member |
| 4. Shri Mohd. Haleem Khan, Director General, CAPART | - Member |
| 5. Dr. Arvind Mayaram,
Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser,
Ministry of Rural Development | - Member |
| 6. Dr. S. Parasuraman, Director,
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai | - Member |
| 7. Shri K.N. Janardhan, RUDSETI, Ujrei, Mysore,
(representing DMET) | - Member |
| 8. Dr. M.N. Roy, Principal Secretary,
Deptt. of Rural Development, Govt. of West Bengal. | - Member |
| 9. Shri S. M. Vijayanand, Principal Secretary,
Local Self-Government and Rural Development,
Government of Kerala. | - Member |
| 10. Shri Pramathesh Ambasta, Samaj Pragati Sahayog,
Bagli Tehsil, Diwas District, Madhya Pradesh. | - Member |
| 11. Shri Aditya Prakash, Adviser(Stats.),
Ministry of Rural Development | - Member-Secretary |

2. The Terms of Reference of the Committee will be as under:

- i. To assess the existing capacities and limitations of RD training institutions, i.e. NIRD at National Level, SIRDs at State level and ETCs at sub-State level and suggest measures for further strengthening;
- ii. To assess the training needs of the PR and RD functionaries and elected representatives at State, District, Block and GP levels;
- iii. To examine the structure of NIRD so as to strengthen its capabilities and functioning;

- iv. To examine issues relating to manpower management of NIRD, including appointment of faculty and other staff, their service conditions, removal from service, etc.
 - v. To suggest measures to strengthen linkage of NIRD with other institutions such as SIRDS, ATIs, CBOs, IITs, IIMs/Universities etc.
 - vi. To make recommendations regarding modes of training to be adopted including pedagogical methods, E-learning, skill-based programmes, introduction of SATCOM/Distance Mode of training especially for e-PRIs and award of Diploma/Certificates.
 - vii. Enlisting the RSETIs for imparting training to RD and PR functionaries, e-PRIs at sub-state and grassroots level
 - viii. To suggest training strategy for conduct of training programmes on the convergence of MoRD flagship RD programmes at various levels.
3. The Committee may coopt/associate any other person for general or specific purpose.
4. The Committee may take into consideration the reports of the various committees and working groups relevant to its Terms of Reference. The committee may organize National and State level workshops with stakeholders to elicit their views.
 5. The Committee will submit its Report to the Ministry of Rural Development within a period of three months from the date of its constitution.
6. The expenditure connected with the activities of the Committee, including the TA/DA, cost of conducting workshops, etc., will be borne by the Ministry of Rural Development. TA/DA including air travel will be paid to non-official members of the Committee as per the rules in force from time to time.

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