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Germany’s Federal Minister of Education and Research Dr. (Mrs.) Annette Schavan calls on Shri Mallikarjun Kharge Minister of Labour and EmploymentNew Delhi: May 31, 2011

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Germany’s Federal Minister of Education and Research Dr. (Mrs.) Annette Schavan called on Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Minister of Labour and Employment in New Delhi today. Two MoU’s were signed in their presence.

First MoU was between National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and iMOVE. Both NSDC and iMOVE have agreed to develop their cooperation in the field of skill development with the objectives

- To promote the transfer of know-how in vocational education and training
- To foster private sector initiatives in vocational education and training between German and Indian stakeholders, like training providers, educational institutions, corporations and others
- To facilitate direct and institutional collaborations in vocational education and training between relevant Indian and German stakeholders, like Sector Skill Councils, chambers, training providers, research institutions, corporations and other public and private entities.

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is a one of its kind, Public Private Partnership in India. It aims to promote skill development by catalyzing creation of large, quality, for-profit vocational institutions. It provides viability gap funding to build scalable, for-profit vocational training initiatives. Its mandate is also to enable support systems such as quality assurance, information systems and train the trainer academies either directly or through partnerships.

International Marketing of Vocational Education (iMOVE) is an initiative of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), designed to promote and support the export of German vocational education and training. With its extensive range of services, iMOVE assists German training providers succeed in international markets. Using the brand “Training – Made in Germany”, iMOVE promotes German competence in vocational education and training in international markets.

Second MoU was between ILF&S Cluster Development Initiative Limited and Handwerkskammer Rhein-Main (Rhine-Main Chamber of Skilled Crafts). ILFS is likely to

set up 100 Multi Skilled schools across the country would provide Skills training for local industries and self employment based on the demand of that particular region, focus on some of high growth sectors on an all India basis and eventually seeks to provide skilled manpower for the global markets.

Ms. Rhine-Main Chamber of Skilled Crafts will support through identification of skills and competencies, preparation of course curriculum, preparation of training manual, setting up of workshops, train the trainee, supervision of training activities, testing & certification etc. Certificates will be issued jointly by ILFS and Rhine-Main.

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