



## **UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**

### **NEW DELHI**

#### ***Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.***

The 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 at 10.00 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 59th Meeting of the Empowered Committee.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

***Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013 at UGC, New Delhi.***

The minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013 at UGC, 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 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee.

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

The Agenda brought by Prof. Gandhi and Prof. (Mrs.) Nangia will be discussed in the next meeting.

***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 submitted the 45<sup>th</sup> list of PDF selected candidates (**Annexure-II**) and 31<sup>st</sup> list of unsuccessful PDF candidates (**Annexure-III**) to the Empowered Committee and Committee has approved the same.

The Empowered Committee recommended that a letter may be sent to the Director, Kanpur with regard to Prof. Gadre's continuation with DSKPDF Cell, Pune for another 3 years as was done in past.

The Empowered Committee approved one more Project Assistant may be appointed on a consolidated honorarium of Rs. 30,000/- in the DSKPDF Cell, Pune for ICT Management.

The Empowered Committee recommended that a candidate may again make an application for reconsideration of his/her case under DSKPDF Scheme. This application, supported by his mentor may be forwarded to DSKPDF Cell. After giving a due consideration to the case, the National Coordinator may reopen the case and seek more reviews.

**Item No. 5: Presentation by following 4 Net-Working Centres for purpose of assessment of progress made by these centres as per the objectives set forth for these centres:**

**Madurai Kamraj University - Biological Sciences**  
**Calcutta University - Radio-Physics**  
**Jawaharlal Nehru University - Life Sciences**  
**University of Hyderabad - Chemistry**

The 3 Networking Centres viz. Dept. of Biological Sciences, Madurai Kamraj University, Dept. of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Dept. of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad made presentation for progress made by these centres as per the objectives set forth for these centres. The members of the Committee expressed their satisfaction and were happy with the progress made by these Centres..

The Dept. of Radio-Physics, Calcutta University, Kolkata could not come for 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.Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, FRPS Cell, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad for approval by Empowered Committee.**

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

**“One Time Grant”:**

Sl. No	Name of the University	Name of Department	Name of Professor / Faculty
1.	Andhra University, Vishakapatnam	Environmental sciences	Dr. A J ..Solomon Raju

**“UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship”**

S. No.	Name of the University	Name of the Department	Name of Faculty
1.	Osmania University, Hyderabad	Department of Zoology	Prof. K.Rudrama Devi
2.	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad	Department of Chemistry	Dr.Gill Charansingh H
3.	Mangalore University, Mansa Gangotri, Karnataka,	Department of Biosciences	Dr. K. R. Sridhar

4.	Lokmanya Tilak Bhavan, University of Mumbai, Mumbai	Department of Chemistry	Prof. Sabir Hussain M
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**“Start-up grant”**

S. No	Name of the Candidate	Category	Department/University
1.	Dr. K Rahul Chandrakant	OBC	Dept. of Physics, University of Pune, Maharashtra
2.	Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma	Gen	Dept. of Pure and Applied Chemistry, University of Kota, Rajasthan
3.	Dr. Nisha Tak	OBC	Department of Botany, J.N.Vyas University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
4.	Dr. Sajal Kumar Das	OBC	Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University, Assam
5.	Dr. Arabinda Karmakar	OBC	Dept. of Physics, University of Kalyani, West Bengal
6.	Dr. Priyanka Purohit	Gen	Dept. of Chemistry, JNV University, Jodhpur
7.	Dr. Sandeep Singh	Gen	Centre for Genetic Diseases and Molecular Medicine, Central University of Punjab
8.	Dr.MD Aleem Pasha	Gen	Department of Geology, Central University of Karnataka
9.	Dr. Manish Kumar	Gen	Dept. of Mathematics, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad
10.	Dr. Prakash C. Jha	Gen	School of Chemical Sciences, Central University of Gujarat
11.	Dr. Bimal Kumar Sarma	Gen	Dept. of Physics, Gauhati University, Assam
12.	Dr. P. G. Biju	Gen	Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Kerala, Kerala
13.	Dr. Somasri Dam	Gen	Dept. of Biomedical Laboratory Science and Management, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal

**Item No 7: Request of Dr. Srinu.Meesala, DSK-UGC Post-doctoral Fellow, Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISC, Bangalore regarding financial help for International travel fellowship for attending conference in Germany.**

The Empowered Committee did not accede to the request Dr. Srinu.Meesala, DSK-UGC Post-doctoral Fellow, Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISC, Bangalore regarding financial help for International travel fellowship for attending conference in Germany.

**Item No 8: Budget of BSR**

The Committee was informed that Rs.160.00 Crores has been allocated for the financial year 2013-2014 for the activities of the BSR. The Committee expressed their concern about non-release of funds under the BSR Schemes. The Committee again emphasized that possibility of e-transfer specially with regard to DSKPDF and BSR Fellowship should be explored. The Committee also requested that release of grant should be expedited.

**Item No. 9: Any Other Item**

1. The Committee recommended that special measures be taken to ensure that the fellowships should reach in time.
2. The Committee recommended that the following 4 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:

i)	Calcutta University, Kolkata	-	Radio-Physics
ii)	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	-	Material Engineering
iii)	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	-	Biological Sciences
iv)	ICT, Mumbai	-	Chemical Engineering

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on **September 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** in UGC, New Delhi.

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

**Annexure I**

**List of Participants who attended the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 in UGC, New Delhi**

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