



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

***Minutes of the 57th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at 10 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.***

The 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at 10 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.** List of participants is at **Annexure - I.**

At the outset Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee . He also thanked Prof. Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad for attending the meeting.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

***Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at JNU, New Delhi.***

The minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at JNU, New Delhi were confirmed.

***Item No. 2: Discussions with Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Co-ordinator, Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, Operation Faculty Recharge Program.***

The Committee was informed by the National Coordinator about the status in regard to placement of faculty selectees, in the First Cycle of Appointments under the Faculty Recharge Programme, and that there was a need for a speedy conclusion of the process in this Cycle.

The Committee noted that the Second Cycle of Faculty Selections (based on Batches III- to- VII, total 3141 applicants) is on and that screening and shortlisting of such applications (except in the discipline of Earth Sciences) has been completed.

The Committee was informed that, subsequent to the second advertisement under FRP, in National & International media in late February 2013, the Programme has received a total of 3985 applications in a short span of time (Batch VIII with cut-off-date as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013). The Batch VIII applications will be processed in Third Cycle of Operations which will run parallel with the Second Cycle (with last Batch cut-off-date as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012).

***Item No. 3: Discussion with Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme.***

Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 42<sup>nd</sup> st list of PDF selected candidates (**Annexure-II**), 28<sup>th</sup> list of unsuccessful PDF

candidates (**Annexure-III**). Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, one of the members of the Empowered Committee as in earlier times rescued himself in approving the list 42<sup>nd</sup> list of successful candidates being mentor of one of the candidates.

The Empowered Committee approved for closing down the DSKPDF website for one month i.e. from 01 June 2013 to 30 June 2013 for the purpose of annual maintenance and up-gradation.

The Committee also approved an additional amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- for improving and up-gradation of the DSKPDF website.

The Committee recommended that 60% of the Contingency Grant may be utilized for providing assistance to the Physically Challenged PDF.

The extension of time for joining the DSKPDF should not be more than six months.

The Committee also recommended that Rs. 50,000/- out of the contingency grant of Rs. 1,00,000/- can be utilized for purchase of laptop and equipments by a DSKPDF.

The Committee recommended that Dr. Pankaj Arora, DSKPDF may be transferred from University of Hyderabad to Rohilkhand University, Bareilly as NOC has been received from present and proposed mentor.

The Committee approved the renewal of MoU with University of Pune, Pune for DSKPDF which is going to end in September, 2013 on the same terms and conditions.

**Item No. 4: *Discussions with Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Prof. Anunay Samanta, Hyderabad University, Hyderabad with regard to outsourcing of some of the BSR schemes viz. One-Time-Grant, Start-up-Grant and BSR Fellowship Grant. An MoU has to be entered into between UGC and the University of Hyderabad.***

An MoU with regard to the “ Faculty Research Promotion Programme” was entered into between University of Hyderabad and University Grants Commission. A copy of the MoU is enclosed as Annexure-IV.

A budget of Rs. 80.00 lakhs was submitted to the Empowered Committee for establishment of a cell in Hyderabad University. The same was approved by the Committee (**Annexure-V**).

**Item No. 5: *Presentation by the Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engg., Anna University and Dept. of Electrical Engg., Jadavpur University, Kolkata before the Empowered Committee for the tenth Net-Working/Summer-Winter School.***

A presentation was made by the HoD, Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engg., Anna University. The Committee members had detailed discussions and did not recommend the department for Net-working/Summer-Winter School.

The Department of Electrical Engg., Jadavpur University, Kolkata could not come for the presentation.

**Item No. 6: 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 following candidates for “One-Time Grant” (**Annexure-VI**), “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships (**Annexure-VII**)” and “Start-up-Grant for Newly Recruited Faculty (**Annexure-VIII**)”.

**“One Time Grant”:-**

Sr. No.	Name of Professor / Faculty	Name of Department	Name of the University
1.	Dr. G. Paruthimal Kalaigan	Industrial Chemistry	Alagappa University Tamilnadu
2.	Dr. R. Sheeladevi	Physiology	University of Madras Chennai
3.	Dr. C. Umashankar	Research & Statistical Quality Control	Rayalaseema University Kurnool (A.P.)
4.	Dr. P. Rajakumar	Organic Chemistry	University of Madras Chennai
5.	Dr. M. Krishnan	Environmental Biotechnology	Bharathidasan University

**“UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship”**

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Name of the Department	Name of the University
1.	Prof. P.K. Bhatnagar	Dept. of Electronic Science	University of Delhi, Delhi
2.	Dr. A.V. Rao	Physics	Shivaji University, Kolhapur
3.	Prof. R. Rengasamy	Botany	University of Madras, Chennai
4.	Prof. D. Channe Gowda	Chemistry	University of Mysore, Mysore
5.	Dr. I.S. Bright Singh	Environmental Studies	Cochin University of Sc. and Tech., Cochi
6.	Dr. Arbad Balasaheb Ramrao	Chemistry	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar University
7.	Dr. Kailash Chandra Sharma	Botany	University of Rajasthan Jaipur
9.	Dr. D. Sakthisekaran	Medical Biochemistry	University of Madras Chennai

**“Start-Up-Grant”**

S. No.	Name of Candidate	Department	University

1.	Dr. Vandita Kakkar	Pharmacy	University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh
2.	Dr. Vikas Kumar Roy	Zoology	Mizoram University Aizawl
3.	Dr. Bimal Debnath	Forestry and Biodiversity	Tripura University Tripura
4.	Dr. Jaya Arora	Life Sciences	Mohanlal Sukhadia University Udaipur
5.	Dr. Sangeeta Pilkhwal Sah	Pharmacology	Pharmacology Panjab University Chandigarh
6.	Dr. Satyendra Kumar Pandey	Chemical Science	Thapar Instt. of Engg. And Tech., Patiala
7.	Dr. Jai Malik	Pharmacy	Panjab University Chandigarh
8.	Dr. Priyaranjan Dash	Statistics	Tripura University Tripura West
9.	Dr. Rajappa S.K.	Chemical Sciences	Karnataka University Dharwad
10.	Dr. Abhishek Kumar Singh	Mathematical Science	Thapar University Patiala
11.	Dr. Koti N.V.V Vara Prasad	Mathematics	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
12.	Dr. Sanjenbam Yaiphaba Meitei	Anthropology	Vidyasagar University Midnapur (WB)
13.	Dr. Rajdeep Chowdhury	Life Sciences	BITS, Pilani
14.	Dr. Monalisa Mishra	Biological Sciences	BITS, Pilani
15.	Dr. Ahmad Ali	Life Sciences	University of Mumbai Mumbai
16.	Dr. A. Padmanabha Reddy	Mathematics	V.S.K. University Bellary
17.	Dr. Ved Prakash Singh	Chemistry	Mizoram University Aizawal
18.	Dr. Arijit Bhattacharya	Microbiology	Tripura University Tripura
19.	Dr. Bhaskar Chandra Mohanty	Physical Sciences	Thapar Instt. of Engg. & Tech., Patiala, Punjab
20.	Dr. Sudhir Kumar Singh	Nanoscience and Molecular Modelling	Thapar University Patiala
21.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Pati	Aquaculture	Vidyasagar University Midnapore (WB)
22.	Dr. Sagar Acharya	Zoology	Vidyasagar University Midnapore (WB)

23.	Dr. Bhaskar Chaurasia	Botany	Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur (CG)
24.	Dr. Krishnadas Nandagopal	Human Molecular Genetics	Calcutta University, Kolkata
25.	Dr. Nishima	Chemical Sciences	Panjab University, Chandigarh

**Item No 7: Budget of BSR**

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

**Item No. 8: Any Other Item**

1. The members of the Empowered Committee desired that the impact of programmes launched under BSR may be reviewed by the UGC independently.
2. The Committee recommended that for the 10<sup>th</sup> Net-Working Centre, the Department of Physics, University of Hyderabad may be invited in the next meeting of the Empowered.
3. The Committee recommended that all the Net-Working Centres may be called for purpose of assessment of progress made by these centres as per the objectives set forth for these centres.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** at JNU, New Delhi and on **29<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 at 10.00 a.m.** in UGC Office.

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

**Annexure I**

**List of Participants who attended the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in UGC, New Delhi**

1. Prof. M.M. Sharma
2. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta
3. Prof. P. Rama Rao
4. Prof. Kota Harinarayan
5. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan
6. Prof. R.P Gandhi,
7. Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia
8. Prof. S.R. Gadre
9. Prof. Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, VC, H.U
10. Prof. Anunay Samanta, H.U
11. Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra
12. Mrs. Ritu Oberoi
13. Ms. Parbati Bose













