Identification of an institution in the State Government to act as Nodal Institution to conduct research and impart training on the subject relevant to states on International Trade.

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT

General Administration Department,

Resolution No. PRC-102011-820491-ARTD-III,

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

Dated the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Read: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India's letters No.4/16/2009-CWS dated 28-07-2010, No.1/55/2008-TPD dated 06-09-2011 and 17-11-2011.

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Institution SPIPA shall also prepare a Plan of Action with timelines and In order to formulate appropriate policies to regulate, develop and promote India's international trade and commerce, it is necessary to understand the changes taking place in the area of International Trade, including new rules and principles being laid down by World Trade Organization to discipline international trade. For conducting studies, research, exchange programmes, training etc. on international trade, the Department of Commerce, Government of India has set up the Centre for WTO Studies (CWTOS). The Centre for WTO Studies sponsored by the Department of Commerce has been mandated for building the capacity of stakeholders on WTO and other trade related matters. A special focus is needed for the capacity building of State Governments and it is decided that the Centre shall work on this issue through Academies of Administration of the State Governments, who will also become a regional training hub for other neighbouring states. In this regard, the matter of identification of an institute in the State Government to act as nodal institution was under consideration.

2. After careful consideration Government of Gujarat has identified Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration, Ahmedabad (SPIPA) as the "Nodal Institute" in Gujarat for the purpose of conducting research and imparting training on the subject relevant to the state on International Trade.

As the Nodal Institution, SPIPA is to perform the following functions:-

- List the issues relevant to the state on International Trade. These issues would mainly be in the sectors of Agriculture, Dairy, Industries, Services, Intellectual Property Rights, Patents, Migration of Labour, HDI, Geographical Indications, Traditional knowledge, etc., amongst others.
- (2) Impart training to Government officers and others in matters relating to International trade, WTO, FTA, Bilateral Agreements etc.
- (3) Compile data and conduct research on subjects that are of interest to the state on International Trade.
- (4) Identify resource person from the Institution, Companies and offices, both within and outside Government, who can speak on the subject and also contribute in other manner. Such resource persons can be registered with Department of Commerce, Government of India.
- (5) Identify persons, specialists and economists to take up e-courses conducted by WTO.
- (6) Other related matters intimated by Government of India and the State Government from time to time.
- 3. SPIPA shall keep in touch with the Department of Commerce, Government of India and the CWTOS to effective fulfill its role as the Nodal Institution. SPIPA shall also prepare a Plan of Action with timelines and inform Government, and also provide quarterly update on the progress.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

(B. C. Patel)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Gujarat, General Administration Department.

To,

- > Principal Secretary to H.E. the Governor of Gujarat, Gandhinagar,
- > Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- > Private Secretaries of all Ministers/Minister of State, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
- > Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- > All Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- > Secretary, Gujarat Vidhansabha Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- > Secretary, Gujarat Public Service Commission, Gandhinagar.
- Registrar, Gujarat High Court, Ahmedabad.

- Secretary, Gujarat Vigilance Commission, Gandhinagar.
- Secretary, Gujarat Civil Service Tribunal, Gandhinagar.
- Secretary, Gujarat Subordinate Service Selection, Board, Gandhinagar.
- Resident Commissioner, New Delhi.
- Shri Rajeev Kher, Additional Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, New Delhi.
- Director General, Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration, Ahmedabad. (15 Copies)
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