**Minutes of the 94th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 24th October, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. in AICTE, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi**

The 94th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 24th October, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. in AICTE, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe - Chairman, EC
2. Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala - Member, EC
3. Prof. Syed A. Bari - Member, EC
4. Prof. Shridhar Gadre - National Coordinator, DSKPDF-Cell
5. Prof. Anunay Samanta - National Coordinator, FRPS-Cell

Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Member of Empowered Committee could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Surender Singh, Joint Secretary (UGC), Mrs. Paramjeet, Deputy Secretary (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 94th meeting of Empowered Committee.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

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<th>Discussion with National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell regarding the progress of the scheme.</th>
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The Empowered Committee approved the 84th list (subject-wise) of 24 recommended candidates and 69th list of Non-recommended Candidates under the scheme of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship. The Committee also approved the 26th List of Referee Honorarium.

- The Committee accepted the resignations of 4 DSKPDF Fellows.
- The Committee approved the request of Dr. Preeseela Satpathy, DSKPDF for leave without fellowship and contingency w.e.f. 14.10.2019 to 14.01.2020.
- The Committee also approved the request of Dr. Gopa Mandal, DSKPDF for leave without fellowship and contingency w.e.f. 14.09.2019 to 13.03.2020.
- The Committee requested UGC to release the grant of ₹15.00 lakh for payment of Referee Honorarium to DSKPDF Cell.
- The Committee noted that the DSKPDF is not tenable at College of Engineering, Pune as per the Guidelines of the scheme.
Item No 2: Discussion with National Coordinator, FRPS Cell regarding (i) Mid Career Award, (ii) UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship & (iii) Start up Grant.

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.

The recommendations for the Mid-career Award and BSR-Faculty Fellowship, made by the National Coordinator, were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.

The Committee delegated the powers to the FRPS Cell for considering and deciding routine requests received for extension to utilize the Start up Grant, Maternity leave and other leaves etc. at their own level as per the norms of concerned University. The same will be placed before Empowered Committee for ratification.

Item No.3 UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme:

The Committee considered and approved the following requests for extension to utilize the start up grant under the scheme of UGC-FRP:-

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<td>Dr. Prashant Singh (IIIrd Cycle) UGC-Assistant Professor Department of Botany University of Rajasthan, Jaipur</td>
<td>One year</td>
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<td>Dr. Ankur Pandey (IIInd Cycle) UGC-Assistant Professor Department of Chemistry Panjab University, Chandigarh</td>
<td>One year</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Dr. Debabrata Mishra (IIInd Cycle) Department of Physics and Astrophysics University of Delhi, Delhi</td>
<td>6 months</td>
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The Committee asked UGC to write a letter to the Jawaharlal Nehru University to submit the clarification on the matter of joining under FRP and Pay fixation in respect of Dr. Rita Sharma and Dr. Manoj Sharma, UGC-Assistant Professors. The University may also intimate whether they have withdrawn any salary or increment under FRP before leaving for the study leave.

The Committee requested UGC to provide the Self Appraisal (work done in one year after the last review) of Dr. Subhra Bhattacharya, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-I) to DSKPDF Cell for evaluation by the referees.
**Item No. 4.** : **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:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Dr. Santosh Bhukal Assistant Professor Department of Environmental Science &amp; Engg., Guru Jambheswar University of Science and Technology, Hisar</td>
<td>Maternity leave as per Govt. of India norms.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Dr. Sidra Khanam Assistant Professor Deptt. of Mechanical Engg. A.M.U., Aligarh</td>
<td>6 months</td>
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The Committee recommended that the total tenure to utilize the Start up Grant may be revised from two years to three years. No further extension will be given beyond that.

**Item No 5** : **Any other item:**

The Committee requested to UGC to provide the links of DSKPDF Cell and FRPS Cell on the UGC-website.

**Item No 6** : **Budget of BSR:**

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

**Item No 7** : It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on 9th December, 2019 at 11.30 a.m. in UGC, Head Office, New Delhi.

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