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Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of Higher Education

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
dated, the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018

To

The Chairman, DASA - 2019; and  
Director, NITK - Surathkal,  
Surathkal - 575025 (Karnataka).

Subject:- Recommendations of the Working Group constituted by the Council of NITSER to make recommendations with regard to relevance of continuing DASA Scheme.


Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Order F.No.35-2/2018-TS.III dated 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 vide which a Working Group under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairperson, BoG, NIT - Arunachal Pradesh and Chairman, AICTE, Delhi was re-constituted, as per decision taken by the Council in its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, to examine the matter of quality of students getting admission under Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme and also the relevance of continuing of DASA Scheme in view of the above.

2. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairperson of the Committee has submitted the report to the Ministry on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 for taking appropriate action.

3. The recommendations of the above Committee have been examined in this Ministry and the approval of the competent authority is conveyed on the following:-

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(i)	The best option is to select candidates through JEE (Main) being conducted by NTA. NTA should organize online test of JEE (Main) in the different countries using modern technologies and the admissions may be done on the basis of ranks obtained in JEE (Main). However, the merit list of	Recommendations at S.No. (i) and (ii) are approved with a condition that they will be applicable from the academic year 2021 - 2022 onwards.  At the same time, it is advised that the changes in the admission policy may be notified by DASA

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	the admissions under DASA category may be prepared separately, keeping the same qualifying marks as decided by JEE (Main). Since there would be abrupt change in the policy, sufficient notice is necessary for its implementation. The admission policy through JEE (Main) should be advertised for a period of two years and should be implemented from 2021-2022.	and the exam conducting authority (NTA) well in advance to enable students to prepare accordingly for the upcoming changes.
(ii)	Meanwhile, the admission under DASA scheme for the year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 shall be based on the SAT score obtained in a single attempt, and applicant should have a minimum valid score of 1800 in SAT score. The applicant has to attempt all three subjects together.	
(iii)	A total number of seats offered under DASA scheme is based on 15% supernumerary basis. 5% of supernumerary seats (i.e. 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the seats of DASA) are reserved for CIWG. However, from the perspective of fee chargeable, the annual income of the parent should be considered. Students, whose parents possess professional degrees like engineering, medicine, architecture, CA etc. should be charged fees at the same level (i.e. US\$8000) as other NRI / FN / PIO (normal DASA category students) and fee chargeable to other eligible students under CIWG may continue to be same as Indian students (Rs.1,25,000/- per student per annum).	Though the recommendation is justifiable, however, it will be difficult to implement the same since we do not have a way to verify parental income of the students in the CIWG category. Therefore, the fee prescribed for CIWG category of students for the last academic year (i.e. Rs.1,25,000/- per student per annum) shall continue to be in operation.
(iv)	DASA scheme is now currently being practiced in all NITs and CFTIs, which is similar to a new proposed programme named as Study in India. It is, therefore,	Regarding integration of DASA scheme with Study in India, the same is approved with a condition that selection for admissions will be done by NIT system as is being

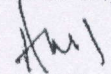


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	recommended that only single scheme i.e. DASA Scheme be operated in NITs & CFTIs to avoid duplication & effort. The NITs shall actively participate in Study in India by advertising DASA scheme. The Ministry may decide about the merger of DASA admission scheme and Study in India programme.	done now and Ed.CIL will only be intimated to add to their overall numbers under the Study in India programme. Apart from this, the NITs may join Ed.CIL in publicizing the Study in India Programme.

4. The Director, NITK, Surathkal being the Chairman of DASA - 2019 is requested to kindly initiate action on the above lines and apprise this Ministry about the action taken from time to time.

5. This issues with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development.

Yours faithfully,

  
[A.K. Singh]

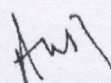
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1. The Director General, National Testing Agency, IITK Outreach Centre, C-20, 1A/8, C Block, Phase 2, Industrial Area, Sector 62, Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201309.
2. The Head, Study in India, EdCIL (India) Limited, EdCIL House, 18A, Sector 16 A, Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201301 (India).
3. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairperson, BoGs, NIT - Arunachal Pradesh and Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi.
4. The Directors of all the NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

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1. PS to Hon'ble HRM.
2. PPS to Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD.
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