



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**  
**NEW DELHI**

***Minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on February 20, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. in Research Park IIT Madras, Chennai.***

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At the outset Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, Empowered Committee welcomed all the members of the Empowered Committee. There after agenda was taken up for discussion.

***Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee held on December 22, 2015 in UGC Office, New Delhi.***

The minutes were confirmed.

***Item No. 2 : Action taken on the Minutes.***

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee.

***Item No. 3(i): Discussion regarding Faculty Recharge Programme with Prof. Sudesh Nangia (National Coordinator) regarding the progress of the scheme.***

Prof. Nangia apprised the Empowered Committee about the status of selection for the IV Cycle of Faculty Recharge Programme.

***Item No 3(ii): Discussion on Revised placement of candidates selected in Cycle III.***

The Committee approved the revised placement of candidates which were not accepted by University of Mysore.

Since, University of Mumbai has given concurrence for only one candidate; it was decided to approach the University to clarify the stand on the remaining three candidates.

Further request of various candidates selected in the III cycle regarding re-placement were placed before the committee. The committee approved the same. However, the committee felt that there should be a uniform policy for the placement of the UGC faculty. The committee discussed about the matter in detail and recommended the following norms of placement of faculty to be incorporated in the next cycle:

- a) As a matter of policy, the UGC Faculty shall be recommended for a university outside its home state.
- b) Further, if the candidate has not given his/her choice of university and subsequently makes request for it, that request shall not be granted.
- c) The universities that have signed the MoU with UGC after placement of III cycle candidates have been made be considered for placement for next cycle only.
- d) The candidates may be entrusted to universities that have asked for more faculties selectively, after attempts to relocate such candidates bear no fruits.
- e) Clarification should be sought form the universities that have accepted one faculty without mentioning about the others.

***Item No. 3(iii): Discussion regarding problems faced by the UGC-Faculty in their host universities***

It was brought to the notice of the committee about problems faced by the UGC faculty in their host universities. The committee felt concerned about the problems. The committee urged UGC to redress the grievances of the Faculty regarding salary etc. at the earliest and to expedite the release of salaries to the faculty for next financial year in advance to avoid hardship to the UGC-Faculty. The committee also felt that some of the host universities are not adhering to the MoU in respect of Faculty Recharge Programme, and therefore, letters

should be sent to universities by the Secretary UGC, for strict compliance of the same.

***Item No. 3(iii): Associate coordinator of FRP cell***

The committee recommended Prof. KC Upadhyaya for the post of Associate Coordinator of Faculty Recharge Programme Cell as suggested by Prof. Nangia for one year.

***Item No. 4: Discussion with Prof Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell and regarding the progress of the scheme.***

Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator submitted the 63<sup>rd</sup> list of recommended and 48<sup>th</sup> list of not recommended candidates of Dr. D S Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship Scheme. The committee approved the same.

Request regarding change of mentor, conversion of fellowship, leave applied were also approved by the Empowered Committee. Follow up actions on them will be taken up by UGC.

***Item No. 5: Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, UGC-Faculty Research Promotion Schemes regarding the review of three schemes.***

Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator submitted the lists of candidates recommended/not-recommended candidates for Start up Grant. The committee approved the lists for Statrt Up Grant.

***Item No 6(i): Decision regarding last date of selection for BSR fellowships for year 2014-15 from 31.12.2015 to 30.4.2016 from various departments.***

The Committee decided to extend the last date of selection of BSR fellows to 30.4.2016.

***Item No 6(ii): Request of Dr. Akhlaq (startup grant selectee) for transfer of equipments purchased from the grant from BITS Pilani to Aligarh Muslim University.***

The Empowered Committee approved the request to transfer the equipments purchased from the grant from BITS Pilani to Aligarh Muslim University. However, the Candidate has to submit the progress report of the research work done with help of the grant.

***Item No 6(iii): Request of UGC Networking Resource centre in Chemistry, University of Hyderabad for extension for another year i.e. 2016-17.***

The Empowered Committee gave extension for continuing research activities for 2016-17 to UGC Networking Resource centre in Chemistry, University of Hyderabad. The committee further decided that the centre may utilize the grant sanction in the previous year to carry out the research activities.

***Item No 7: Budget of BSR:***

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee in April, 2016. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. After the meeting Prof. Jhunjhunwala and his research team made a small presentation about the Incubation centre he is in-charge of. He also took the members to his laboratory engaged in photovoltaic Cell assessment and applications. Prof. Sahasrabudhe and other committee members appreciate the research being carried out in Prof. Jhunjhunwala's lab. The committee also thanked Prof. Jhunjhunwala and his team members for organizing the meeting.

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**Annexure- I**

**List of Participants who attended the 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) held on February 20, 2016 in Research Park IIT Madras, Chennai**

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| 1. Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC               |
| 2. Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala  | - | Member, EC                 |
| 3. Prof. Sudesh Nangia      | - | National Coordinator, FRP  |
| 4. Prof. D S Joag           | - | Assoc. Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 5. Prof. Anunay Samanta     | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 6. Dr. Sunita Siwach        | - | DS(BSR)                    |