



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 48th meeting of the empowered committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 23rd February, 2012 at 11:30 am in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 48th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **23rd February, 2012 at 11:30** in UGC Office, New Delhi. List of participants is at **ANNEXURE - I**.

Prof. S.P. Thayagarajan could not attend the meeting.

At the outset Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members. He also shared the information with the members about Prof. P. Rama Rao has been elected as a Foreign Associate of US National Academy of Engineering, U.S.A. All the members congratulated. Prof. P. Rama Rao.

Prof. Sharma further shared his experience of his visit to Saurashtra University, Gujarat. He informed the Committee that during his visit he had interacted with the HoDs/ Coordinators of all the SAP Departments, Vice-Chancellor and Registrar and that they all had expressed their appreciation for the grants received by their University under various schemes of BSR.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No.1:- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 47th meeting held on 17th January, 2012 at UGC Office, New Delhi.

The minutes of the 47th meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 17th January, 2012 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 47th meeting of Empowered Committee.

Item No.3:- Presentation by Ramanujan Institute for Advance Study in Mathematics, Madras University, Chennai for establishment of UGC Networking/ Winter-Summer School.

The HoD and the Coordinator, Ramanujan Institute for Advance Study in Mathematics, Madras University, Chennai made the presentation for establishment of UGC Networking/ Winter-Summer School. The Committee did not approve the proposal.

Item No.4:- Discussions with Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, and Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, regarding Faculty Recharge Programme.

The Empowered Committee reviewed the progress under the Faculty Recharge Programme and noted that the Programme is now proceeding towards final faculty-selection process i.e. meetings of Apex-level Committees for shortlisted candidates in Batches I and II. These meetings are expected to begin in March 2012. The Committee expressed the need to devise a mechanism for the placement of the Faculty in different Universities.

The Empowered Committee approved of the budget estimates of the Programme for the fiscal year 2012-2013. The projected budget included Plan- and Non-plan expenditure to the tune of Rs 210.00 lakhs, the details of which are at **Annexure IA.**

ItemNo.5:- Discussions with Prof. Dilip Joag Associate Co ordinator for “Dr.D.S. Kothari Post-doctoral - Fellowships” Scheme.

Dr. D. Joag, Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 32nd list of selected candidates (Annexure-II) and 18th list of unsuccessful candidates (Annexure-III) for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship, which was approved by the Empowered Committee.

The Committee suggested that the time has come for a review of the reports of the annual work carried out by DSKPDF awardees in order to analyze/ assess the scientific output made by these awardees. It was then decided that a few experts may be appointed to review these reports. It was further decided that initially data of randomly selected annual reports of 50 awardees may be analyzed and the outcome of the analysis may be placed in the EC meeting for discussions and further action.

Item No.6:- List of the candidates for “One Time Grant” “& “ BSR Faculty Fellowship” as per recommendations of Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan.

The Committee approved the lists of following candidates for “One-Time Grant” and “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships.

“One Time Grant”:-

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Name of the Department	Name of the University
1	Dr. Ciddi Veeresham	Pharmaceutical Science	Kakatiya University
2.	Dr. Manoranjan Kumar Singh	Mathematics	Magadh University

UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Name of the Department	Name of the University
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1	Dr. C.S. Paulose	Bio-Technology	Cochin University of Science & Technology
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Item No.7:-- Budget of BSR

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

Item No.8:- Any other Item

The Committee further recommended as under:-

1. It was recommended that data base on BSR meritorious fellowship may be prepared.
2. Guidelines on “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship- Scheme”- The matter relating to the pending applications of the teachers who had already superannuated was brought to the notice of the Committee in view the decision taken by the Committee in a meeting held on 20th June, 2011 which was as under:-
:“UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship may be considered and extended to talented Science & Technology teachers in universities who are nearing superannuation or have not superannuated earlier than 30th June, 2010 and continue to actively associate with guiding Ph.D. candidates. However, the teacher should not have completed 68 years of age for availing this award”.
The Committee clarified that above decision giving one time relaxation was taken in view of the fact that the Scheme was launched for the first time and after having realized that there was no much awareness of the Scheme among the Faculty. The Committee, therefore, directed that the applications/ proposals under the Scheme be examined and considered in accordance with the guidelines of the Scheme.
3. The Committee recommended that a reminder may be sent to those universities which have not sent their requirement of Faculty under

Faculty Recharge Programme along with the MoU (on a Stamp Paper of Rs. 100/-) requesting them to send it by 30th June 2012. .

4. The proposals received for further grant of Rs. 40.00 lakhs to the CPE Colleges for bringing quality in Science Education and also to promote Basic Science Research, the Committee recommended that these proposals may be scrutinized by Prof. S.P Thyagarajan for approval of the Empowered Committee.
5. The Committee recommended that all the candidates who have applied for “ Start – Up –Grant For Newly Recruited Faculty“ may be requested by Email to intimate their date of Joining in the University/ Institution by way of mail as the proposals received from them did not contain this information.
6. The Committee recommended that a sum of upto Rs.25,000/- can be utilized by a Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellow out of the contingency grant of Rs.50,000/- for purchase of Laptop/ minor equipment.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on March 27th, 2012 at 11.00 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 45th Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 12th December, 2011 in UGC office New Delhi

1. Prof. M.M. Sharma
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5. Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra
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6. (Mrs.) Ritu Oberoi
US (BSR),
UGC, New Delhi
6. Ms. Parbati Bose
Former US (BSR)
UGC, New Delhi.
7. Prof. R P Gandhi,
National Coordinator
“Operation Faculty Recharge” Programme
JNU, New Delhi

8. Prof. (Mrs) Sudesh Nangia,
Associate Coordinator
“Operation Faculty Recharge” Programme
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9. Prof. D Joag,
Associate Coordinator
Dr.D.S. Kothari Post-doctoral
Fellowships” Scheme
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Provisional Budget Estimates for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013

A.	Non-recurring Expenditure (Towards development of Infrastructure)	(Rupees) 30.0 lacs
(i)	Procurement of electronic gadgets: High-speed (broadband) Internet; Liquid Crystal Display (LCD); Laptops; iPads, Projector (wireless) (backup); Multifunctional printer and a second dedicated Server (ERNET); Connectivity through National Knowledge Network (NKN); Web Cam and Wireless keyboard (for establishment of a Video Conferencing Facility) etc.	25.0 lacs
(ii)	Renovation & maintenance of the Office Building at JNU; Purchase of Office Furniture etc.	5.0 lacs
B.	Recurring Expenditure:	180.0 lacs
1.	<u>Traveling allowance / DA/ Honorarium</u> for subject specialists and Technical advisor (to be invited at meetings under the Programme); DA/Honorarium for specialists	40.0 lacs
2.	<u>Contingent Expenditure:</u> (details as per a to f) :	30.0 lacs
	(a) Stationary/Computer Stationary, including maintenance of electronic gadgets	5.0 lacs
	(b) Communications (Telephones, fax, internet, etc.)	5.0 lacs
	(c) Local transport	5.0 lacs
	(d) Postage, Courier Services	2.0 lacs

- (e) Hospitality 5.0 lacs
(f) Miscellaneous : 8.0 lacs
(Includes expenditure towards meeting contingent and other expences during operationalization of the Programme)

3. Advertisement:

Expenditure on Advertisements in National Dailies and in international Scientific Journals, namely Nature, Science & Current Science, New scientist etc. (2 to 3 insertions) **50.0 lacs**

4. Website:

Website Hosting: Includes maintenance of the website, and its further development towards higher levels of sophistication; Extending bandwidth connectivity; Maintenance of the existing Server and procurement and maintenance Of dedicated 2nd Server **10.0 lacs**

5. Salary / Honorarium:

Honorarium for 8-10 staff members / coordinators **50.0 lacs**

Total Estimated Expenditure = Rs.30 lacs equals 210.0 Lacs
(Non-recurring + Recurring)