

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 29th MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 26th November, 2009 IN UGC,
NEW DELHI**

The 29th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 26th November, 2009 in UGC, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. M.M. Sharma
3, Jaswant Baugh (Runwal Park)
Behind Akbarallys
V.N. Purav Marg, Chembur Naka
Mumbai – 400 071
2. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta
Hon. Prof. & CSIR
Bhatnagar Fellow
Indian Institute of Science
Bangalore - 560 012
3. Prof. Kota Harinarayan
Raja Ramana Fellow
Structure Division
National Aerospace Laboratories
Bangalore-560 017.
4. Ms. Parbati Bose
Under Secretary, UGC

Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, UGC, Prof. Ved Prakash, Vice-Chairman, UGC, Prof. P. Rama Rao, and Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan 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 12th October, 2009 at NAAC, Bangalore

The minutes of the 28th meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 12th October, 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:- Discussions with Prof. R.P. Gandhi and Prof. Sudesh Nangia regarding faculty recharge

In the context of discussions with Prof. R.P. Gandhi and Prof. Sudesh Nangia, it was brought to the notice of the Empowered Committee that the letter of appointment issued to them by UGC initially was for one year which may be extended by another year. In this regard, attention is invited that the Empowered Committee in its earlier meeting held on 17.07.2009 recommended the appointment for a period of three years which have been approved by the Commission. The Chairman, Empowered Committee welcomed the newly appointed National Coordinator and Associate Coordinator under the scheme of "UGC Operation Faculty Recharge" programme and pleased to note that they had joined the duties as on 26.11.2009 (forenoon).

Item No.4:-- Discussion with Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship

Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship could not attend the meeting, however, the Committee through circulation has already approved the list of Post Doctoral Fellows (Annexure-I). The Committee opined that the Post Doctoral Fellowship programme has run very effectively and is gaining wide spread attention. In this connection, the Committee appreciated the sustained endeavours put in by Prof. Gadre in the aforementioned novel programme.

Item No.5:- Request of Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Coordinator, UGC-SAP, University of Mysore regarding inclusion of Coordinator of SAP programme in the selection of BSR research fellows.

In view of the above mentioned letter, the Committee took the following decisions:

- (i) Procedure for expenditure will be considered by a Committee and the Committee will consist of the Coordinator, Head of the Department and a senior most Reader/ Associate Professor, and the Head of the Department of respective department will be the Chairman of the Committee.
- (ii) The selection of Research Fellows may be from all the disciplines of the Department. The Fellows should cover all major areas of research activities in the Department as evident by research publications and number of Ph.D. (s) produced.

- (iii) The Selection Committee of Research Fellows of SAP Department should consists of Head of the Department and the senior most Professor and in case he/she is also the HoD, the next senior most Professor and the senior most Reader/ Associate Professor.

The Empowered Committee further recommended as under:

1. The Committee recommended the enhancement in Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship(s) as under with immediate effect:

S.No.	Fellowship	Fellowship amount to be enhanced	
		Existing (Rs. per month)	Enhanced (Rs. per month)
1.	Bridging Fellowship	16,000	18,000
2.	Regular Fellowship	20,000-22,000	22,000-24,000
3.	Special Fellowship	22,000	24,000

2. For release of third instalment of infrastructural grant to Autonomous Colleges, Colleges with Potential of Excellence and DRS-SAP Departments, the Committee recommended that the same amount may be released after seeking information or inviting proposals from the Colleges and Departments about their future requirements which have already submitted the Utilisation Certificates of the second instalment of grant released to them.
3. The Committee recommended that the contingency grant in respect of BSR Fellowships may be at par with the NET/GATE qualified JRFs.

4. The Empowered Committee recommended that BSR fellowship for 2009-10 for Non-SAP departments may be allocated after obtaining the requisite information with regard to details of earlier fellows for 2008-09.
5. The Committee desired that in the forthcoming meeting of the Empowered Committee, Prof. S.R. Gadre, Prof. R.P. Gandhi and Prof. Sudesh Nangia may be invited for discussions.

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee in January, 2010 in the UGC office, New Delhi.

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