Dear Training Providers,

Guidelines for Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring of Training Centres for the Skill Ecosystem being managed through the SMART (Skill Management & Accreditation of Training Centres) portal aim to provide an umbrella framework to all the skilling activities being carried out within the country, thereby providing quality benchmarks in the concept, establishment and running of the various schemes.

It may also be noted that Accreditation and Affiliation of a TC does not guarantee target allocation under any Government funded skill development schemes including PMKVY. Each scheme may have its own target allocation process, according to which a TC may be allocated the targets. For example, under PMKVY, the target allocation is based on the grade and job roles demands as per the geographical location of the TC.

The same has been conveyed through the Guidelines for Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring of Training Centres for the Skill Ecosystem with reference to para 9(d) and para 9.2(c) of Chapter 1. Also, this is mentioned on the SMART website on the following page: https://smart.nsdcindia.org/before_you_begin.aspx

In addition, another pop up message is displayed as a user proceeds with the application process on SMART as given below:
As mentioned above, accreditation and affiliation of the training centres with respective Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) should not be construed as equivalent to allocation of targets under any skill development scheme including PMKVY. Albeit, the affiliation is treated as a pre-requisite for such target allocations.

Further, the allocation of targets under PMKVY (2016-2020) is subject to various guidelines and conditions (which may be updated by the concerned authorities from time to time) including but not limited to the following:

i. Guidelines for Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring of Training Centres for the Skills Ecosystem
ii. PMKVY Guidelines (2016-2020)
iii. Ownership status and geographic location of a Training Centre
iv. Sectors in which a training centre is desirous of imparting training

In order to ensure sector and geographical coverage as stated in Annexure 1: Target Allocation Methodology of PMKVY Guidelines (2016-2020), an analysis has been conducted and it is observed that the skill trainings imparted are highly focused in certain states, districts, sectors or job roles. The top 3 states in terms of target allocation account for about 37% of the total target allocation and the top 5 sectors in terms of target allocation account for about 48% of the total target allocation. In larger public interest, it is important that training centres are distributed across the country such that training and employment opportunities are generated across geographies. In addition, a review is being conducted towards a demand driven model to ensure that trained workforce is not unemployed due to effect of uneven distribution of training being imparted in various sectors and geographies.

In addition, based on the monitoring visits, it has been observed that 46% of franchise centres are not in compliance with PMKVY (2016-2020) guidelines and the accreditation guidelines even though these centres were recommended during planned inspection; this may lead to poor quality of training; diluting the key objective of the scheme. Further, as per section 1.5 of Chapter 1 of PMKVY Guidelines (2016-2020), first level of franchising is permitted under PMKVY but franchising arrangements would be discouraged and would be given lower priority and it is planned to gradually phase out franchisee arrangements.

In view of the above, a policy decision was taken that the target allocation under short term training of CSCM component of PMKVY (2016-2020) to the following categories of centres have been temporarily put on hold and might be revised based on further review and analysis. This temporary hold on target allocation is to analyse and understand the key issues/concerns/leakages currently present in the system which has resulted in the non-compliance of the accredited and affiliated centres. However, target allocation would continue in states and sectors other than the ones listed below:

- All the Franchise Centres
- Centres located in following states:
  - Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan
- Centres desirous of imparting training in following sectors:
  - Apparel, Electronics, IT-ITeS, BFSI and Telecom

Final decision on way forward for states /sectors etc. where target allocation is on hold is expected before the end of June 2017.