

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI
MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 25th JULY, 2011 IN UGC, NEM
DELHI.**

The 43rd meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 25th July, 2011 in UGC, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. M.M. Sharma
3, Jaswant Baugh (Runwal Park)
Behind Akbarallys
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Mumbai – 400 071

- 2.. Prof.Goverdhan Mehta
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3. Prof. P. Rama Rao
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Hyderabad-5000073.

4. Prof. Kota Harinarayan
Raja Ramana Fellow
Structure Division
National Aerospace Laboratories
Bangalore-560 017.

5. (Mrs.) Jasvinder Pal
Under Secretary (BSR)
UGC, New Delhi.

- 6 Ms. Parbati Bose
Former US (BSR)
UGC, New Delhi.

Prof. S.P. Thyagrajan and Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, Dr. D.S. Kothari Postdoctoral Fellowship, could not attend the meeting.

Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator, Dr. D.S. Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator and Prof.(Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, Faculty Recharge Programme attended the meeting as special invitees.

Prof. M.M. Sharma welcomed all the Members. The Empowered Committee places on record its appreciation of services rendered by Dr. P. Prakash, Additional Secretary, UGC. Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman, Empowered Committee then took up the agenda.

Item No.1:- Confirmation of the minutes of the 42nd meeting held on 20th June, 2011at UGC, New Delhi.

The minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 20th June, 2011at UGC, New Delhi 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, and Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, regarding Faculty Recharge Programme.

The Committee approved the draft MoU to be entered into between UGC and the Universities for the scheme "Operation Faculty Recharge". (Annexure-I).

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

Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Co-ordinator, Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship who attend the meeting on behalf of Prof. Gadre, submitted the 27th list of successful candidate for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship (Annexure-II) for approval of the Empowered Committee. The same was discussed and approved.

Prof. D S.Joag requested the Empowered Committee that the list of the unsuccessful candidates for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship may also be placed on the web-site. The Committee acceded to the request and approved the same.

Item No.5:- To approve the lists of candidates for “One Time Grant” and “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships” along with guidelines for “One Time Grant” Prepared by Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan.

The Empowered Committee approved the following list (prepared by Prof. S.P. Thyagrajan) of eight faculty members who have produced more than 15 Ph.Ds in their career and 5 Ph.Ds in the last five years and recommended for sanction of one time grant of Rs. 7.00 lakhs each, subject to the condition that their superannuation date is prior to minimum service period of two years before release of award letter.

S.No.	Name of Faculty	Name of Department	Name of University
1.	Prof. M. Alagar	Chemical Engineering	Anna University
2.	Prof. P.Gautam	Bio-Technology	
3.	Prof. Satendra Mishra	Chemical Technology	North-Maharashtra University
4.	Dr. Datta Madamwar	Bio-Science	Sardar Patel University
5.	Prof. Sangeeta Shukla	Zoology	Jiwaji University
6.	Dr. P. Thomas	Chemistry	Bharatidasan University
7.	Dr. N. Jayabalan	Plant Sciences	
8.	Dr. Dilip D. Dhavale	Chemistry	Pune University

The Committee approved the following guidelines for “One Time Grant” prepared by Prof. S.P. Thyagrajan whom the Committee requested to prepare:-

1. A minimum service period of at least 2 years from the date of application.
2. A minimum of 15 Ph.Ds. produced during the service period till date and at least 5 PH.Ds during the last 5 years.
3. Should have successfully completed at least five sponsored research projects funded by National/International funding agencies and/or industries with details of quantum of funds received.
4. Details of research projects and Ph.D. candidates currently handling.
5. A one page justification for requesting” One-time Grant” from UGC with specific plan for utilizing the grant.

The Committee further approved the list of UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship as per details given below who have minimum one year and maximum of two years service and the faculty fellowships is effective from their respective superannuation date.

S.No.	Name of Faculty	Name of Department	Name of University
1.	Dr. V. Murugesan	Chemistry	Anna University
2.	Dr. Prakash Pandurang Hankare	Chemistry	Shivaji University
3.	Prof. S.V. Bhat	Physics	Indian Institute of Science
4.	Prof. J. Muthumary	Botany	University of Madras
5.	Prof. Shelly Bhattacharya	Zoology	Viswa-Bharati University
6.	Dr. A. Krishnaiah	Chemistry	Sri Venketeswara University
7.	Prof. Nittala Someswara Rao	Inorganic and Anal Chemistry	Andhra University
8.	Dr. Prasanta Kumar Basu	Radio Physics and Electronics	Calcutta University
9.	Dr. K.N. Ayer	Physics	Saurashtra University
10.	Dr. Suresh C. Mehrotra	Computer Science and Information Technology	Dr. Baba Sahib Ambedkar Marathwara University
11.	Dr. Rani Joseph	Polymer Science and Technology	Cochin University of Science and Technology
12.	Dr. P.K. Tandon	Botany	Lucknow University
13.	Prof. S. Ramana Murathy	Physics	Osmania University
14.	Prof. Kabir-Ud-Din	Chemistry	Aligarh Muslim University
15.	Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh	Geography	
16.	Dr. S.Rajagopal	Chemistry	Madurai Kamraj University
17.	Prof. Saraswati Vishveshwara	Molecular Bio-Phycis	Indian Institute of Science
18.	Prof. T. Pullaiah	Botany	Sri Krishnadevaraya

			University
19.	Dr. T.L, Chondhekar	Chemistry	Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedhkar Marathawara University
20.	Dr. Vilas A. Tabhane	Physics	Pune University
21.	Prof. P.S. Yadava	Department of Life Science	Manipur University
22.	Prof. Rajendra Prasad	Life Science	Jawahar Lal University
23.	Dr. R.V. Prasada Rao	Mathematics	Sri Krishnadevaraya University
24.	Dr. V. Sobha	Environmental Science	Kerala University
25.	Prof. P.B. Kavi Kishor	Genetics	Osmania University
26.	Prof. Antony Gomes	Physiology	Calcutta University
27.	Prof. S. Ram Reddy	Micro Biology & Bio Technology	Kakatiya University
28.	Prof. Ali Mohammad	Geography	Aligarh Muslim University
29.	Prof. B.D. Joshi	Zoology & Environmental Science	Gurukula Kangri University
30.	Prof. Faizan Ahmed	Bio Sciences	Jamia Millia Islamia
31.	Prof. K.C. Upadhaya	Life Science	Jawahar Lal Nehru University

Item No:6-: A request received from Prof. G.D. Yadav, Vice-Chancellor,ICT, Mumbai for construction of Hostel for BSR Ph.D. students.

The Committee recommended that a scheme needs to be considered to provide some support to Net-Working Center/Summer-Winter Schools for infrastructure.

Item No: 7-: Budget of BSR

The Committee was informed that during the year 2011-12, an allocation of Rs.147/- crores has been made for BSR. The Empowered Committee reiterated its earlier decision taken in its meetings held on 17th July, 2009 and 25th January, 2010 to restore the original allocation of Rs.200 crores for BSR Scheme.

Item No: 8-: Any other item

1. The Committee recommended that Prof.S.P. Thyagrajan would be requested to prepare a scheme of giving some start up grant to newly recruited Faculty Members in SAP Departments.
2. Those Departments who have graduated on an average of **twenty** Ph.Ds each year, in other words more than 60 in due course of time of three years will be considered for enhancement of number of fellowships from 15 to 20 in a year.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on August 29, 2011 at 11.00 A.M. in UGC, New Delhi.

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