

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON  
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at JNCASR,  
Bangalore**

The 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at JNCASR, Bangalore. 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. 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. Ms. Parbati Bose  
Under Secretary, UGC

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 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at UGC, New Delhi**

The minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 were confirmed with slight modification under Item No.5 (iii) which will be read as under:

“The Selection Committee of Research Fellows of SAP Department should consist of Coordinator, 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 may be the members of the Selection Committee”.

**Item No.2:- Action taken on the minutes**

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

**Item No.3:- To consider Research Projects with Scientists who are retiring at the age of 60 years in the State Universities.**

This item was deferred and will be taken in the next meeting to be held on February 9, 2010.

**Item No.4:- To consider one time infrastructural grant to Science Colleges other than those already considered.**

It has been decided to extend financial support of Rs.10.00 lakh as one time grant to all NAAC accredited colleges who have PG programmes in Science subjects with a minimum assessment grade of B++ in old

methodology and “B” (according to new methodology) for augmenting infrastructure.

**Item No.5:- Letter from Madurai Kamaraj University (Networking Resource Centre in Biological Sciences) regarding appointments in the Networking Resource Centre**

The Committee recommended that the assistance to Networking Resource Centre in Biological Sciences is purely on project mode should be spelt and it should be co-terminus with the project. The appointees who are to be appointed/already appointed in the faculty/administrative positions, regular cadre nomenclature such as Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Section Officer, Assistant, etc. should not be given to the appointees.

**Item No.6: A letter received from the Principal, Sri Yerramilli Narayana Murty College, Narsapur regarding installation of HT Transformer in Science Deptt.**

The Committee noted and approved.

**Item No.7: Letter from the Principal, Meerut College, Meerut regarding utilization of infrastructural grant for the renovation and expansion of the laboratories.**

The Committee acceded to the request of the Principal, Meerut College, Meerut.

**Item No.8: Budget**

The Empowered Committed reiterated its earlier decision taken in its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 to restore the original allocation of Rs.200.00 crores for BSR Scheme for the year 2009-2010.

**Item No.9: Any other item**

- (i) A letter from Chairman, UGC may be sent to all the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities informing about the UGC scheme of “Operation Faculty Recharge”.
- (ii) The Empowered Committee recommended that Prof. Sridhar Gadre, Prof. R.P. Gandhi and Prof. Sudesh Nangia may be invited for all the meetings of the Committee.
- (iii) After the submission of thesis leading to Ph.D. award, Meritorious Fellowship can be extended for a maximum period of 6 months for writing reports etc.
- (iv) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, UGC may be requested to attend the next meeting of the Empowered Committee.

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on February 9, 2010 in the UGC office, New Delhi.

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