

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 33<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON  
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY, 2010 IN UGC OFFICE,  
NEW DELHI**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2010 in UGC office, 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, New Delhi

Prof. Kota Harinarayan could not attend the meeting due to his prior commitments.

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 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 11.03.2010 at UGC office, New Delhi**

The minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 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**

The Committee approved the revised budget estimates to the tune of Rs.128.00 lakhs (recurring – Rs.10.00 lakhs, non-recurring – Rs.118.00 lakhs). Grants as per budget may be released to JNU as per norms viz. Utilization Certificate, Audited Statement of Expenditure, etc. The Committee also delegated financial power to Dr. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, Faculty Recharge programme with a sum of Rs.1.50 lakhs. The Committee also noted the appointment of Sh. A.N. Sharma, former Deputy Secretary, UGC, as Consultant for BSR-Faculty Recharge programme.

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

The Committee appreciated the services of Prof. S.R. Gadre and approved for his continuation as National Coordinator after his superannuation from University of Pune.

The Committee also approved the appointment of Prof. Dilip S. Joag as Associate Coordinator so as to enable Dr. S. Gadre in further augmenting the programme.

The payment of honoraria to the referees who are evaluating the proposals of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship may be paid @ Rs.10,000/- per 20 proposals evaluated. It was resolved that the same may be done by the Cell at Pune University, Pune and the Committee apprised to sanction 10% of overhead charges for maintenance of documentation/ accounts for the same.

The Committee approved the 19<sup>th</sup> list of 25 successful candidates of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral fellowship and enhanced the Post Doctoral Fellowship w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 as per details below:

Bridging fellowship	-	Rs.22,000/-
Regular fellowship	-	Rs.28,000 – Rs.30,000 (with annual increment of Rs.1,000)
Higher fellowship	-	Rs.30,000/-

**Item No.4:- Letter received from Prof. Saraswati Raju, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, JNU, New Delhi regarding extension of time for utilization of grant of Rs.30.00 lakhs**

The matter was discussed and extension was approved for utilization of grant upto 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2010. However, no further extension will be accorded thereafter.

**Item No.5:- Budget**

The Committee expressed satisfaction with regard to the budget expenditure incurred during 2009-2010 and appreciated Additional Secretary – Dr. P. Prakash and his team for speedy implementation of the programme.

As few undergraduate Science Colleges also got one time seed grant as per NAAC website list, it was resolved to request those institutions to refund the same.

**Item No.6: Any other item**

Interalia various issues discussed, the Committee also looked into the responses of the proposals received for Distinguished Fellowship. Having had discussed over the matter, the Committee felt that the nomenclature of the Distinguished Fellowship may be changed as Faculty Research Fellowship and the selection of the fellowships may be done for those who are superannuating upto the age of 60 years. The Committee also requested Dr. Thyagarajan to enable the Committee of vetting the proposals in above process.

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on July 12, 2010 at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.

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