

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 38th MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 23rd DECEMBER, 2010 IN
UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD.**

The 38th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 23rd December, 2010 in University of Hyderabad. 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
National Research Professor and
Lilly-Jubilant Chair
School of Chemistry
University of Hyderabad
Hyderabad-500046
Andhra Pradesh
3. Prof. Kota Harinarayan
Raja Ramana Fellow
Structure Division
National Aerospace Laboratories
Bangalore-560 017.
4. Prof. P. Rama Ra0
Hyderabad
5. Ms. Parbati Bose
Under Secretary, UGC

Prof. S.P. Thyagaran and Dr. P. Prakash could not attend the meeting.

Prof. R.P.Gandhi ,National Coordinator, Prof.(Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Co-ordinator and Mr. A.N. Sharma, Consultant attended the meeting as special invitees.

Prof. Seyed E. Hasnain, Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad and

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 37th meeting held on 23.11.2010 in New Delhi.

The minutes of the 37th meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 23rd November,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, National Coordinator, Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator and Mr. A.N. Sharma, Consultant regarding Faculty Recharge

The Committee held detailed discussions with regard to selection procedure of candidates under the scheme of “operation Faculty recharge”. The committee approved the same with minor corrections...

Item No.4:- Discussions with Prof. Gadre,National Co-ordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowships Scheme regarding request received from PDFs.

The Committee considered the requests of 10 PDFs (Annexure-I) and approved the same. The Committee also approved the 23rd list of selected candidates under Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme.(Annexure-II).

Item No.5: Budget of BSR

The Committee noted the budget of BSR.

Item No.6: Any other item

The Committee further took the following decisions under any other item:

1. Ms Parbati Bose, Under Secretary, UGC has been associated with the programme of Empowered Committee for the last four years and acquitted herself extra-ordinarily well with the programme.

To ensure the continuity of the programme, at this critical stage of take-off, the Committee unanimously recommends that Ms. Parbati Bose may be appointed as Consultant in BSR Bureau after her superannuation from the UGC on 31.01.2011 on a consolidated honorarium of Rs.25,000/-p.m. plus pension w.e.f. February 1, 2011 initially for a period of one year. The honorarium may be paid out of the BSR grant.

2. The Committee considered the request of the Department of Applied Physics, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hissar for purchase of 15 laptops out of the BSR infrastructural development grant for strengthening of Labs. The Committee recommended that the BSR grant may be utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and the expenditure on purchase of Laptops may be met from some other source.

3. The Committee acceded to the request of the Principal, K.R.T. Arts, B.H. Commerce and A.M. Science College, Nashik regarding purchase of Laboratory Fermentor for PG and research students.
4. The Committee recommended that the Under-graduate science colleges which are accredited `A' grade by NAAC may be released one-time grant @ Rs. 10 lakhs each for development of infrastructure for strengthening Labs.
5. The Empowered Committee invited all the HoDs and Coordinators of all the SAP (Science) departments of Hyderabad University and discussed about the BSR fellowships and gave suggestions about utilization of BSR grants. The Networking Summer/Winter Schools in Chemistry made presentation with regard to the working of the Centre and the Committee expressed satisfaction. The Committee decided to invite proposal from Department of Mathematics, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad for possibility of having Net-Working Centre/Summer-Winter School.
6. The Empowered Committee recommended that the work of Committee should be reviewed.s

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee at 10 a.m. on January 18, 2011 in UGC Office at New Delhi.

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