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Dear

As you are aware, Government of India has launched Aspirational Districts Program to effectively transform these Districts through convergence of Central and State Schemes; collaborations among officers and creating competition among Districts. While the States are the main drivers, this lays emphasis on district to bring about overall improvement in the living standards of the citizens and ensuring 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas'. One of the key focus areas includes skill development.

Given that India is passing through a demographic transition wherein more than 65% of its population is expected to be in the productive age group of 15-59 years with currently about 28% in the youth category 15-34 years. To harness the demographic potential for economic growth, it is necessary to improve the employability of labour force to access the decent jobs. However, the demographic potential varies across States and Districts with peninsular India aging faster than the hinterland India. Hence the need to focus on skill initiatives.

The State level workshop organized by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through NSDA in collaboration with State Governments have highlighted the important and good works done by the States in the skill development. We would like to compliment and support your initiatives in this regard by providing adequate handholding support to these Aspirational Districts in your State.

The officers from my Ministry would be undertaking field visits in various Districts of your States and facilitate the Districts in their endeavor.

The visit will begin with a meeting with Districts Collector/CEO-Jila Parishad and other State level officers implementing the programs. The team will also have interactions with training providers, ITIs, Polytechnics and JSS administrations. The team would also have conversation with students and industry present in these Districts. This will enable a stock taking of the available skill ecosystem vis-à-vis our data and provide us good understanding of challenges to be addressed at the Districts level to make youth employable. This may involve setting up of training institutions, involving industry etc. In this regard, the reporting formats are being prepared and would be utilized by the visiting team.

You are kindly requested to direct the concerned department and the Districts Collectors to provide requisite support.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

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To all the Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/UTs as per list enclosed.

