



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 88th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on October 26th, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi

The 88th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on ***October 26th, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi***. Besides Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman, UGC, the following attended the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC |
| 2. Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 3. Prof. S.R. Gadre | - | National Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 4. Dr. Surender Singh | - | Joint Secretary (BSR) |
| 5. Mrs. Paramjeet | - | Deputy Secretary (BSR) |
| 6. Dr. Ajay Kumar | - | Education Officer (BSR) |
| 7. Mrs. Poonam Arora | - | Section Officer (BSR) |

Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala, Member, Prof. Syed A Bari, Member and Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Member could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman UGC welcomed the Committee and appreciated the work done so far under the scheme. He also emphasized the urgent need to have a similar scheme for strengthening of Humanities and Social Sciences as well.

Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the Committee thanked Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman for attending the meeting and sharing his views with the members of the Empowered Committee.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

<p>Item No. 1</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 87th meeting of Empowered Committee held on August 08th, 2018 in UGC Head office Delhi.</p> <p>The minutes of 87th Meeting were confirmed with the following modification in Item No.3 (para 1) : The Committee has also decided that subject experts / referee can evaluate at the maximum 10 proposals under Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship should be replaced with The Committee has also decided that subject experts / referee can evaluate at the maximum 10 proposals <i>per referee honorarium list</i> under Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship.</p>
<p>Item No. 2</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Action taken on the Minutes.</p> <p>The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 87th meeting of the Empowered Committee.</p>
<p>Item No 3</p>	<p>:</p>	<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 78th list of 51 recommended candidates. However, the Committee examined the 63rd list of non-recommended candidates of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship and recommended that the cases showing large variation (in best three grades) should be reviewed again as per the usual procedure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee accepted the resignations of 17 DSK Fellows. • The Committee recommended the leave requests of Dr. Rohini Dharela from 25.04.2018 to 25.10.2018 (leave without fellowship and contingency) and Dr. Archana Gupta (Maternity Leave for a period as per the rules).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee did not recommend the leave request of Dr. Parvendra Kumar for taking up temporary teaching assignment (leave without fellowship and contingency). • The Committee considered the request of Dr. Kajari Ghosh, DSKPDF, for change of work place to Aliah University and recommended that her request may be accepted provided the proposed work place university, i.e., Aliah University is eligible to receive grants from UGC. • Regarding Dr. Samita, (Award letter No. F.4-2/2006(BSR)/PH/15-16/0117, Joining date: 22.08.2016) Committee recommended to obtain the formal resignation and date of resignation from the DSK Fellow and place the same before the Committee. • The Committee recommended releasing further additional grant of Rupees fifteen lakh towards honorarium of referee at the earliest.
<p>Item No 4</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, 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, provided the proposed work place university is eligible to receive grants from UGC.</p> <p>The recommendations for the Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes made by the National Coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.</p> <p>Further, the Committee recommended that for Mid-career Award eligibility regarding number of PhDs be reduced from 15 to 10 out of which 3 should have been awarded during last five years. Apart from change in number of PhDs, rest of the conditions remain same.</p>

<p>Item No.5</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme: Review of Performances of faculty selected (Cycle-I) under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme.</p> <p>As per recommendation of Empowered Committee in the 87th meeting, DSKPDF Cell was entrusted with the evaluation of Self appraisals reports of 18 Candidates (Cycle-I) out of the 19 candidates.</p> <p>Now, Dr. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, DSKPDF Cell, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune has submitted the Evaluation Results of 18 candidates FRP (Cycle-I) out of 19 candidates under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme. A copy of Evaluation Results is annexed herewith as <u>Annexure-I</u>. The Committee accepted the Evaluation Results of 17 candidates, except that of Dr. Subhra Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, Presidency University, which may be evaluated again after one year.</p> <p>The Committee further recommended that UGC may take further necessary action regarding promotion as per UGC rules for central universities in case of recommended 17 candidates.</p> <p>Review of 18th candidate (Dr. Subhra Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, Presidency University) will be done after one more year.</p> <p>Dr. Gadre has also submitted the Honorarium list of FRP Referee. The Committee recommended the UGC to release the grant to Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship-Cell for FRP Referee Honorarium list.</p>
<p>Item No.5 (i)</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>The Committee has rejected the request of Dr. Suryani Deb (Cycle-III selected candidate) for her placement at Calcutta University as she had done her Ph.D. from the same university and as per the norms under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme such placement is not permissible.</p>

<p>Item No.5 (ii)</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>The Committee accepted the request of Dr. Suresh Babu Kalidindi (Cycle-IV, selected candidate) for his placement at Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam.</p>
<p>Item No.5 (iii)</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>The Committee has considered the request of Dr. Ajeet K. Maurya, UGC-Assistant Professor, (Cycle-IV), Doon University and recommended that a letter be sent to the Vice-Chancellor for addressing the problems faced by the Candidate under the scheme of UGC-FRP as per the norms.</p>
<p>Item No.5 (iv)</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>The Committee has considered the request of Registrar, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai for CGHS facility to UGC-FRP and also requested to UGC to send a letter to the Registrar of Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai as per the norms.</p> <p>The Committee has considered and accepted the request of Dr. Vikas Sood, UGC-Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi for permission to buy server from UGC-FRP Start up Grant. According to the guidelines of Start up grant, the quantum of funds under the heads can be decided by the PI depending on his / her needs.</p>
<p>Item No.6.</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>UGC-BSR –Start up Grant to newly recruited faculty</i></p> <p>i. The Committee considered the request of Dr. Sunil Kumar Singh, UGC-Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Kirori Mal College, Delhi and recommended that his request be examined as per the UGC norm prevailing at the time of admissible expenditure incurred.</p> <p>ii. The Committee has considered the request of Dr. Supriya Singh, Gargi College and recommended that UGC clarification may be called from her regarding ‘outsourcing’ of project.</p>

		<p>iii. The Committee has considered the request of Dr. Ratban Chatterjee, Dr. Saumyadip Samui and Dr. Suchetana Chatterjee and recommended that further extension with no cost can be granted only upto 31.03.2018.</p>
Item No 7	:	<p>Proposal Received from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi for Second Phase of Networking Resource Centres.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that the University may be requested to apply as and when proposal will be invited by the UGC for the same.</p>
Item No 8	:	<p>Any other items:</p> <p>The Committee considered the complaint against Dr. S. Manoharan, and recommended that the complaint may be sent to the Vice Chancellor of the University to take appropriate action in the matter.</p> <p>The Chairman of Empowered Committee mentioned that this Committee is going to complete four years in November, 2018 and expressed the need for reconstitution of this Committee. The BSR committee was constituted by MHRD. Hence Committee requests the UGC to take up the matter of reconstitution of BSR Committee with the MHRD.</p>
Item No 9	:	<p>Budget of BSR:</p> <p>The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.</p>
Item No 10	:	<p>It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on 28th December, 2018 at UGC, Head Office.</p>

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