



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

***Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.***

The 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **18<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.** List of participants is at **Annexure - I.**

At the outset Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan who chaired the meeting welcomed all the members to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman of the Committee could not attend the meeting due to weather mediated cancellation of flights.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

***Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2013 at UGC, New Delhi.***

The minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2013 at *UGC, New Delhi* were confirmed.

The Committee noted that under item 4 of the agenda with regard to the extension of tenure of Prof. R. P. Gandhi, National Coordinator and Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, FRP for a period of one year w.e.f. 25.11.2013 to 24.11.2014.

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

The Committee noted with satisfaction the fast-track action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee, especially the Budget allocation for BSR for 2013-14 as Rs. 160 crores and incurring a total expenditure of Rs. 91.62 crore as on 17.12.2013 largely due to the release of the fellowship amount which was pending.

***Item No. 3: Discussion with Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator and Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, FRP.***

- I. The Committee suggested that a fresh letter from Chairman, UGC concerning the Faculty Recharge Programme, on the lines of D.O. No. F.4-5/2006(BSR) dated 09<sup>th</sup> December 2013, be sent to Universities/ Institutions (under the umbrella of UGC) which have not yet projected their faculty requirements and signed MoU with the UGC.

- II. The Committee suggested that, based on the recommendations of the Faculty Recharge Programme, relating to placement of candidates selected in the Second Cycle of Appointments, the process be taken further and the 'Placement Details' be reported at the next meeting of the Committee.
- III. The Committee approved of a suggestion that follow-up action on post- appointment issues, relating to faculty selected under FRP, be handled by the National Coordinator, FRP to avoid any delay in the joining process of the selected candidates at the respective universities. Mention may be made in the appointment order itself by UGC indicating that the selected candidates can seek the assistance of the National Co-ordinator, FRP.

**Item No. 4: Discussion with Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme.**

Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, DSKPDF could not attend the meeting

Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 48<sup>th</sup> list of PDF selected candidates (**Annexure-II**) and 34<sup>th</sup> list of unsuccessful PDF candidates (**Annexure-III**) to the Empowered Committee. The following is recommended.

1. 48<sup>th</sup> Selection list of DSKPDF is amended after the following correction and is approved.
  - a. BL/13-14/0127: Rejected since the Mentor is from a college. The Dr. D. S. Kothari Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme is for promoting postdoctoral research in the Universities i. e. the University departments.
  - b. BL/13-14/0151: Further information regarding approved university designation of Mentor to be sought from the Mentor by the co-ordinator, DSKPDF.
2. 34<sup>th</sup> rejection list of DSKPDF is approved.
3. Requests of the selected candidates are approved.
4. Professor D. S. Joag raised the issue of the validity of UGC funded inter University centers for carrying out the DSK fellowship work. Since these institutes are UGC funded, the members pointed out that these are automatically included for this purpose. Such institutes include IUAC, IUCAA, UGC-DAE-CSR etc.
5. Correction to the minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Empowered Committee meeting: The following point should be added regarding foreign nationals applying for DSKPDF.

At the time of application, the age limit for foreign nationals is 40 yrs for male applicants and 45 yrs for female applicants as per the norms of UGC scheme JRF and RA for foreign nationals

(<http://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/xiplanpdf/JRFSAforeignnational.pdf>).

Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, one of the members of the Empowered Committee as in earlier times rescued himself while considering the 48<sup>th</sup> list of successful candidates for DSK fellowship being mentor of one of the candidates.

**Item No. 5:** *Lists of Candidates for “One-Time Grant”, “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships” and “Start-up-Grant for newly recruited faculty” recommended by Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, FRPS Cell, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad for approval by Empowered Committee.*

The Committee approved the lists of candidates for “One-Time Grant” (**Annexure-IV**), “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships (**Annexure-V**)” and “Start-up-Grant for Newly Recruited Faculty (**Annexure-VI**).

The Committee further recommended the following candidates for Start-up-Grant for newly recruited faculty of Central University of Rajasthan, Dist. Ajmer, based on the letter of the Vice Chancellor, which has clarified that the delay in submission of proposals was not due to the candidates but due to administrative inadvertent delay.

Sl.No.	Name of Candidate/Designation	Name of the Department
1.	Dr. Srinivasrao Yaragorla Asst. Professor	Chemistry
2.	Dr. Raghu Chitta Asst. Professor	Chemistry
3.	Dr. Naga Raju Asst. Professor	Computer Science
4.	Dr. Easwar Srinivasan Asst. Professor	Chemistry

**Item No. 6:** *Recommendation of Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan for additional grant to the following CPE Colleges.*

Sl. No.	Name of the College	Remarks
1.	Fatima College, Madurai	Recommended Rs. 40.00 lakhs as IV Installment with the condition that at least 10% of the grant of each department should be provided for UG students' projects, the outcome of which should be reported to UGC by providing, stipend/contingency up to Rs. 2500 per student during summer vacation.
2.	Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Nanded	Recommended Rs. 40.00 lakhs as IV Installment with the condition that the college need to spend at

		least 10% of the grant for UG projects for students by providing stipend/contingency of Rs. 2500 per student during summer vacation and rest to be reapportioned to each department of the departments. A revised statement of requirements restricting to a total of Rs. 40.00 lakhs be submitted to UGC for sanction and release.
3.	JSS Banashankari Arts, Commerce & SK Gubbi Science College, Vidyagiri, Dharwad	The requirement of Rs. 40.00 lakhs can be considered, if revised (a) to include 10% of grant for UG students' research projects by providing, stipend/contingency up to Rs. 2500 per student during summer vacation. (b) to exclude white washing and other civil expenditure.  On receipt of revised budget requirements, the grant can be considered for release.
4.	Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College For Women, Bangalore	The fourth installment requirement of Rs. 40.00 lakhs recommended as the justification given are satisfactory with the condition that 10% of the grant is used for UG Students' projects by providing, stipend/contingency up to Rs. 2500 per student during summer vacation.
5.	Patkai Christian College, Chumukedima, Nagaland	Recommended Rs. 40.00 lakhs as IV Installment with the condition that atleast 10% of the grant should be used for promoting students for UG research projects in all 7 departments by providing, stipend/contingency up to Rs. 2500 per student during summer vacation, the outcome of which to be reported to UGC.
6.	DSM's College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Parbhani	The college has since provided Rs. 40.00 lakhs requirement under general heads, it has to revise the proposal with specific department wise requirements with justification. The college should also earmark 10% of the grant for UG-Students' research projects during Summer Vacation by providing Stipend/Contingency of Rs. 2500 per candidate.

**Item No 8: Request of Vellalar College for Women, Tamil Nadu regarding permission to buy costly sophisticated instruments using BSR grant.**

The Committee recommended that the request of the college can not be part of the II installment already provided. If needed, the college can submit the proposal for next installment after the full utilization of the earlier installments and after submission of UC.

**Item No 9: 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 on **February 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** in Chennai.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Annexure I**

**List of Participants who attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 in UGC, New Delhi**

1. Prof. H. Devaraj
2. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta
3. Prof. Kota Harinarayan
4. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan
5. Prof. R.P. Gandhi
6. Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia
7. Prof. D.S. Joag
8. Prof. Anunay Samanta
9. Dr. Sunita Siwach
10. Mrs. Ritu Oberoi
11. Dr. (Mrs.) Shalini
12. Ms. Parbati Bose