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**Dear Sir,**

This is to suggest setting up of a National Programme for digitization of School Records for Class X and XII Students. These records are authentic official records of the educational qualification and primary demographic information of the students including name, father's name, date of birth etc. which is used by individuals all their lives. These records are maintained by relevant CBSE/State Boards for a period of 25 to 30 years in physical form incurring heavy cost on storage and their maintenance. Moreover, retrieval of any record is a time consuming and cumbersome. Digitization of these records will enable real time access of this information by concerned citizens. More importantly, once digitized, a huge wealth of information can be generated through data analytics of this information which can provide important inputs for policy formulation.

2. MeitY has developed a "Digitize India Platform" ([www.digitizeindia.gov.in](http://www.digitizeindia.gov.in)) which will be able to digitize the records through crowdsourcing. The cost of such scanning is only about Rs. 5 a page (including scanning, digitization and verification). Assuming that records for last 20 years have to be digitized of 1.5 crore students (Class X and XII) per year on an average, this would require a programme of roughly Rs. 150 crores. Joint funding of this programme could also be thought between States and Central Government. A user fee model could also be thought of to make it expenditure neutral from the Government perspective.

3. May I request you to kindly consider the proposal and, if agreed, request you to kindly convene a brainstorming meeting of CBSE, representatives of one or two State Governments along with MeitY wherein the contours of the scheme could be shaped.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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