



as first installment for the procurement of machinery / equipment for new and existing ITIs and also procurement of vehicle / office equipment for the State Directorate in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

**CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME FOR UPGRADATION OF ITIs INTO CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE**

23.8 Union Finance Minister in his Budget Speech 2004-05 had announced measures for upgradation of 500 ITIs in the country. Subsequently, as per the advice of M/o Finance, action has been initiated for upgradation of 100 ITIs from domestic resources and 400 ITIs through World Bank assistance.

23.9 The said 100 ITIs to be funded from domestic resources have been distributed in 26 States/Union Territories (other than J&K, Sikkim and NE States) in proportion to the number of Government ITIs in these States. The total cost of the scheme is Rs.160 crore, Central share being Rs.120 crore, in view of ratio of 75:25 as advised by the Ministry of Finance.

23.10 The objective of the scheme is to upgrade the existing 100 ITIs into “Centers of Excellence (CoE)” for producing multi skilled workforce of world standard. The highlights of the scheme are introduction of multiskilling courses during

the first year, followed by advanced / specialized modular courses in the second year by adopting industry wise cluster approach, multi entry and multi exit provisions, and Public-Private-Partnership in the form of Institute Managing Committee (IMC) to ensure greater & active involvement of industry in all aspects of training.

23.11 Curricula on 13 Broad Based Training courses advanced modules have already been finalized. The implementation of the scheme is being continuously followed up by holding regional and zonal review meetings under the Chairmanship of Secretary (L&E), Govt. of India with State Secretaries/ Directors, Representatives of Industry Associations, Principals of ITIs and IMCs Chairmen. As a result, training courses in 96 ITIs, as against a target of 100 ITIs have already commenced.

**UPGRADATION OF 400 ITIs WITH WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE**

23.12 World Bank has agreed in-principle to provide retroactive financing for taking up 100 ITIs in the current FY 2006-07, even before signing of the Project agreement, accordingly training in these ITIs have been started since August 2006.

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