UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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Minutes of the 78th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on January 10, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.

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At the outset Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, Empowered Committee welcomed all the members of the Empowered Committee. There after agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 77th meeting of Empowered Committee held on November 9, 2016 in UGC Head office Delhi.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 77th meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3: Discussion regarding the Faculty recharge programme.

(i) The Committee was informed that the commission in its meeting held on December 14, 2016 has approved the selection of UGC faculty in the IV cycle of the Faculty Recharge Programme. The Empowered Committee decided that the list of selected candidates in the IV cycle may be released, Hon’ble Human Resource Minister, Govt. of India

(ii) Prof. Sudesh Nangia (National Coordinator), FRP, submitted the status report on the performance of Programme. The committee was pleased to note that through the programme talented faculty were appointed through a rigorous selection process. However, it
was also noticed that there has been delays in the placement of UGC faculty. It was also pointed out in the status report that the UGC faculty has reported the following problems a) delay in payment of salaries, b) In adequate academic and research facilitie and c) lack of opportunities for guidance and supervision of Ph. D theses.

(iii) The Empowered Committee noticed that one of the main reasons of the problems faced by the UGC faculty were that the host universities have not been adhering to MoU. In this regard, it was decide to constitute a sub-committee with the following members:

1. Prof. Sudesh Nangia
2. Prof. Shridhar Gadre
3. Prof. Anunay Samanta

This committee shall evaluate and grade the universities in terms of their adherence to MoU and MoA, providing appropriate research facilities to the UGC faculty.

(iv) The Empowered Committee also decided to revisit the service rules of the programme in order to make them more specific and explicit for UGC, host universities and the UGC-faculty. In this regard, a committee shall be constituted.

(v) The requests for transfer of following FRP faculty considered by the committee and were rejected:

1. Dr. Awaneesh Kumar singh
2. Dr. Lakshmi MADhav Bomidi

(vi) The Committee approved the request of Dr. A Krishnamoorthy (UGC-Assistant Professor) for utilizing the interest earned on amount received for strart-up grant.

(vii) The Empowered committee also approved the request of Dr. Suresh PS (UGC-Assistant Professor) to claim the registration fee for participating in an international conference abroad. However, startup grant cannot be used for meeting travel expenses for the same.

(viii) Dr. Surender Nimesh (UGC-Assistant Professor) has requested that he may be permitted to utilize both start-up grant and Major
Research Project awarded to him simultaneously. The committee approved the same.

Item No 4: Discussion with Prof. SR Gadre, National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell and regarding the progress of the scheme.

(i) The Committee approved the 67th list of recommended candidates and 52th list of not recommended candidates. The Committee also approved the requests made by DSK Fellows regarding extension in joining and leave applied.

Item No. 5: Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, UGC-Faculty Research Promotion Schemes regarding the review of three schemes.

(i) 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.

Item No 7: Networking Resource Centres (NRC).

It was decided that the Coordinators NRCs shall give their proposal presentation for extension of activities on 03.02.2016, at AICTE head Office New Delhi from 2:00PM.

Item No 8: Budget of BSR:

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

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on February 3, 2017 at AICTE Head Office. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure-I

List of Participants who attended the 78th meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) held on January 10, 2017 in UGC, New Delhi

1. Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe - Chairman, EC
2. Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala - Member, EC
3. Prof. Shridhar Gadre - National Coordinator, DSKPDF
4. Prof. Anunay Samanta - National Coordinator, FRPS
5. Prof. Sudesh Nangia - National Coordinator, FRP
6. Dr. Sunita Siwach - JS(BSR)
7. Mrs. Paramjit - US(BSR)
8. Dr. Shalini - EO(BSR)