D. O. No. 13-26/2020-ICC

Dated: 6th August, 2020

Dear Mr. Robert,

As you may be aware, around 30,000 students have registered for the Study in India this year. This Ministry has recently conducted the first ever Indian Scholastic Assessment (Ind-SAT) examination across 12 countries (Nepal, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Zambia, Indonesia and Mauritius) of the world for grant of scholarships to foreign students seeking admissions in Indian institutions/universities under Study in India Programme. I am pleased to inform that the exam was a huge success.

2. I am writing to convey the decision of the Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry that in view of the Covid 19 situation worldwide, the first semester of this academic session will be online for all foreign students and for subsequent semesters a decision will be taken depending on the pandemic situation at that time.

3. In this regard, you are requested to issue necessary instructions to the concerned Indian missions under your division to spread this information among all prospective students and put this information on mission’s website appropriately so that any student
desiring to study in Indian institutions would be reassured.

With Warm regards.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

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