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F.No. 32011/2/2011-Vig.
Government of India
Ministry of Culture

New Delhi, dated the 18 February, 2014

Office Memorandum

Sub : Precautionary measures on an NGO named "National Educational Research & Development Programme (NERDP)" – Alert issued by MHRD and UNESCO-reg-

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith letter No C.13011/98/2011-Vig. dated 23rd January, 2014 received from Ministry of HRD, Department of Higher Education, Vigilance Section on the subject mentioned above which is self-explanatory. All Sections of Ministry of Culture administering various schemes are requested to be alert on any request from this NGO as also any such similar NGO while processing the case for any financial assistance under any scheme of the Ministry of Culture.


(N. P. Joshi)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

1. M-I Section
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Dr. P. Joshi
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No. C.13011/98/2011-Vig.
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
Vigilance Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
Dated the 31st January, 2014.

To

- ✓ 1. The Secretary, Ministry of Culture,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary, Deptt. of Electronics & Information Technology,
Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-3.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Transport Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi - 110001.
4. The Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Azad Bhawan,
I.P. Estate, New Delhi-1.
5. Chief Secretaries/Directors General of Police, North Eastern States.

Subject : National Educational research & Development Programme (NERDP) – Lodging
of First Information Report – regarding.

Madan/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Vigilance Wing, Department of Higher Education's letter of even number dated 30th May, 2013 on the above mentioned subject (Copy enclosed). It is informed that Economic offences Wing, Delhi Police has registered a First Information Report (FIR) in the complaint referred to them on NDERDP by the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



(K.S. Mahajan)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to : The Central Vigilance Commission, (Shri Arun Kumar, Director), Satrкта Bhawan, GPO Complex, Block A, INA, New Delhi.

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Ministry of Human Resource Development
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Vigilance Section

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3. The Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Transport Bhawan, Sansad
Marg, New Delhi, 110001.
4. The Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations,
Azad Bhawan, I. P Estate, New Delhi - 110001

**Subject: Alert regarding 'National Educational Research &
Development Programme (NERDP)**

Madam/Sir,

There is an organization by the name 'National Educational Research & Development Programme (NERDP) which claims to be an International Post-Secondary Non-Profit Statutory Education Agency in Higher Education, associated with international organizations with voting and funding rights in regard to the infrastructural development along with manpower development schemes in India.

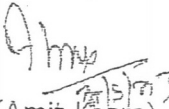
2. A complaint was received in the Ministry sometime past from Imperial Holding (P) Ltd., New Delhi and Summit Partners Limited, Seoul, Korea alleging that they have been cheated by NERDP as they had entered into some contract worth Rs. 80 crores with NERDP on a false understanding given to them by its Chairman that NERDP is an organization supported by UNESCO and duly recognized by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India for carrying out activities related to Higher Education in India. Taking cognizance of the complaint, Central Government had referred the matter to CBI and during investigation, it emerged that NERDP had misrepresented the facts about

its recognition by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The said organization is not recognized by Ministry of Human Resource Development or by UNESCO and has been misrepresenting about its status. The matter is presently under further investigation by Delhi Police.

3. In this regard, as a measure of abundant caution, the Chief Secretaries of North Eastern States have also been apprised about the so called NERDP vide this Department's letter of even number dated 25th April, 2012. A copy of the letter, which is self contained, is enclosed for ready reference.

4. Further, a reference No. PMO ID No. 610/31/C/20/2013-ES.II dated 21.3.2013 regarding the misrepresentation by NERDP has also been received in this Ministry from Prime Minister's Office which has been responded separately. A copy of the same is also enclosed for ready reference.

5. In view of the above position, it is requested that precautionary measures including blacklisting of the organization may be taken so that they do not misrepresent.


(Amit Khare)

Joint Secretary & CVO

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VIGILANCE MATTER

No.C.13011/98/2011-Vig:
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Higher Education)
Vigilance Section

New Delhi, dated the 25th April, 2012

To,

Dr. Joram Begi,
Director, Higher & Technical Education,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar - 791111

Subject : Preventive Vigilance Matter

Sir,

Please recall our discussions on 13th April, 2012 wherein you inquired about an organization by the name 'National Educational Research & Development Programme (NERDP)'. I had informed you that we have lodged complaint with CBI and Police authorities against this organization.

2. The facts of the matter are as follows:-

National Educational Research & Development Programme (NERDP) claims to be an International Post-Secondary Non-Profit Statutory Education Agency in Higher Education, associated with international organizations with voting and funding rights in regard to the infrastructural development along with manpower development schemes in India. A complaint was received in the Ministry sometime past from Imperial Holding (P) Ltd., New Delhi and Summit Partners Limited, Seoul, Korea alleging that they have been cheated by NERDP as they had entered into some contract worth Rs. 80 crores with NERDP on a false understanding given to them by its Chairman that NERDP is an organization supported by UNESCO and duly recognized by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India for carrying out activities related to Higher Education in India. Taking cognizance of the complaint, Central Government had referred the matter to CBI and during investigation, it emerged that NERDP had misrepresented the facts about its recognition by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The said organization is not recognized by Ministry of HRD or by UNESCO and has been misrepresenting about its status. The matter is presently under further investigation by Delhi Police.

3. It has also come to notice of the Vigilance Department of the Ministry that National Educational Research & Development Programme (NERDP) has been making proposals to the various institutions, more specifically in the North Eastern Region for MOUs on education related matters misrepresenting its facts more specifically about its recognition by Ministry of HRD, which is totally untrue.

4. In the context of the foregoing, you are advised to be careful in entering into any contract with the aforesaid organization which is not recognized by Ministry of Human Resource Development or by UNESCO.

Copy for information to Chief Secretaries of North Eastern States

(Amit Khare)
Joint Secy & CVO

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Joint Secy & CVO

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

South Block
New Delhi - 110 011

Information had been sought verbally whether Ministry of Human Resource Development had given any support to NERDP Global - National Education Research and Development Programme "affiliated to the Ministry of Human Resource Development partnered by UNESCO" for the India International Folklore Festival, 2013 under the banner of Bharatiya Lok Sanskriti Utsav. Ministry of Human Resource Development informed that a CBI investigation had been proposed by the Ministry against the Chairman, NERDP, based on a complaint received from the Chairman, Imperial Holding Private Limited, New Delhi. Ministry has subsequently written to Commissioner of Police, New Delhi, for necessary legal action against the Organization on recommendation of CBI. Ministry has maintained that the said Organization was not recognized by the MHRD or by UNESCO and that the said Organization has been misrepresenting about its status.

2. I am directed to request that as a measure of abundant caution, Ministry of Human Resource Development may also coordinate on this issue with other concerned Ministries/Departments, like Culture, Information Technology, Tourism, ICCR, etc. as required, and take appropriate steps including blacklisting, etc., if found necessary.

Dr. no. 439/vig/2013
04.04.2013

(Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed)
Director
Tele: 23012613

Secretary, Department of Higher Education

PMO ID No. 610/31/C/20/2013 - E-II

Date: 21.03.2013

① Pl. inform other Ministries as at 'A' above.

② We may also follow-up on investigation.

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