



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 54th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 20th December, 2012 at 11 a.m. in ICT, Mumbai.

The 54th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 20th December, **2012 at 11 a.m. in ICT, Mumbai** List of participants is at **ANNEXURE - I**.

At the outset Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to the 54th Meeting of the Empowered Committee. Prof. M.M. Sharma along with the members of Empowered Committee thanked Prof. G.D.Yadav, Vice-Chancellor and other faculty members of ICT, Mumbai for hosting the meeting and making excellent arrangement.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 53rd meeting held on 11th September, 2012 at JNU, New Delhi.

The minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 11th September, 2012 at JNU, New Delhi 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 53rd meeting of Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3: Discussions with Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, and Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, regarding “Faculty Recharge Programme” and approval of the Selection Committee Meeting.

UGC Faculty Recharge Programme:

- The Committee deliberated on the responses received from the Faculty Selectees (under FRP, Batches I & II) to a letter to them from the National Coordinator, FRP, asking them to name 4 Institutions each (in order of Preference) for placement, consequent on their selection under the Programme. The Committee decided that, in the first cycle of faculty appointments (54 Nos), not more than 6 Faculty(10% of the total) be placed in a single Institution. To this effect, a recommendation is required to be made, after due scrutiny and placed before the Empowered Committee, by the National Coordinator, to the UGC. In making such recommendations, the following criteria will be applied:
 - There will be a reasonable distribution of faculty across various disciplines.
 - As far as possible, the order of preference chosen by the selectees will be the major determinant in their placement.
 - Wherever applicable, criterion of seniority of the selectees, as determined by age, shall be invoked to decide placement.
- The National Coordinator apprised the Committee of the status of applicants under Batches III, IV, V & VI (with quarterly cut-off- dates) which are intended to be taken up together, during January- March 2013.
- The Committee was told about the update on and finetuning of the Programme website to make it more efficient and user- friendly. This is currently underway.
- The National Coordinator stated that the second global advertisement, for faculty positions under the Programme, in the National Dailies and International Science Journals is being readied for release in the beginning of January 2013. The Committee endorsed the proposal and advised that the (earlier) June-2011 Advertisement Protocol, under FRP, be adopted.

Item No. 4: Discussion with Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme.

Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 38th and 39th lists of selected candidates (**Annexure-II&III**), 24th and 25th lists of unsuccessful candidates (**Annexure-IV &V**) and 8th list of Referees for “Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship”, which were approved by the Empowered Committee.

Prof. Joag placed before the Committee a letter from Pr. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, Dr. S.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship requesting for increase of fellowship of the Project Assistant s from Rs.16,000/- p.m. to Rs.20,000/- for Junior Project Assistant and from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.24,000/- p.m. for Senior Project Asssistant. The Empowered Committee approved the same.

Prof. Joag also submitted an update Caste-wise and Gender-wise statistics of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowships.

Item No. 5: Review of Networking Centre/Summer-Winter School in ICT, Mumbai. Presentation will be made by the HoD/Coordinator, SAP Department of Chemical Engineering.

The HoD/Coordinator, SAP Department of Chemical Engineering who got the Networking Centre/Summer-Winter School in ICT, Mumbai made presentation about the Centre. The Committee expressed satisfaction over the working of the Networking Centre.

Item No. 6: Discussion with Coordinators, HoDs and other faculty members of all the SAP departments with regard to utilization of infrastructure grant and BSR Fellowships at ICT, Mumbai. 5 minutes presentation will be made by each HoDs and Coordinators of all the SAP departments.

All the HoDs/Coordinators and faculty members of all the SAP Departments viz. Chemistry, Polymer and Surface Engineering, Food Engineering & Technology, Pharmaceutical Science & Technology, Physico Chemical Aspects of Textiles, Fibres, Dyes and Polymers and Centre for Green Technology in ICT, Mumbai made 5 minutes presentation about utilization of BSR Infrastructure Grant and BSR

Fellowships. The Committee expressed satisfaction.

Item No. 7: *Extension of tenure of Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator and Mrs. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, FRP for another one year w.e.f. 25.11.2012 has been done on the basis of recommendation of Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman, Empowered Committee*

It was noted.

Item No. 8: *Request of Prof. S.C. Meherotra, UGC-BSR Faculty Fellow for accepting the position of Srinivasa Ramanujan Geo-spatial Chair Professor for a period of one year w.e.f. 25th September, 2012 and resignation from BSR Faculty Fellowship. He has joined the BSR Faculty Fellowship on 8.9.2011 for a period of three years.*

The Empowered Committee after due consideration recommended that the resignation of Prof. S.C. Meherotra, UGC-BSR Faculty Fellow Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad w.e.f. 25th September, 2012 may be accepted and the Committee further recommended that Prof. S.C. Meherotra may be informed that the UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship will remain lapsed w.e.f. the date of his resignation and he may be requested to send the Utilization Certificate along with statement of expenditure for the grant released to him.

Item No. 9: *Lists of Candidates for “One-Time Grant”, “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships” and “Start-up-Grant for newly recruited faculty” recommended by Prof.S.P. Thyagarajan for approval by Empowered Committee.*

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

“One Time Grant”:-

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Name of the Department	Name of the University
1.	Prof. V. Padmavathi	Chemistry	S.V. University, Tirupati
2.	Prof. Gopal Reddy	Microbiology	Osmania University, Hyderabad

3.	Dr. Dashvantha Reddy Vudem	Plant Molecular Biology	Osmania University, Hyderabad
4.	Prof. Pratibha Nallari	Genetics	Osmania University, Hyderabad

“UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship”

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Name of the Department	Name of the University
1.	Prof. Man Mohan	Physics & Astrophysics	University of Delhi, Delhi
2.	Dr. D.K. Ghosh	Statistics	Saurashtra University, Rajkot
3.	Dr. B.P. Kapadnis	Microbiology	University of Pune, Pune
4.	Prof. K. Chowdoji Rao	Polymer Science and Technology	Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantpur

“Start-Up-Grant”

S. No.	Name of Candidate	Name of the Department	Name of the University
1.	Dr. Antresh Kumar	Life Science	University of Bihar, Patna, Bihar
2.	Dr. Jitendra Kumar	Mathematical Science	University of Bihar, Patna, Bihar
3.	Sh. Jitendra Singh	Heat and Mass Transfer	University of Bihar, Patna, Bihar
4.	Dr. Roushan Kumar	Generalized Thermoelasticity	University of Bihar, Patna, Bihar
5.	Dr. Rajesh Pratap Singh	Mathematics	University of Bihar, Patna, Bihar
6.	Dr. Namita Rani Das	Environmental Science	University of Bihar, Patna, Bihar
7.	Dr. Durg Vijay Singh	Bioinformatics	University of Bihar, Patna, Bihar
8.	Dr. Abdur Rub	Microbiology	Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nag Delhi

9.	Dr. Debashree Bandyopadhyay	Biological Sciences	BITS, Pilani
10.	Dr. Braj Bhushan Chaturvedi	Mathematics	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur
11.	Dr. Sudip Kumar Mondal	Physical Chemistry	Siksha-Bhavana, Viswavidyalaya, Santiniketan, W.B.
12.	Dr. Palatty Allesh Sinu	Life Sciences	School of Biological Sciences, University of Kerala, Kerala
13.	Dr. Garima Tiwari	Life Sciences	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur
14.	Dr. L. Robindro Singh	Condensed Matter	NEHU, Shillong
15.	Dr. Jata Shankar	Biotechnology	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur
16.	Dr. Pdmakar Gangaram Chavan	Physics	North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon
17.	Dr. Nisha Kumari	Physics	Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Tech., Murthal, Sonapat
18.	Dr. Puneetpal Singh	Human Biology	Punjabi University, Patiala
19.	Dr. Dinesh Prasad	Department of Biotechnology	BIT, Ranchi
20.	Dr. Sandeep Kumar Singh	Pharmaceutical Sciences/	BIT, Mesra , Ranchi
21.	Dr. Bhavnita Dhillon	Food Sc. And Tech./	Guru Nanak Dev Univ., Amritsar
22.	Dr. Harish	Life Sciences	M.L. Sukhadia Univ., Udaipur
23.	Dr. Sukhdeep Kaur	Physical Sciences	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
24.	Dr. Gurinder Kaur Walia	Cell Biology	Punjabi University, Patiala

25.	Dr. Pradeepan Periyat	Chemistry	University of Calicut, Calicut
26.	Dr. Libu K. Alexander	Physics	University of Calicut, Calicut
27.	Dr. Aditya Kaushik	Mathematics	Univ. Instt. of Engg. And Tech. Pa Univ., Chandigarh
28.	* Dr. Somnath	Earth Sciences (Geology)	University of Jammu, Jammu
29.	Dr. Naresh Kumar	Electrical Engineering	Deenbandhu Chotu Ram Univers Science & Tech., Sonapat
30.	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar	Life Sciences	Central Univ. of Punjab, Bathinda
31.	* Dr. Kashinath Arjun Bogle	Physics	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marath University, Nanded
32.	* Dr. Yogender Aggarwal	Biomedical Engineering	B.I.T. Mesra, Ranchi
33.	Dr. Sunil Mittal	Environment Science/	Central Univ. of Punjab, Bathinda
34.	Dr. Santosh Kumar Padhi	Biological Sciences	B.I.T.S., Pilani
35.	Dr. Sadaf Fatima	Life Sciences	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
36.	Dr. Dinesh Panday	Chemistry	Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur (Raj.)
37.	Dr. Rajeev Taliyan	Pharmacy	BITS, Pilani (Raj.)
38.	Dr. (Mrs.) B. Loganayaki	Home Science	Avinashilingam Instt. For Home Sc. And Higher Edu. For Women University, Coimbatore
39.	Dr. Shashi Bhushan	Mathematical Sciences	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

40.	Dr. Rohini Trivedi	Life Sciences	Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur
41.	Dr. Subasa Chandra Sahoo	Experimental Condensed Matter Physics	Central University of Kerala, Kerala
42.	Dr. Rajendra Pilankatta	Bio-Chemistry	Central University of Kerala, Kerala
43.	Dr. Yengkhom Tungenba Singh	Botany	Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram
44.	Dr. Basundhara Chettri	Animal Science	Sikkim University, Sikkim
45.	Dr. Anurag Kuhad	Pharmacy	Panjab University, Chandigarh
46.	* Dr. Ganeswar Nath	Physics	Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Odisha

*** Their date of joining have to be verified**

Item No.10: Proposals of some of the CPE Colleges for additional grant of Rs. 40.00 lakhs.

This item was deferred for some clarifications from the CPE Colleges. The Committee decided to review the decision taken to release fourth instalment to the CPE Colleges.

Item No 11: Budget of BSR

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

Item No. 12: Any Other Item

- The Empowered Committee recommended that the honorarium for Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, Prof.(Mrs.)Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, Faculty Recharge Programme, Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator, Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship, may be enhanced by Rs.5,000/- each w.e.f. from January 1,2013. The honorarium to all the above mentioned Coordinators will be as Under:

	<u>Existing Honorarium</u>	<u>Enhanced Honorarium</u>
• Prof. R.P. Gandhi		
Natiional Coordinator,FRP	Rs.45,000/-p.m.	Rs.50,000/-p.m.
• Prof.(Mrs.)SudeshNangia		
Associate Coordinator,FRP	Rs.35,000/-p.m	Rs.40,000/-p.m.
• Prof. S.R. Gadre		
National Coordinator,DSKPDF	Rs.25,000/-p.m.	Rs.30,000/-p.m.
• Prof. D.S. Joag		
Associate oordinator,DSKPDF	Rs.20,000/-p.m.	Rs.25,000/-p.m.

The Committee also recommended that the honorarium to Ms. Parbati Bose, Former Under Secretary, BSR working in the BSR Bureau may be enhanced from Rs.15,000/-to Rs.20,000/- w.e.f. 1st January, 2013.

- The Committee noted that lot of work has been generated in BSR Bureau with implementation of Start-Up-Grant, One Time Grant and BSR Faculty Fellowship. The Committee recommended that these schemes may also be implemented on the similar pattern of FRP and DSKPDF. The Committee recommended that the University of Hyderabad may be requested to help the UGC in its endeavour. For this help, Prof. Anunaya Samantha may be assigned the work . It was also decided to call him in the next meeting of the Empowered Committee.
- Prof. G.D. Yadav, Vice-Chancellor, ICT, Mumbai suggested that a mechanism should be implemented for disbursement of grant to BSR Fellows.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on January 14, or 22, 2013 at **11:00 a.m.** in the UGC, New Delhi as per convenience of HRM.

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

Annexure I

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