

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON  
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2011 IN UGC, NEW  
DELHI.**

The 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 in UGC, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat  
Chairman  
UGC, New Delhi
2. Prof. Ved Parkash  
Vice-Chairman  
UGC, New Delhi
3. Prof. M.M. Sharma  
3, Jaswant Baugh (Runwal Park)  
Behind Akbarallys  
V.N. Purav Marg, Chembur Naka  
Mumbai – 400 071
4. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta  
National Research Professor and  
Lilly-Jubilant Chair  
School of Chemistry  
University of Hyderabad  
Hyderabad-500046 (A.P.)
5. Prof. Kota Harinarayan  
Raja Ramana Fellow  
Structure Division  
National Aerospace Laboratories  
Bangalore-560 017.
6. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan  
#5, 1st Main Road,  
Nehru Nagar, Adyar,  
Chennai - 600 020

7. Ms. Parbati Bose  
Under Secretary, UGC

Prof. P. Rama Rao could not attend the meeting.

Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, Dr. D.S. Kothari Postdoctoral Fellowship, 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. M.M. Sharma welcomed all the Members and also thanked the Chairman, UGC and Vice-Chairman, UGC for their sustained support for augmenting of the BSR programmes. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, UGC thanked all the members of the Empowered Committee for their dedication and efforts for the successful implementation of the BSR programme. The Chairman, UGC opined that a progress report on the working on the BSR programme may be prepared with a preface by Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman, Empowered Committee. Prof. Sharma then took up the agenda.

**Item No.1:- Confirmation of the minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23.12.2010 at University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.**

The minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 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 members of the Committee were apprised about the website of Faculty Recharge programme. The website will be launched after the security clearance of uploaded application in PDF form.

**Item No.4:- Discussions with Prof. Gadre, National Co-ordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowships Scheme.**

The Committee approved the lists of unsuccessful candidates applied for Dr. Kothari Postdoctoral Fellowship and also the list of requests of PDFs submitted by Prof. Gadre.

**Item No.5:- Discussion on UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship scheme on the recommendations of Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan**

The Committee suggested that the updated list alongwith Bio-data and publications etc. be put up to Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan for finalization of the names of the candidates applied for BSR Faculty Fellowship for approval by the Committee. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan may be invited to UGC on a date convenient to him for the above purpose.

**Item No.6:- Letter received from Dr. Amit Roy, Director, IUAC, New Delhi regarding funding the augmentation of the detector array**

The request of IUAC does not come under purview of Empowered Committee.

**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. The letter of Prof. K. Chattopadhyay, UGC Networking Resource Centre for Material, IISc, Bangalore was considered and the Committee recommended that the Networking Centre is encouraged to involve people in the inter-disciplinary areas on wider basis.
2. The letter received from Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University was considered and the Committee recommended that the grants under BSR should strictly be utilized for the purpose for which it has been released. The letter for refund of Rs.15 lakhs stands.
3. HRA to PDFs may be given as per rules of the host Institution and E-mail may be sent to the Science Departments of Universities under which BSR fellows are appointed in the first batch. The progress reports from the Institutions may be called.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on March 1, 2011 in the UGC Office, New Delhi.

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