



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

***Minutes of the 56th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 10 a.m. in JNU, New Delhi.***

The 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on ***25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 10 a.m. in JNU, 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 56th Meeting of the Empowered Committee and Prof. Anunaya Samantha of University of Hyderabad.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

***Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013 in UGC, New Delhi.***

The minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013 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.***

Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator informed the members of the Empowered Committee that the 2<sup>nd</sup> advertisement for FRP has been published.

The Committee reviewed the progress made in regard to processing of applications of candidates of Batches III to VII and suggested that the final selections pertaining to above Batches be completed, preferably by May 2013 end.

1. The Committee expressed satisfaction at the contents and format of the second global advertisement for faculty positions, under FRP, which has appeared in prominent National Dailies & International Journals.

2. The Committee approved the Incurred / Committed Expenditure of the Programme for 2012-13 and the Provisional Budgetary Estimates for the Fiscal Year 2013-14, the latter to the tune of Rs. 180 Lacs.

Prof. R.P. Gandhi submitted the budget (Recurring+Non-Recurring) for the year 2013-14 to the tune of Rs. 180.00 lacs to the Empowered Committee for approval and the Committee approved the same (**Annexure-II**).

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

Prof. Gadre, DSFPDF could not attend the meeting. In his place Dr. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF attended the meeting. Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 41<sup>st</sup> list of PDF selected candidates (**Annexure-III**), 27<sup>th</sup> list of unsuccessful PDF candidates (**Annexure-IV**).

With reference to one case of Physically Handicapped candidate the Committee opined that while selecting the candidates for DSFPDF, the reservation policy for Physically Handicapped has to be extended as in the case of SC/ST.

The Committee recommended that the cases with regard to 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 further recommended that the tenure of service of Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, DSFPDF and Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF may be extended w.e.f. June 1,2013 to May 31,2014.

**Item No. 4: Discussions with Prof. Anunay Samanta of Hyderabad University with regard to outsourcing of some of the BSR schemes viz. One-Time-Grant, Start-up-Grant and BSR Fellowship Grant. It was recommended in the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> December,2012 in IC, Mumbai**

The Committee members had detailed discussion with Prof. Samanta. It was decided that an MoU may be entered into between School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad which also happens to be a networking centre and UGC on the same pattern as has been done with Pune, University, Pune for implementing Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship.

The Committee also suggested that Prof. Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, Vice-Chancellor of Hyderabad University, Sh. C.P. Mohan Kumar, Registrar of the University and Prof. Samantha may be invited for interaction in the next meeting.

**Item No. 5: Discussion on the letter No.13-2/2009-ICC(pt) dated the 11<sup>th</sup> January,2013 received from Shri Amit Khare, Joint Secretary, M/HRD regarding attracting Indian Scientists from abroad.**

The Committee after having gone through the proposed scheme of attracting Indian Scientists from abroad, opined that the scheme requires extensive discussions with renowned academics so that scheme becomes effective instrument of engagement.

**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 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.	Dr.(Mrs.) Kiran Kalia	Biosciences	Sardar Patel University, Anand, Gujarat
2.	D. M. Arunachalam	Environ-mental Sciences	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli (TN)
3.	Dr. K.J. Rajendra Prasad	Chemistry	Bharathiar University Coimbatore
4.	Prof. D. Mangalaraj	Nano Science and Techno-logy	Bharathiar University Coimbatore
5.	Dr. A. Palavesam	Marine Sc . & Tech.	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli (TN)
6.	Dr. M.P. Balasubramanian	Pharma-cology & Environ-mental Toxicology	University of Madras Chennai
7.	Prof. Bishwanath Chakraborty	Botany	University of North Bengal, Darjeeling (WB)
8.	Prof. (Dr.) R.S. Singhal	Food Engg. & Tech. Dept.	Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
9.	Dr. N.Y. Sreedhar	Chemistry	S.V.U. College of Sciences, S.V.University,

			A.P.
10.	Prof. L. Venkateswar Rao	Micro-biology	University College of Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad
11.	Prof. Sushma Bohra Rathaur	Bio-chemistry	Banaras Hindu University Varanasi
12.	Dr. P. Balasubramaniam	Mathe-matics	Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram

**“UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship”**

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Name of the Department	Name of the University
1.	Prof. G.C. Pandey	Environmental Sciences	Dr. R.M.L. Avadh University, Faizabad
2.	Dr. C.H. Bhosale	Physics	Shivaji University, Kolhapur
3.	Dr. Bijay Kumar Mishra	Chemistry	Sambalpur University, Odisa
4.	Prof. N. Jayabalan	Plant Science	Bharthidasan University, Tiruchirappalli
5.	Dr. K. Mukkanti	Chemistry	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad

**“Start-Up-Grant”**

S. No.	Name of Candidate	Name of the Department	Name of the University
1.	Dr. Sovanjan Sarkar	Anthropology	Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur, WB
2.	Dr. Vikas Kumar Roy	Zoology	Mizoram University, Aizawal, Mizoram
3.	Dr. M. Shamina	Botany	University of Calicut Calicut University (P.O.), Thenjipalam Malappuram Dist. Kerala
4.	Dr. Jitender Kumar	Statistics	Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra (Hr.)
5.	Dr. Jitender Kumar Bhardwaj	Zoology	Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra (Hr.)

6.	Dr. Bimal Debnath	Forestry and Biodiversity	Tripura University, Agartala
7.	Dr. Abhisek Santra	Remote Sensing	Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra
8.	Dr. Gurpreet Kaur	Chemistry	Panjab University, Chandigarh
9.	Dr. P. Maddileti	Mathematics	Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda
10.	Dr. Vivekananda Mandal	Pharmacy	Guru Ghasidas Central University, Bilaspur
11.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bharti	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Guru Ghasidas University, Koni, Bilaspur
12.	Dr. Karamjit Singh	Physics	Punjabi University, Patiala
13.	Dr. Tejwant Singh	Chemistry	Guru Nank Dev University, Amritsar
14.	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Giri	Chemistry	Karnataka State Women's University, Bijapur, Karnataka
15.	Dr. Neelima Dhingra	Pharmacy	Panjab University, Chandigarh
16.	Dr. Rambichar Singh Yadav	Geophysics	Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
17.	Dr. K. Kesavan	Pharmaceutical Sciences	SLT Instt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guru Ghasidas, Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur – 495 009, Chhattisgarh
18.	Dr. Rahul Nigam	Physics	BITS, Pilani, Hyderabad Campus
19.	Dr. Shamik Chakraborty	Chemistry	BITS, Pilani, Rajasthan

20.	Dr. Maidul Hossain	Chemistry & Chemical Technology	Vidyasagar University, Midnapore (WB)
21.	Dr. Savita Chaudhary	Centre for nanoscience & Nanotechnology	Panjab University, Chandigarh
22.	Dr. Nitish Kumar	Centre of Biological sciences (Biotechnology)	Central University of Bihar, BIT Campus, Patna
23.	Dr. Krishna Prakash	Centre of Biological sciences (Molecular Biology)	Central University of Bihar, BIT Campus, Patna
24.	Dr. Gautam Kumar	Centre of Biological sciences (Life Science)	Central University of Bihar, BIT Campus, Patna
25.	Dr. Shyamal Debnath	Dept. of Mathematics	Tripura University, Suryamaninagar
26.	Dr. Tanima Saha	Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	University of Kalyani, Kalyani, West Bengal

**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 Empowered Committee recommended that the following two CAS departments may be invited for presentation before the Empowered Committee in its next meeting for the tenth Net-Working/Summer-Winter School:
  - i) Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Anna University, Madras.
  - ii) Department of Electrical Engineering, Jadavpur University.
2. The Committee recommended that information may be sought from the beneficiary universities and colleges in the proforma prepared by Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan at **Annexure VIII** and **IX**.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on **April 12,, 2013** at **10:00 a.m.** in the UGC, New Delhi.

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

**Annexure I**

**List of Participants who attended the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 in “Faculty Recharge Programme”, JNU, New Delhi**

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7. Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia  
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10. Ms. Parbati Bose  
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