

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 11th May, 2009 IN UGC, NEW
DELHI**

The 25th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 11th May, 2009 in UGC, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat
Chairman
UGC, New Delhi
2. Prof. M.M. Sharma
3, Jaswant Baugh (Runwal Park)
Behind Akbarallys
V.N. Purav Marg, Chembur Naka
Mumbai – 400 071
3. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta
Hon. Prof. & CSIR
Bhatnagar Fellow
Indian Institute of Science
Bangalore - 560 012
4. Prof. P. Rama Rao
Flat No. 301,
Naimisum, Plot No.22,
Tri Nagar Colony,
Hyderabad - 500 073
5. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan
#5, 1st Main Road,
Nehru Nagar, Adyar,
Chennai - 600 020
6. Dr. P. Prakash
Joint Secretary, UGC
7. Ms. Parbati Bose
Under Secretary, UGC

Prof. Sridhar Gadre, National Coordinator, Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship, Pune attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Prof. Kota Harinarayan and Prof. Ved Prakash, Vice-Chairman, UGC could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements.

Prof. M.M. Sharma welcomed all the Members of the Committee and took up the agenda.

Item No.1:- Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March, 2009 at UGC office, New Delhi

The minutes of the 24th meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 6th March, 2009 were confirmed.

Item No.2:- Action taken on the minutes

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC.

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

The Members of the Committee appreciated the efforts of Prof. S.R. Gadre for the smooth operationalisation of the UGC scheme “Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship”. Prof. Gadre placed the 11th list of selected candidates for award of Post-Doctoral Fellowship before the Empowered Committee for approval. The Committee approved the list (Ref: Annexure-I). A standardized proforma for utilization certificate was also placed before the Committee and the same was approved (Ref: Annexure-II).

Item No.4&5:--Request of Dr. Ajay Singh Verma for change of Mentor and request of Dr. Varinder Kaur, PDF for Appointment of a new Mentor in place of Prof.J.K.Puri (who has retired).

The Empowered Committee acceded to the request of Dr. Ajay Singh Verma and Dr. Varinder Kaur, PDF for change of Mentor and appointment of a new Mentor in place of Prof. J.K. Puri (who has retired) respectively.

Item No.6:- Discussions with regard to UGC scheme “Operation Faculty Recharge”.

The Empowered Committee discussed on the list of the Faculty Members sent by Vice-Chancellor, JNU to the Chairman, UGC. Out of the 15 names, the name of Prof. Sudesh Nangia who has superannuated as Professor of Geography from JNU (whose consent was taken by the Chairman, UGC) has been approved for the post of Associate Coordinator in the UGC Scheme “Operation Faculty Recharge”.

The Committee further decided to enhance the honorarium to Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator to Rs.45,000/- (earlier Rs.35,000/-) per month and

Rs.35,000/- (earlier Rs.25,000/-) per month to the Associate Coordinator. The Committee also recommended that Prof. R.P. Gandhi and Prof. Sudesh Nangia may be invited in the forthcoming meeting of the Empowered Committee to be held on 25th June, 2009 in UGC.

Item No.7:- Request of Dr. Suresh K. Sharma, Chairperson, Department of Statistics, Punjab University, Chandigarh for facility of a Seminar Room in the Department of Statistics.

The Committee acceded to the request of Dr. Suresh K. Sharma, Chairperson, Department of Statistics, Punjab University, Chandigarh for the vertical expansion of Computer Lab and library for Seminar Room in the Department of Statistics, Punjab University, Chandigarh, out of Rs.30.00 lakhs allocated under BSR infrastructural grant.

Item No.8:- Consideration of grant to newly selected SAP Departments (At DRS level).

The Empowered Committee recommended that an infrastructural grant of Rs.20.00 lakhs may be released to each of the newly SAP Departments (at DRS level). The list of the newly selected SAP Departments is enclosed at Annexure-III.

Item No.9:- Request of HOD, Department of Physics, BHU, Varanasi for Networking/Summer-Winter School

The Empowered Committee discussed in detail on the proposal of HOD, Department of Physics, BHU, Varanasi for establishment of UGC Networking Centre/Summer-Winter School. It was resolved, to invite the HOD, Department of Physics, BHU for presentation of its proposal before the Committee in its forthcoming meeting to be held on 25th June, 2009 in UGC , New Delhi.

Item No.10:- Any other item

The Empowered Committee further recommended as under:

1. The Committee recommended that the part-time Ph.Ds produced by the Colleges with Potential for Excellence may also be taken into account while considering for the additional grant of Rs.50.00 lakhs to the Colleges who have produced 10 and above Ph.Ds. In order to further strengthen the Post Graduate teaching and research at M.Sc. level and an additional grant of Rs.30.00 lakhs in case of those Colleges who have produced 6-9 Ph.Ds during the last three years.
2. The Committee decided that a letter may be sent to all the DRS Departments including those who have been given the status of DRS this year (approx. 300) requesting them to furnish the details of full-time & part-time Ph.Ds. produced during the last five years (year-wise, subject-wise, faculty-wise, and candidates' names along with their supervisors. If

the number of full-time & part-time Ph.Ds. produced exceeds 15 over the preceding three years (2006-2009), the number of fellowships to be awarded will be 05. The Committee requested Prof. Thayagrajan to help in processing, screening and selecting `for Meritorious Fellowships in BSR programme.

3. A letter may be sent to all the Departments at the level of DSA/CAS whom 10 fellowships have been allocated, for consideration of data for the year 2008-09 giving the names of scholars and supervisors and list of publications (including papers accepted for the publication in the cited journals). The data may enable the Empowered Committee to consider for increasing the number of fellowships over and above 10.
4. After observing the CPE—Ph.D. candidates data received by UGC, the Empowered Committee urged that Meerut College may submit a detailed data with regard to year-wise, discipline-wise, names of Ph.D. candidates along with their supervisors. The Empowered Committee further recommended that a UGC official may visit the college for on-the-spot verification of the same It was desired that the allocated fund may be released only after verification of the requisite data.
5. The proposal from the Principal, Acharya Narendra Dev College, University of Delhi, Delhi for setting up a “Centre for promotion of undergraduate research and training (CPURT) at Acharya Narendra Dev College” was placed before the Empowered Committee for consideration. The Empowered Committee recommended that the College may be invited for presentation of their proposal, in its forthcoming meeting to be held on 25th June, 2009. in the UGC, New Delhi.

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on June 25, 2009 in the UGC, New Delhi.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair