No. T-16017/14/2020-iGOT
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training
(Training Division)
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Block-IV, 4th Floor, Old JNU Campus,
Opposite Bersarai Market, New Delhi-110067
Dated: 08th October, 2021.

To

    1) The Secretaries of all the Ministries / Departments of Govt of India.
    2) The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments / Union Territories.
    3) All the Cadre Controlling Authorities of Group 'A' Central Services.

Subject:- Extension of eligibility for MITx Micro Masters programme in Data, Economics and Development Policy (DEDP) under Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) Programme through Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) mechanism to all Group 'A' officers of Central Government - reg.
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Sir / Madam,

    I am directed to refer to this Department's Circular of even no. dated 16th September, 2021 (copy enclosed) regarding MITx Micro Masters programme in Data, Economics and Development Policy (DEDP) under Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) Programme through Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) mechanism.

2.   Para 5.1 of the aforesaid Circular dated 16.09.2021 contains provisions regarding eligibility of officers. In this context, it is hereby informed that the eligibility for the said courses, apart from that mentioned in Para 5.1 of the said Circular, is being extended to **all Group 'A' officers of Central Govt.** with the approval of competent authority.

3.   In view of the above, Para 5.1 of DoPT's Circular of even number dated 16.09.2021 may be read as under :

Para 5.1   Officers eligible :

All officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFoS), Central Civil Services Group 'A' Officers and all Group 'A' officers belonging to Central Secretariat Service (CSS), Central Secretariat Stenographer Service (CSSS) and all Group 'A' officers of Central Govt. and all Group 'A' officers of State Administrative/Civil Services.

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4.   The last date for receiving online applications for the Fall 2021 batch has also been extended up to 13th October, 2021. Since the courses have already started from 5th October, 2021, the officers interested in these courses are requested to apply as soon as possible. For other details, this Department's aforesaid Circular of even number dated 16.09.2021 (copy enclosed) may be referred to.

Yours   faithfully,

(Manoj Gupta)
Under   Secretary to the Govt. of India

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1) The Secretaries of all the Ministries / Departments of Govt of India.
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3) All the Cadre Controlling Authorities of Group 'A' Central Services.

Subject:- 8th Batch of MITx Micro Masters programme in Data, Economics and Development Policy(DEDP) under Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) Programme through Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) mechanism - reg.

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Sir / Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Department's Circular of even no. dated 10.05.2021 regarding MITx Micro Masters programme in Data, Economics and Development Policy(DEDP) under Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) Programme through Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) mechanism.

2. This Department has offered six online courses of MITx Micro Masters programme in Data, Economics and Development Policy(DEDP) in collaboration with Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), South Asia and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA under the iGOT initiative. These courses are offered three times a year viz., February, June and September. **This Department is now inviting applications for the 8th Batch (Fall batch) of J-PAL's MITx Micro Master Programme in DEDP starting on October 5, 2021 for the following five courses:-**

(i) The Challenges of Global Poverty;
(ii) Designing and Running Randomized Evaluations;
(iii) Data Analysis for Social Scientists;
(iv) Principles of Microeconomics; and
(v) Political Economy and Economic Development

3. All the details regarding MITx Micro Masters programme regarding registration process, eligibility, payments and reimbursements etc. are given below.

4. **The last date for receiving online applications for the Fall 2021 batch starting from October 5, 2021 is October 2, 2021.**The last date for making payment and the course completion date will be available on J-PAL's website.

5. The **eligibility criteria** for enrolling for the said courses are:

5.1 **Officers eligible**:

All officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFoS), Central Civil Services Group 'A' Officers and all Group 'A' officers belonging to Central Secretariat Service (CSS), Central Secretariat Stenographer Service (CSSS) and State Administrative/Civil Service.

5.2 **Eligibility in terms of Length of Service:**

All the eligible officers should have served for at least two years from the end of the calendar year of their joining of service in their respective cadres.

5.3 **Age Limit:**

The Upper Age limit is 56 years as on 1st July of the year of commencement of training.

5.4 The officers are requested to ensure that they fulfil the eligibility conditions as reimbursement of course fee will be made only to the officers who satisfy the eligibility conditions mentioned above.

6. **How to Apply**

6.1 Please read all the Instructions/Frequently Asked Questions available on J-PAL's website carefully before applying. The FAQs are also attached as Annexure-I to this circular.

6.2 Though there is no restriction regarding enrolment for more than one Course in one batch by any officer, given the time commitment that each course requires, it is advised that only one course should be enrolled in one batch by an officer.

6.3 The course **will** be taking place on a separate platform, not on edX platform, starting from this semester(Fall 2021). Details of how to enrol be shared on webpage. For Registration, log on to https://**igot.nic.in**. Then click on 'Approved Courses'. After selecting a course, click on the link "Register Here" below the name of that course. It will lead to J-PAL's website {J-PAL/MITxMicroMasters in Data, Economics, and Development Policy for Government of India Officials}. Follow all the steps for Registration given under 'How To Apply' on J-PAL's Website.

6.4 After registration on MicroMasters DEDP portal, it is mandatory to fill the J-PAL Google Form as explained and the link provided on J-PAL's website. It may be noted that there is a separate Google form for the officers who are applying for the first time and a separate Google form for the officers who have already registered earlier. In the form, candidates are required to select the course that they want to enrol for in the current batch. Based on the selection they will receive the coupon code for that specific course only. **After completion of the Google Form, a confirmation from J-PAL will be received through e-mail in due course.** Thereafter, J-PAL will provide coupon code(s) for the discounted price of US$ 100 per course per officer. This payment coupon code will be issued by J-PAL to eligible officers after submission of application (within 2-3 weeks of start of the course).

6.5 The last date for applying is **October 2, 2021 by 11:59 PM IST.** It will not be possible for J-PAL to issue coupon codes or consider any changes in course selection after the October 2, 2021 deadline. The course completion date will be intimated by J-PAL.

7. **Course Completion, Payment, and Reimbursement**

7.1 After completing the steps above, the candidates are required to start the course on **October 5, 2021** and complete it by **the date as intimated by J-PAL.**

7.2 The candidates will receive a course-specific discounted coupon code, which will enable the candidates to pay for the course at a discounted price of $100 USD. The said coupon code will be shared by J-PAL with the candidates before the payment deadline, along with instructions on how to apply it through the MicroMasters profile. The candidates are required to apply the coupon code **and make payment before the payment deadline as intimated by J-PAL** in order to enrol on the full MicroMasters track and earn a course certificate. It is not necessary to make the payment prior to starting the course i.e. on October 5, 2021 or before the deadline of payment as will be intimated by J-PAL.

7.3. The candidates may receive an e-mail from MIT requesting for financial documents/income statement. Please note that as an applicant through the DoPT partnership, candidates are **not** required to send MIT these documents or indicate the income status anywhere on the MicroMasters portal.

7.4. In order to earn a MicroMasters course certificate, the candidates will be required to (i) attain passing grades in the online component of the course (delivered) and (ii) pass an online proctored exam. The candidates who successfully earn this course certificate will then be reimbursed the course fee of $100 USD by D/o Personnel & Training.

7.5. **After successful completion of course,** the candidates should intimate Section Officer (iGOT), Training Division, Department of Personnel & Training, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi at email id – soigot-dopt@gov.inalongwith details of payment made, course completed and copy of Certificate. DoPT will get the details verified from the Cadre Controlling Authority concerned and the course fee paid by the candidates will be reimbursed to them directly.

7.6.   It is clarified that course fee will be reimbursed to an officer in respect of a particular course only once.

8.   It is requested that this initiative of iGOT programme for the Central and State Government officers may be given wide publicity and the officers may be encouraged to apply for the courses for the 8th Batch starting from October 5, 2021 under iGOT programme.

9.   For any query/help, candidates are required to carefully go through the FAQs in the appendix carefully. In case of any other doubt or question, the officers may consider the following:

9.1.   For questions regarding dates and deadlines, the candidates are advised to go through the J-PAL website and the "Upcoming Dates" page on the MicroMasters DEDP website carefully.

9.2.   For questions on the MicroMasters course or technical difficulties with the payment/course portal, the candidates may contact: micromasters-support@mit.edu with the subject line 'DoPT' making a CC to dopt@povertyactionlab.org

9.3.   For technical issues/questions regarding the courses or regarding the platform or online proctored exam, the candidate may contact J-PAL at e-mail id - dopt@povertyactionlab.org

9.4.   For questions on reimbursement and any assistance/suggestions, the following officers of D/o Personnel & Training may be contacted:
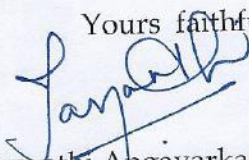
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Yours faithfully,

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