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Dear Sir/Madam

Greetings !

This is to inform you that RUSA Maharashtra is planning to send proposal under **Component 9 i.e. Equity Initiative**. Equity through inclusion in higher education is one of the key components under RUSA. Maharashtra is eligible from among 20 states to receive a grant of **Rs. 5 crore in the 12th Five year Plan**. All the State Universities and Colleges will be eligible to receive the grants with a maximum limit of Rs. 3 lakhs for each institution. SPD RUSA proposes to invite proposals from selected State Universities to devise innovative approaches to ensure inclusion in University Departments and Affiliated Colleges. In order to do that, first step is to identify colleges in some of the most backward, both socially and economically districts of Maharashtra. Following 4 initiatives have been identified by the RUSA Team:

- 1) Equal Opportunity Cell/Women Development Cell.
- 2) Resource Centre for Visually Challenged Students in Universities & identified Colleges as pilot.
- 3) Enhancing Research Skills in Undergraduates.
- 4) Skill Development Centre for Short term skill based training courses.

We would request you to send the name of the affiliated Aided and Accredited Colleges who could receive funding under this component. Commitments are required from the selected colleges. Please provide the details in the given formats by **June 25, 2016**.

Thank You

Warm Regards
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TSG Member
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3. Priority Order of Colleges for Equity Initiatives (Rs. Lakhs).

S.No.	Name of the College in descending order of importance	2016-17	Total

4. Commitments required to be furnished (Yes/No).

Commitment	College 1	College2	College 3	College4	College 5 and so on.
Equity & Inclusion					
Adherence to merit -based admission of students					
50% of the hostel seats should be reserved for socially and economically weaker sections.					
Adherence to the reservation policy of State Govt. in admission and faculty recruitment					

5. 5 vital reasons for prioritization & justification of grants to Institution for Equity Initiatives.

S.No.	Name of the College	Reasons

6. Outcome - Output Targets for Equity Initiatives

Outcome	Output	Indicator	Unit	2015 - 16	2016 - 17
Better Equity	SC	Estimated increase in GER for these categories	In %		
	ST				
	OBC				
	Women				