



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**  
**NEW DELHI**

***Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in UGC, New Delhi.***

The 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **13<sup>th</sup> September, 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 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee. Prof. Sharma put on record the appreciation for the services rendered by Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra, Joint Secretary, UGC and the other members of the Committee endorsed the same.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

***Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 at UGC, New Delhi.***

The minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 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 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee.

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

The National Coordinator, FRP, presented Minutes of Selection Committee Meetings for faculty positions, in the 'Second Cycle of Appointments'. This Cycle comprises Batches III-to-VII of candidates with respective cut-off dates of applications as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012. A total of 3141 applications were processed which, through a 5- stage filtration sequence, have led to 109 successful candidates (3.47% of the Total).

The subject-wise Selection Committee Meetings were convened as per the following schedule:

1. Meeting for positions in Physics, held on 10<sup>th</sup> -to- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
2. Meeting for Mathematical Sciences, held on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013.
3. Meeting for Biological Sciences, held on 01<sup>st</sup> -to- 06<sup>th</sup> August 2013.
4. Meeting for Chemical Sciences, held on 17<sup>th</sup> -to- 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013.
5. Meeting for Earth Sciences, held on 05<sup>th</sup> & 06<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

6. Meeting for Engineering Sciences, held on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013.

The Minutes of above Meetings were approved by the Empowered-Committee. Minutes are enclosed in a sealed cover at **Annexure-II**.

The Empowered Committee recommended that the Faculty members selected under Faculty Recharge Programme will be given a Start-up-Grant of Rs. 7.00 lakhs.

Prof. M.M. Sharma requested the Chairman, UGC to get release the names of the selected candidates under FRP by the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development on a date convenient to him.

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

Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 46<sup>th</sup> list of PDF selected candidates (**Annexure-III**) and 32<sup>nd</sup> list of unsuccessful PDF candidates (**Annexure-IV**) to the Empowered Committee and Committee has approved the same.

The 3rd phase budget of DSKPDF cell (**Annexure V**) at University of Pune, Pune was presented by Prof. D. S. Joag, Associate Co-ordinator and was approved by the Empowered Committee without any change.

Norm regarding reconsideration cases was proposed by National Co-ordinator, Prof. S. R. Gadre and Associate Co-ordinator, Prof. D. S. Joag saying only those cases with at least two 'B' grades may be taken up. This suggestion was accepted by the Empowered Committee.

**Item No. 5: Presentation by following 4 Net-Working Centres for purpose of assessment of progress made by these centres as per the objectives set forth for these centres:**

Calcutta University	-	Radio-Physics
Indian Institute of Science	-	Material Engineering
Indian Institute of Science	-	Biological Sciences
ICT, Mumbai	-	Chemical Engineering

The 4 Networking Centres viz. Dept. Radio Physics, Calcutta University, Dept. of Material Engineering and Biological Sciences, IISC, Bangalore and Dept. of Chemical Engineering, ICT, Mumbai 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.

**Item No. 6: 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-VI**), “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships (**Annexure-VII**)” and “Start-up-Grant for Newly Recruited Faculty (**Annexure-VIII**).

**“One Time Grant”:**

Sl. No	Name of the University	Name of Department	Name of Professor / Faculty
1.	M.S. University, Tirunelveli, TN	Mathematics	Dr. T. Tamizh Chelvam
2.	North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon	School of Chemical Sciences	Prof. Mahulikar Pramod Pandurang
3.	University of Hyderabad	School of Chemistry	Prof. Ramakrishna Ramaswamy
4.	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad	Chemical Technology	Dr. Devanand Shinde
5.	ICT, Mumbai, Matunga	Chemistry	Prof. R.V. Jayaram
6.	University of Madras, Chennai	Zoology	Dr. R. Ramanibai
7.	University of Rajasthan	Zoology	Dr. P.K. Goyal <b>(Decision Deferred)</b>

**“UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship”**

S. No.	Name of the University	Name of the Department	Name of Faculty
1.	Bangalore University, Bangalore	Botany	Dr. D.H. Tejavathi
2.	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Physics	Prof. Shyam Bahadur Rai

**“Start-up grant”**

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Category	Department/University
1.	Dr. Praphulla C. Shukla	Gen	Dept. of Biological Sciences, BITS, Pilani
2.	Dr. Shweta Vyas	Gen	Dept. of Chemistry, University of Kota, Rajasthan
3.	Dr. Pravin Popinand Ingole	SC	Dept. of Chemistry, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
4.	Dr. Khemchand Dewangan	OBC	Dept. of Chemistry, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, MP
5.	Dr. Subrata Bandhu Ghosh	Gen	Dept. of Mechanical Engg., BITS, Pilani
6.	Dr. Ravindra Shukla	Gen	Dept. of Botany, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, MP
7.	Dr. Vineet Kumar Agotiya	SC	Centre for Applied Physics, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi <b>(Decision Deferred)</b>

8.	Dr. Rishi Bhardwaj	Gen	Dean School of Medical Sciences, University of Hyderabad
9.	Dr. Tarun Kumar Bhatt	Gen	Dept. of Biotechnology, University of Rajasthan
10.	Dr. Dharmendra Singh	OBC	Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi
11.	Dr. Basudev Pradhan	OBC	Centre for Energy Engineering, Central University of Jharkhand
12.	Dr. Mohammad Tanveer	OBC	Dept. of Comp. Science, The LNM Instt. of Information Tech., Jaipur
13.	Dr. Uttam Sarkar	SC	Dept. of Animal Genetics and Breeding, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Sarani
14.	Dr. Dinesh Kumar Yadav	SC	Dept. of Chemistry, M.L. Sukhadia University, Udaipur
15.	Dr.H.P. Gurushankara	OBC	Dept. of Animal Science, University of Kerala
16.	Dr. Garima Kaushik	Gen	Dept. of Environmental Science, School of Earth Science, University of Rajasthan
17.	Dr. Mahendra Saha	SC	Dept. of Statistics, University of Rajasthan
18.	Dr. Sunkara Satya Veni	Gen	Dept. of Chemistry, JNTU, Kakinada
19.	Dr. Sanjay Gupta	Gen	Centre for Applied Physics, University of Jharkhand, Ranchi
20.	Dr. S.K. Barbar	SC	Dept. of Physics, JNV University, Rajasthan
21.	Dr. Puneeta Pandey	Gen	Centre for Environmental Science & Tech. , University of Punjab
22.	Dr. Prithidipa Sahoo	OBC	Dept. of Chemistry , Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan, WB
23.	Dr. Vineet Kumar Agotiya	SC	Centre for Applied Physics, University of Jharkhand, Ranchi
24.	Dr. Swarnajyoti Patra	OBC	Dept. of Comp. Science & Engg., Tezpur University, Assam
25.	Dr. Ram Chandra	OBC	Dept. of Zoology, Kumaun University
26.	Dr. Sukhendu Mandal	Gen	Dept. of Microbiology, University of Calcutta, WB
27.	Dr. Koushik Giri	OBC	Centre for Com. Science, School of Basic & Applied Science, University of Panjab
28.	Dr. Hrishikesh Mahato	OBC	Centre for Applied Mathematics, University of Jharkhand

29.	Dr. Aditya Narayan	OBC	Dept. of Zoology, Bundelkhand University
30.	Dr. Pramod Kumar	OBC	Dept. of Applied Sciences, IIT, Allahabad
31.	Dr. Deepak Kumar	Gen	Centre for Environmental Law, University of Panjab
32.	Dr. Achchhe Lal Sharma	Gen	Centre for Physical & Mathematical Sciences, University of Panjab
33.	Dr. Jai Prakash	Gen	Centre for Physical & Mathematical Sciences, University of Panjab
34.	Dr. Kamlesh Yadav	OBC	Centre for Physical & Mathematical Sciences, University of Panjab
35.	Dr. Subhashis Gangopadhyay	Gen	Dept. of Physics, BITS Pilani, Rajasthan
36.	Dr. Mrinal K. Bera	Gen	Dept. of Chemistry, Kumaun University, Almora
37.	Dr. Santosh Balasaheb Kamble	SC	Dept. of Chemistry, Yashwantrao Chavan Instt. of Sc., Satara
38.	Dr. K. Rahul Chandrakant	OBC	Dept. of Physics, University of Pune, Maharashtra
39.	Dr. Sandeep Singh	Gen	Centre for Genetic Diseases and Molecular Medicine, University of Panjab, Panjab

**Item No 7: Letter from Registrar, JNU regarding furnishing clarification on certain points with regard to Faculty Recharge Programme.**

The Empowered Committee recommended that we may send a letter to the Registrar, JNU informing that the points raised by him in his letter are covered in the MoU which was entered between the University and UGC. We may again send a copy of the MoU.

**Item No. 8: Request of some BSR Faculty fellows regarding extension of UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship up to the age of 70 years i.e. 3+2 after superannuation.**

The Committee recommended that the scheme is strictly for a period of 3 years.

**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 Fellowship should be explored. The Committee also requested that release of grant should be expedited.

**Item No. 9: Any Other Item**

1. The Committee recommended that special measures be taken to ensure that the fellowships should reach in time.
2. The Committee recommended that the following 2 Net-Working Centres may be called for purpose of assessment of progress made by these centres as per the objectives set forth for these centres in the next meeting of Empowered Committee scheduled to be held on November 1, 2013.

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| (i)  | Banaras Hindu University | - | Physics                 |
| (ii) | Panjab University        | - | Pharmaceutical Sciences |

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on **November 1, 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 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 in UGC, New Delhi**

1. Prof. Ved Prakash
2. Prof. H. Deva Raj
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. D.S. Joag
11. Prof. Anunay Samanta, H.U
12. Dr. (Mrs.) Sunita Siwach
13. Mrs. Ritu Oberoi
14. Ms. Parbati Bose