



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 92nd meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 13th August, 2019 at 2.00 p.m. in AICTE, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

The 92st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **13th August, 2019 at 2.00 p.m. in AICTE, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.** The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - Chairman, EC |
| 2. Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala | - Member, EC |
| 3. Prof. Vijay Bhatkar | - Member, EC |
| 3. Prof. Anunay Samanta | - National Coordinator, FRPS-Cell |
| 4. Prof. Dilip S. Joag | - Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF-Cell |

Prof. Syed A Bari, Member could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Jitendra K. Tripathi, Joint Secretary (UGC), Dr. Shalini, Education Officer (UGC), Sh. Trilok Singh, Under Secretary (UGC) and Mrs. Poonam Arora, Section Officer (UGC) were also present.

At the outset, Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to 92nd meeting of Empowered Committee.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1	:	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 91st meeting of Empowered Committee held on April 10th, 2019 in UGC Head office, Delhi.</i> The minutes of 91 st Meeting were confirmed
Item No. 2	:	<i>Action taken on the Minutes.</i> The Empowered Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 91 st meeting of the Empowered Committee.

<p>Item No 3</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Associate Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell regarding the progress of the scheme.</i></p> <p>The Empowered Committee approved the 82nd list (subject-wise) of 122 recommended candidates and 67th list of Not recommended Candidates under the scheme of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship. The Committee has also approved the 25th Referees Honorarium List.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee accepted the resignations of 18 DSKPDF Fellows. • The Committee did not recommend the requests of Dr. Deepa Narayanan, DSKPDF and Dr. G. Dharanivasan, DSKPDF for leave without fellowship and contingency as per the guidelines. • The Committee approved the request of Dr. Aneesh P.T., DSKPDF for leave without fellowship and contingency w.e.f. 28.01.2019 to 22.02.2019. • The Committee approved the requests of Dr. T. Swaroopa Rani, Dr. Kavita Baghel, Dr. G. Prabha and Dr. K.R.L. Saranya, DSKPDFs for Maternity Leave as per the rules. • The Committee not recommended the request of Dr. Vartika Sinha, DSKPDF for change of mentor/work place from University of Delhi, South Campus, Delhi to Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida as the proposed mentor has not produced 3 Ph.D. students so far. <p>It was resolved that since number of Dr DS Kothari fellowships being quite large in number and the limit being not reached in all these years, necessity was not felt for separate EWS quota. However while listing the selected candidates those who fall under EWS conditions may be shown accordingly.</p> <p>The Committee requested UGC to provide the criteria and guidelines for the selection of PDF Scholars in Humanities and Social Sciences to the DSKPDF Cell. Also, it was decided that UGC will write a formal letter requesting the cell to take up the responsibility of the additional PDF schemes with additional manpower and additional funding.</p>
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		The request by the coordinator for suitably modifying the application format for DSKPDF for candidates having worked as PDF earlier was approved. This will enable the Reviewers consider the work done as the earlier PDF as well.
Item No 4	:	<p><i>Discussion with National Coordinator, FRPS Cell regarding (i) Mid Career Award, (ii) UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship & (iii) Start up Grant.</i></p> <p>The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, made by the National Coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee, subject to the eligibility of the host University/Institute to receive grants from UGC.</p> <p>The recommendations for the Mid-career Award and BSR-Faculty Fellowship, made by the National Coordinator, were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.</p> <p>The Committee reaffirmed its earlier decision (taken in its 88th meeting) on the revised eligibility criteria of 10 PhDs (3 of which are awarded during last five years) required for the Mid-career Award considering the fact that very few faculty members are meeting the present eligibility criteria of 15 PhDs and also, in most cases, they fulfil this criteria only towards the end of their career.</p> <p>The Committee requested UGC to provide a link on the UGC web-portal for the Faculty Research Promotion Schemes website, using which a faculty can apply for the schemes and/or obtain all necessary information about the schemes.</p> <p>The Committee requested UGC to provide the criteria and guidelines for the selection of Research Award and Emeritus Fellowships in Humanities and Social Sciences to the FRPS-Cell.</p>
Item No.5		<p><i>UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme:</i></p> <p>i. The Committee approved the evaluation of 20 FRPs Cycle-II who have joined between 1st February, 2014 to 30th June, 2014 under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme. The list of FRPs evaluated is at Annexure-I. The Committee recommended that the evaluation of two candidates will be made after one year.</p>

The Committee requested UGC to inform the host Universities/Institutions that the tenure of faculties (Cycle-II) may be extended on the same terms and conditions of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) until the final recommendation by Empowered Committee under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme.

- ii. The Committee discussed the matter of Promotion of 17 Candidates FRP (Cycle-I) who have earlier been evaluated and resolved that the Faculty Recharge Programme is a special scheme of UGC. The Promotion of the faculties appointed under the scheme will be made by the Pay Fixation Committee as per 7th CPC at the next higher level based on the years of service rendered by them and their past Post Doctoral experience. The Committee further decided that as the faculties were not known of the API Scores and Refresher courses, the same may be exempted while considering for their promotion.
- iii. The Empowered Committee stands to its earlier decisions taken in its 73rd and 87th meeting that the selectees availing other fellowships need to resign from their fellowship before joining as UGC-faculty under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme. However, the candidates who have joined under UGC-FRP can avail fellowship after joining and in lieu of FRP Salary. Accordingly, the Committee has rejected the request of Dr. Renu Mohan, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-IV) who is availing the DBT Ramalingaswamy fellowship before her joining as FRP.
- iv. The Committee acceded to the request of Dr. A. Dhakshinamoorthy, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-I) who have completed five years of his service for study leave for two years with extension of another year with full pay as per the norms under UGC-FRP.

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- v. The Committee considered and approved the request of the following faculties for extension to utilize the Start up Grant under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidates	Period of Extension
1.	Dr. K. Alkendra Pratap Singh UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III)	6 months (upto 11.06.2020)
2.	Dr. Pallavi Sharma UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-II)	12 months (upto 22.03.2020)
3.	Dr. Purshotam Sharma UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III)	12 months (upto 15.06.2020)
4.	Dr. Shubra Singh UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III)	9 months (upto 11.10.2020)

The Committee also approved the request of Dr. Tuli Dey, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III) to utilize the unspent balance of Start up Grant for consumables / contingency under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme.

- vi. The Committee considered and approved the request of the following faculties for change of the host University / Institution under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidates	Earlier Placement	Revised Placement	Remarks
1.	Dr. Kishore Sridharan (Cycle-IV) Engineering Sciences	Mangalore University, Mangalore	University of Calicut, Kerala	No Objection Certificates have been received from both the Universities.
2.	Dr. Sushobhan Ghosh (Cycle-II) Chemical Sciences	Gauhati University, Assam	Institute of Chemical Technology, Matunga, Mumbai	No Objection Certificates have been received from both the Universities.
3.	Dr. Arnab Saha (Cycle-III) Physics	Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune	University of Calcutta, Kolkata	No Objection Certificates are required from both the Universities.

The Committee rejected the request of Dr. Dipak Vitthal Pinjari (Cycle-IV), UGC-Assistant Professor, Engineering Sciences for placement at Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, as he has done Ph.D. from the same University and as per the norms of the scheme such placement is not permissible.

Item No.6.

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Start up Grant to newly recruited faculty:

The Committee considered and approved the request of the following candidates for extension to utilize the Start up Grant under the scheme of Basic Scientific Research:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidates	Period of Extension
1.	Dr. Jiwan Singh Assistant Professor Deptt. of Environmental Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow	12 months (upto 06.03.2020)
2.	Dr. Izhar Uddin Assistant Professor Deptt. of Mathematics Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	6 months (upto 12.09.2019)
3.	Dr. Varnima Bhatia, Assistant Professor Deen Dayal Upadhyay College, University of Delhi, Delhi	3 months (upto 22.09.2019)
4.	Dr. Jaspal Singh Assistant Professor Deptt. of Physics Punjabi University, Patiala	12 months (upto 05.10.2020)
5.	Dr. Achlesh Devereay Assistant Professor School of Environmental and Natural Resources, Doon University, Dehradun	12 months (upto 09.07.2020)
6.	Dr. Ujjwal Kumar Assistant Professor School of Environmental and Natural Resources, Doon University, Dehradun	12 months (upto 09.07.2020)
7.	Dr. Himani Sharma Assistant Professor Deptt. of Physics Doon University, Dehradun	12 months (upto 09.07.2020)
8.	Dr. Charu Dwivedi Assistant Professor Deptt. of Chemistry Doon University, Dehradun	12 months (upto 09.07.2020)
9.	Dr. Arun Kumar Assistant Professor Deptt. of Chemistry Doon University, Dehradun	12 months (upto 09.07.2020)
10.	Dr. Sunil Bansal Assistant Professor Deptt. of Applied Sciences Panjab University, Chandigarh	12 months (upto 15.02.2020)
11.	Dr. Huidrom Suraj Singh Assistant Professor Deptt. of Anthropology Manipur University, Imphal	10 months (upto 31.12.2019)

Item No.7.	:	<p><u>BSR-Faculty Fellowship:</u></p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the following request of Candidates under the scheme of BSR Faculty Fellowship:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 230 1361 871"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name of the Candidates</th><th>Remarks</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>i.</td><td>Prof. T. Satyanarayana</td><td>No-Cost Extension for Six months (upto 31.12.2019)</td></tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td><td>Prof. K. Balachandran</td><td>No-Cost Extension for One year (upto 30.06.2020)</td></tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td><td>Prof. J. Kumar</td><td>Extension in joining upto 01.06.2020</td></tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td><td>Prof. Mahendra Rai</td><td>Leave without fellowship for Six month w.e.f. 01.05.2019 to 31.10.2019</td></tr> <tr> <td>v.</td><td>Dr. P. Perumal</td><td>Change of University from Periyar University, Salem to Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Committee further discussed on the issue of Prof. Madhusudan H. Fulekar, BSR Faculty Fellow and agreed to the decision of the University to put on hold or keep in abeyance of his reporting as BSR Faculty Fellow till the resolve of pending issue / inquiry against him.</p>	Sl. No.	Name of the Candidates	Remarks	i.	Prof. T. Satyanarayana	No-Cost Extension for Six months (upto 31.12.2019)	ii.	Prof. K. Balachandran	No-Cost Extension for One year (upto 30.06.2020)	iii.	Prof. J. Kumar	Extension in joining upto 01.06.2020	iv.	Prof. Mahendra Rai	Leave without fellowship for Six month w.e.f. 01.05.2019 to 31.10.2019	v.	Dr. P. Perumal	Change of University from Periyar University, Salem to Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu
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Item No.8		<p><u>Any Other items:</u></p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the request of Sh. Sridhar, Senior Project Fellow (FRP) and Sh. Pankaj, Administrative Assistant (FRP) for extension of tenure of their services for another two years under UGC-FRP w.e.f. 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022 with 10% p.a. hike in the Salary w.e.f 13.08.2019.</p>																		
Item No.9	:	<p><u>Budget of BSR:</u></p> <p>The Committee noted with satisfaction the expenditure incurred under the Basic Scientific Research.</p>																		
Item No.10	:	<p>It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on 10th September, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. in AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, New Delhi to revisit the FRP scheme.</p>																		

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

