



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 61st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 1st November, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.

The 61st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on ***1st November, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.*** List of participants is at ***Annexure - I.***

At the outset Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to the 61st Meeting of the Empowered Committee. Prof. Sharma once again requested the Chairman, UGC that the work of the Empowered Committee may be reviewed and the Empowered Committee may be reconstituted.

The Chairman, UGC informed the Committee that the steps are being taken for consideration of the request of the Empowered Committee.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 60th meeting held on 13th September, 2013 at UGC, New Delhi.

The minutes of the 60th meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 13th September, 2013 at UGC, New Delhi 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 60th meeting of Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3: Discussion with Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator and Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, FRP.

The Committee desired that the list of successful candidates in the Second Cycle of Appointments under the Faculty Recharge Programme may be released on the date of the meeting i.e. 1st November, 2013. Accordingly, Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC released the list of 109 successful candidates. This information was put on the UGC- and the Faculty Recharge Programme websites and also released to the press.

The National Coordinator informed that the screening process in respect of 4891 candidates relating to Third Cycle of Selections (with cut- off- date for applications as on 30th September 2013) is about to complete.

Item No. 4: Discussion with regard to the extension of tenure of Prof. R. P. Gandhi, National Coordinator and Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, FRP for one year w.e.f. 25.11.2013 to 24.11.2014.

The Empowered Committee recommended that the tenure of service of Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator and Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, FRP may be extended for a period of 2 years w.e.f. 25.11.2013 to 24.11.2015 **instead of one year** as Faculty Recharge Programme is at a critical juncture so that continuity should be maintained.

Item No. 5: Discussion with Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme.

Prof. Gadre, National Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 47th list of PDF selected candidates (**Annexure-II**) and 33rd list of unsuccessful PDF candidates (**Annexure-III**) to the Empowered Committee and Committee has approved the same.

Item No. 6: Presentation by following 2 Net-Working Centres for purpose of assessment of progress made by these centres as per the objectives set forth for these centres:

Panjab University	-	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Banaras Hindu University	-	Physics

The 2 Networking Centres viz. Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh and Dept. of Physics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi made presentation for progress made by these centres as per the objectives set forth for these centres. The members of the Committee expressed their satisfaction and were happy with the progress made by these Centres.

The Empowered Committee is of the view that for continuance of the activities of all the 9 networking centres who have completed 5 years may be given a grant of Rs. 2.00 crores who got Rs. 10.00 crores earlier and those centres who received Rs. 5.00 crores may be given Rs. 1.00 crore for the year 2014-2015.

Item No. 7: Lists of Candidates for “One-Time Grant”, “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships” and “Start-up-Grant for newly recruited faculty” recommended by Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, FRPS Cell, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad for approval by Empowered Committee.

The Committee approved the following candidates for “One-Time Grant” (**Annexure-IV**), “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships (**Annexure-V**)” and “Start-up-Grant for Newly Recruited Faculty (**Annexure-VI**).

“One Time Grant”:

Sl. No	Name of the University	Name of Department	Name of Professor / Faculty
1.	University of Delhi Delhi	Botany	Prof. S.C.Bhatla
2.	Saurashtra University, Gujarat	Physics	Prof. (Dr.) D.G. Kuberkar
3.	Osmania University Hyderabad	Zoology	Prof. K Pratap Reddy
4.	Dr. H.S. Gour Central University Sagar(MP)	Zoology	Prof. Subodh Jain
5.	Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat	Chemistry	Dr. Mohanbhai N. Patel
6.	School of Natural Science Bangalore University, Bangalore	Biological Sciences	Dr. H. P. Puttaraju

“UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship”

S. No.	Name of the University	Name of the Department	Name of Faculty
1.	Kuvempu University, Karnataka	Chemistry	Prof. V. P. Vaidya
2.	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Chemistry	Dr. Ravindra Nath Singh
3.	Jamia Millia Islamia, Central University, Okhla, New Delhi	Mathematics	Prof. Kum Kum Dewan

“Start-up grant”

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Category	Department/University
1.	Dr. Naga Suresh Veerapu	OBC	Dept of Life Sciences, Shiv Nadar Univeristy, Uttar Pradesh
2.	Dr. Suneesh C. V.	OBC	Dept. of Chemistry, University of Kerala, Kariavattom P.O.
3.	Dr. Supriyo Kumar Das	Gen	Dept. of Geology, Presidency University
4.	Dr. Debashis Barik	Gen	School of Chemistry, Central University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli, Hyderabad
5.	Dr. Aparna Raturi	Gen	Dept. of Zoology & Biotechnology, HNB Garhwal University, Uttaranchal
6.	Dr Dhara B.	Gen	Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Gujarat
7.	Dr. Vandana Vinayak	Gen	Dept. of Criminology & Forensic Science, School of Applied Sciences, DR. H.S Gour Central University, Madhya Pradesh
8.	Dr. Manpreet Singh	Gen	Desh Bhagat University, MandiGobindgarh, Punjab

9.	Dr. Nirala Ramchiary	ST	School of life Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
10.	Dr. Swati Biswas	Gen	Birla Institute of technology and Sciences-Pilani, Hyderabad Campus
11.	Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay	Gen	Dept of Remote Sensing & GIS, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal
12.	Dr. Shirish Kumar Rameshbhai Patel	Gen	Hemchandracharya North gujarat University, Patan
13.	Dr. Vipin Gupta	Gen	Dept of Anthropology, University of Delhi
14.	Dr.M.V.N.Sivakumar	Gen	Dept of Civil Engineering, Birla Institute of technology and Sciences-Pilani, Hyderabad Campus
15.	Dr. Sasikumar Palani	OBC	Dept of Chemistry, Presidency University, Kolkatta
16.	Dr. Ekramul Islam	OBC	Dept of Microbiology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, West Bengal
17.	Dr. Anjoy Majhi	SC	Dept of Chemistry, Presidency University, Kolkatta
18.	Dr. Bhaskar Gupta	Gen	Dept of Biological Sciences, Presidency University, Kolkatta
19.	Dr Sreejith P	Gen	Dept of Zoology, University of Kerala
20.	Dr. Devesh Sharma	Gen	Dept of Environmental Science, Central University of Rajasthan
21.	Dr. Prashant Kumar Singh	SC	Dept of Biotechnology, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh
22.	Dr. Meenal Dhall	Gen	Dept of Anthropology, University of Delhi
23.	Dr. Sohan Lal	OBC	Chemistry Dept, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana
24.	Dr. Ashim Kumar Pramanik	OBC	School of Physical Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
25.	Dr. Nandlal Mandal	OBC	Dept of Botany, Siksha-Bhavana Visva-Bharati, West Bengal
26.	Dr. Ritu	SC	Dept. of Chemistry, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana
27.	Dr. J Jagan Mohan	Gen	Dept of Mathematics, BITS-Pilani Hyderabad Campus, Jawahar Nagar, Shameerpet Mandal
28.	Dr. Neetu Kumari	OBC	Dept of Chemistry, College of science, Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan
29.	Dr. Jimmy Lalnunmawia	ST	Bethlehem Vengthlang, Mizoram University, Mizoram

30.	Dr. Krishna Pada Bhabak	SC	Dept of Chemistry, Presidency University, Kolkata, West Bengal
31.	Dr. Punam Gupta	Gen	Dept of Mathematics & Statistics, School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Dr. Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh
32.	Dr. Maheswar Panda	Gen	Dept. of Physics, Dr. H.S. Gour Central University, Sagar, M.P.
33.	Dr. Ramprakash Saran	OBC	Dept of Zoology, J. N. Vyas University, Jodhpur
34.	Dr. Kheta Ram	OBC	Dept of Botany, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
35.	Dr. Anupama Chanda	Gen	Dept of Physics, Dr. Hari Singh Gour Central University, Sagar
36.	Dr. Prashant Shukla	Gen	Dept of Physics, Dr. H.S.Gour University Sagar, Madhya Pradesh
37.	Dr. Manasi Ghosh	OBC	Dept of Physics, Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar, M.P.
38.	Dr. K. Muni Krishna	Gen	Dept of Meteorology and Oceanography, Andhra University

Item No 8: Letter from Registrar, JNU regarding request of Dr. Abhinav Grover, Asstt. Professor selected under FRP for providing publication charges for accepted manuscript.

The Empowered Committee recommended that publication charges by Dr. Abhinav Grover, Asstt. Professor may be met out of the Start-up Grant.

Item No 9: Budget of BSR

The Committee expressed their concern about non-release of funds under the BSR Schemes. The Committee again emphasized that possibility of e-transfer specially with regard to DSKPDF and BSR Fellowships should be explored. The Committee also requested to take expeditious action for disbursement of grant towards BSR Fellowship, DSKPDF, BSR Faculty Fellowship, Start-up Grant for newly recruited candidates, One Time Grant and Faculty Recharge without any further delay.

Item No. 10: Any Other Item

1. The Committee recommended that proposals of CPE colleges for additional grant may be considered.
2. The request for re-appropriation of funds for networking centre from the Physics Department, BHU was discussed and the Committee recommended that the department may do the re-appropriation as per the guidelines.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on **December 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** in UGC, New Delhi.

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

Annexure I

List of Participants who attended the 61st Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 1st November, 2013 in UGC, New Delhi

1. Prof. Ved Prakash
2. Dr. Akhilesh Gupta
3. Prof. M.M. Sharma
4. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta
5. Prof. P. Rama Rao
6. Prof. Kota Harinarayan
7. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan
8. Prof. R.P. Gandhi
9. Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia
10. Prof. S.R. Gadre
11. Prof. Anunay Samanta, H.U
12. Dr. Sunita Siwach
13. Mrs. Ritu Oberoi
14. Dr. (Mrs.) Shalini
15. Ms. Parbati Bose