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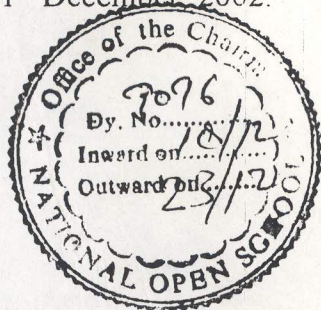
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New Delhi-11001, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2002.

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Education Secretaries,  
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Subject: According recognition to the examinations at Primary and Middle level Courses conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (formerly National Open School (NOS)).

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Sir,

The National Institute of Open Schooling (N.I.O.S.) (formerly National Open School (NOS)) is an autonomous organisation set up by the **Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India**, in 1989 as per the Resolution issued vide No.F.6-2/89-Sch.III, dated 21.11.1989 to provide education upto pre-degree level to those who for one or the other reason could not make use of the formal education system. N.I.O.S. has also been vested with the authority to conduct and certify examinations for Secondary and Sr. Secondary levels by the Government of India as per the resolution issued vide No F 5-24/90-Sch. III dated 14.9.1990 (copy enclosed)

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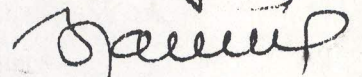
2. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has also intimated the Registrars of all Indian Universities vide their Notification No.EV/11(2001)9165718-908 dated 25.7.1991 (copy enclosed) of its decision to grant equivalence to N.I.O.S. courses with those of other examinations of recognized Boards for purposes of admission to higher courses of study at Indian Universities.

3. As you would be aware, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) also runs Open Basic Education Programmes through Distance Education Mode (Open Learning System) at the Elementary stage and awards Joint Certificate with the partnering NGOs at three levels - A level (equivalent to class III or class II of the Southern States where elementary stage is only till class VII), B level (equivalent to class V/IV) and C level (equivalent to class VIII/VII). This is applicable to their programme of equivalency under distance education programme where similar certificates are provided at the same level of competence and equivalence.

4. You may like to issue necessary instructions to all concerned to consider the communication/Notification regarding grant of recognition to the examinations conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling may be issued and the same widely circulated to all concerned.

5. For further details/clarifications in the matter, the Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling may be contacted at N.I.O.S., B-31B, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048 or visit their Web site at <http://www.nos.ac.in> or <http://www.nos.org>.

Yours faithfully,



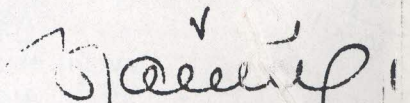
(Amit Kaushik)

Director

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1. All the Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India.
2. All the Officers/Sections in the Deptt. of Elementary Education and Literacy and Department of Secondary and Higher Education.
3. ✓ Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling, B-31B, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048 with reference to his letter No.NIOS/CMO/1.1/02/2607 dated the 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2002.



(Amit Kaushik)

Director