

local employment exchange and Labour Office for engagement of full quota of Trade Apprentices under the Apprentices Act 1961 (as amended in the year of 1973 and 1986). Keeping in view the fact that Graduate Trainees Scheme is run by CSIR at its National Lab/Instts. for imparting apprenticeship training to diploma holders /Science Graduates, the matter was taken up with the Ministry of HRD, Department of Education, Govt. of India, seeking clarification about the applicability of Apprenticeship Act, 1961 in the case of CSIR and its National Labs./Instts. Ministry of HRD, Department of Education have clarified that provisions relating to engagement of Apprentices of all categories fore a period of one year under the Apprenticeship Act are statutory and hence applicable in CSIR and its national Labs./Instts.

Accordingly, it is clarified that necessary quota of apprentices of all the categories i.e. graduate, technicians and technicians (10 + 2 vocational) may be determined by each Lab/Instt. as per Section 8 of the Apprentices Act, 1961, in consultation with Central Apprentices Council, as already intimated vide CSIR circular No. 14(45)/83-E,II dated 23.10.86.

As per recent clarification from Ministry of HRD, Dept. of Education, the rates of monthly stipend in respect of Apprentices Trainees are as under :-

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| 1. | Graduate Engineers | Rs. 1120/- |
| 2. | Technicians | Rs. 800/- |
| 3. | Technician (10+2 vocational) | Rs. 610/- |

The 50% of aforesaid stipend is payable by the Lab/Instt. and the balance 50% will be reimbursed by Central Govt. to the concerned establishment through the Regional Boards of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT) located in Bombay, Calcutta, Kanpur and Madras which were established by the Ministry of HRD and are authorised to implement a scheme of Apprenticeship Training in their respective region.

You are, therefore, requested to take necessary steps for compliance of the provisions of Apprenticeship Act, 1961 (as amended in the year 1973 & 1986). Copies of the circulars dated Dec. 1976 and 23rd October 1986 are enclosed for ready reference and compliance..

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Copy of CSIR letter No.14(45)/83-E,II/Vol.II dated 10.4.2000

Sub:- Discontinuation of CSIR Graduate Trainees Scheme.

I am directed to state that consequent upon implementation of the GOI Scheme on Apprenticeship Training under the Apprenticeship Act, 1961 by CSIR, the matter regarding continuation or otherwise of CSIR's own scheme on the subject i.e. CSIR Graduate Trainees Scheme has been under consideration for some time.

The matter has since been considered and taking note of the fact that the purpose for which the CSIR Scheme has been introduced could now very well be served by implementation of the GOI Apprenticeship Training Scheme mentioned above, the competent authority has approved the discontinuation of the said CSIR Graduate Trainees Scheme with immediate effect.

