



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the meeting of the Basic Scientific Research Bureau held on
24th June, 2014 at 11.00 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.

The meeting of the Basic Scientific Research Bureau was held on **24th June, 2014 at 11.00 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.** List of participants is at **Annexure - I.**

The Vice-Chairman, UGC chaired the meeting as the Empowered Committee dissolved itself in the 64th meeting of Empowered Committee,. Then, the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 64th meeting held on 31st March, 2014 at UGC, New Delhi.

The minutes of the 64th meeting of the BSR Bureau held on 31st March, 2014 at UGC, New Delhi were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the fast-track action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 64th meeting of Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3: Discussion with Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, FRP.

Mrs. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, FRP, presented the Status Report of the Programme. The Committee was apprised of the progress made in regard to placement, in Indian institutions of the first and second cycle selectees.

1. The shortlisting of the candidates in the third cycle (with cut-off-date of Applications 31st December 2013) has been completed in five out of six subjects (in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematical, Engineering and Earth Sciences). The shortlisting in Biological Sciences is likely to be completed in July 2014.
2. Of the 1st cycle selected candidates, 23 have joined the recommended Institutions. Another ten candidates are likely to join by the end of this year.
3. The placement of 2nd cycle candidates is underway. Appointment letters have been issued to 91 candidates.

4. It was suggested that Pay Fixation form could be put up on the UGC- website for the convenience of the candidates selected, for expediting the process of pay- fixation.
5. So far, the process of pay fixation has been completed for 17 selectees who have joined various Universities.

Item No. 4: Discussion with Prof. Joag, Associate Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell, Pune.

Prof. D.S. Joag, National Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 51st and 52nd lists of PDF selected candidates and 37th and 38th lists of unsuccessful PDF candidates to the Empowered Committee which was approved by Vice-Chairman, UGC.

Followup of requests received from the D.S.Kothari Fellows were approved by VCm. Follow-up steps for the requests will be taken up by the UGC and prompt action will be taken.

12th referee honorarium list was approved by VCm. UGC will urgently release the grant to the University of Pune.

Item No. 5: Recommendations by Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator on UGC-FPRS, "Start up Grant", "One Time Grant" and "UGC BSR Faculty Fellowships".

- (i) The Committee approved the lists of candidates for "One-Time Grant", "UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships" and "Start-up-Grant for Newly Recruited Faculty.
- (ii) **A request has been received from six professors of Aligarh Muslim University for the extension of UGC BSR Fellowship from the age of 68 to 70 years.**

This issue will be placed before the new Empowered Committee, when it will be constituted by MHRD.

Item No. 6: Any other item

- (i) **A request has been received from Anna University for the permission to utilize the grant of Rs. 20 Lakhs (1st Installment) for the Deptt. of Information Science and Technology in the year 2014-15. The grant of Rs. 20 Lakhs was released in 4th September, 2012. The reason for delay has been given by the Department is that they have moved to newly constructed building during 2013 only and hence the grant of Rs. 20 Lakhs could not be utilized within the stipulated period.**

As per the decision of the Empowered Committee in its 47th meeting that the grant released by UGC under BSR can be used within 18 months.

- (ii) **A request has been received from Punjab University, Chandigarh department of Pharmaceutical Sciences for extension of only 2 months for filling up the seat for ST and Single Girl Child in the department.**

As per the decision of the Empowered Committee, the selections under the scheme of BSR fellowships should be made within one year from the date of issue of the letter.

Item No 7: 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.

Annexure I

**List of Participants who attended the 64th Meeting of the BSR Bureau held on
24th June, 2014 in UGC, New Delhi**

1. Prof. H. Devaraj, Vice-Chairman, UGC
2. Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia
3. Dr. D.S. Joag
4. Prof. Anunay Samanta
5. Dr. Sunita Siwach
6. Mrs. Ritu Oberoi
7. Dr. Shalini