



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 85th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on February 12th, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 85th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on ***February 12th, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.*** The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC |
| 2. Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala | - | Member, EC |
| 3. Prof. S.A. Bari | - | Member, EC |
| 4. Prof. S.R. Gadre | - | National Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 5. Prof. D.S. Joag | - | AssociateCoordinator, DSKPDF |
| 6. Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 7. Dr. Sunita Siwach | - | Joint Secretary (BSR) |
| 8. Mrs. Paramjeet | - | Under Secretary (BSR) |
| 9. Mrs. Neera Chopra | - | Section Officer (BSR) |

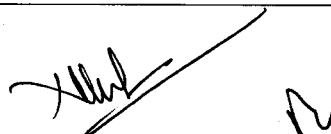
Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh, Chairman, UGC and Prof. Rajnish Jain, Secretary, UGC, also attended the meeting.

At the outset Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to 85th Meeting of the Empowered Committee. There after Dr. Sunita Siwach, Joint Secretary briefed about the terms and reference of Empowered Committee and how the Committee had helped in initiating the schemes initiated by BSR Bureau to boost Basic Scientific Research in Indian Universities.

Item No. 1	:	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 84th meeting of Empowered Committee held on November 24th, 2017 in UGC Head office Delhi.</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed.</p>
Item No. 2	:	<p>Action taken on the Minutes.</p> <p>The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 84th meeting of the Empowered Committee.</p>
Item No 3	:	<p>Discussion with Prof. S R Gadre, National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell regarding the progress of the scheme.</p> <p>The Committee approved the 75th list of recommended candidates and 60th list of not recommended candidates of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship. The Committee also approved the requests made by DSK Fellows regarding extension in joining and leave applied.</p> <p>Prof. S.R. Gadre suggested a mid-term review of PDFs scholarship holders/selectees. The Committee opined that a review of PDF scholars after two years of research will not only guarantee, quality research and monitoring, it will act as motivator for the scholars for further research. (Prof. Shridhar Gadre will give his inputs & shape the modalities).</p> <p>The Committee extended the tenure of Prof. S. R. Gadre as the National Coordinator of the DSKPDF Scheme and of Prof. D. S. Joag as the Associate Co-ordinator of the scheme upto 31st March, 2020.</p>




<p>Item No 4</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Discussion regarding (i) Mid Career Award, (ii) UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship & (iii) Start up Grant.</p> <p>The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes proposed by the National coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee</p> <p>The Committee extended the tenure of Prof. Anunay Samanta as the National Coordinator of the FRPS Scheme upto 31st March, 2020.</p>
<p>Item No 5</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Review of the performances of faculty selected under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme.</p> <p>The Empowered Committee noted that most of the UGC FRPs of First Cycle were nearing their completion of first tenure of five years of service under the scheme. Prof. Shridhar Gadre was requested to prepare a note regarding modalities to be followed for review.</p> <p>The Committee requested UGC to expedite the process so that the review could be done within the tenure of the UGC-Faculty eligible for review. If however, there is a delay in reviewing process, the tenure of faculty in question on same terms and conditions may be extended until the final recommendations are communicated to the concerned University and UGC faculty.</p> <p>The Committee has also recommended that the Universities where the FRPs/faculties are placed to submit their detailed estimate/claim for 7th CPC, which will be reimbursed later by the UGC.</p> <p>The Committee also recommended that the tenure of the Staff i.e. Senior Project Fellow and Administrative Assistant working in UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme be extended upto 31st March, 2020.</p>



Item No 6

: Requests received from selected Candidates (Cycle-IV) regarding placement at Home State under the scheme of UGC-FRP.

The Committee revisited the requests received from selected Candidates (Cycle-IV) for revised placement at Home State. The Committee deliberated on the issues in length. It was felt that the FRP's in Cycle-I, Cycle-II and Cycle-III were not subjected to such stringent norms. Moreover, women candidates were being granted revised placement in their Home State.

The Committee opined that in future, FRP candidates could be placed in any University in any State, as long as the University is not the same as where they did their Ph.D. This would prevent in-breeding. The revised decision will be communicated to the Commission.

The Committee has also decided that the last date of joining of FRPs of Third Cycle & Fourth Cycle will be 30th June, 2018.

The Empowered Committee approved the request of Candidates of IVth Cycle-FRP (as per the norms) for revised placement. The details are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidates	Revised placement (as per the norms)
1.	Dr. Sandip Vithoba Pawar	Panjab University
2.	Dr. Sivahari Prasad Gorantla	Univ. of Hyderabad
3.	Dr. Pintu Kumar Kundu	ICT, Mumbai
4.	Dr. Reshmi Das	Jadavpur University
5.	Dr. Amit Kumar Srivastava	Central Univ. of Panjab
6.	Dr. Vineet Choudhary	Delhi Technological University
7.	Dr. Akshay Sakham Rane	ICT, Mumbai
8.	Dr. Vikas Patil	North Maharashtra University
9.	Dr. Dipak Vitthal Pinjari	Univ. of Mumbai
10.	Dr. Srijit Biswas	Central University of Jharkhand
11.	Dr. Alpa Dashora (Cycle-III)	M.S. University of Baroda
12.	Dr. Amit Sharma	Univ. of Hyderabad

		<p>The Empowered Committee approved the request of Dr. Sanalkumar RS (Cycle-IV) selected candidate for extension in joining upto 31st March, 2018 under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme.</p> <p>The Committee also considered and approved the request of Dr. Raju Jannapureddy (Cycle-II) selected candidate for extension to utilize the Start up Grant upto November 4th, 2018.</p> <p>While considering the request of Dr. Aranya B. Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor (Cycle-I FRP) to retain the Laptop purchased from UGC-Start-up-Grant, the Empowered Committee opined that the item purchased under UGC Start up Grant is the property of the host University. The rules of host University will be applicable in such cases.</p> <p>The Empowered Committee has also approved the request of Dr. Rita Sharma, Selected (Cycle-II) regarding Study leave for One year. However, she will not be entitled to leave Salary / Startup Grant under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme.</p>
<p>Item No 7</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Any other item</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Committee approved the request of Dr. R. Sheeladevi, BSR Faculty Fellow regarding extension of tenure of 6 months under the scheme of BSR Faculty Fellowship. ii. The Committee approved the request of Dr. Priyank Pravin Patel regarding extension of utilization of Start-up-Grant upto 31st March, 2018. No further extension can be granted beyond March, 2018. iii. The Committee also recommended the request of Dr. V. Shashikala regarding extension of utilization of Start-up-Grant for one year upto 29.03.2018.



		iv. The Committee has approved the request of Prof. P.K. Bhatnagar for no cost extension of BSR Faculty Fellowship to six months from Feb, 2018.
Item No 8	:	Budget of BSR: The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

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