



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 72nd meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on November 3, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 72nd meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **November 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in UGC office, New Delhi.** List of participants is at **Annexure - I.**

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

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 71st meeting of Empowered Committee held on November 3, 2015 in UGC Office, New 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 71st meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3: Discussion regarding Faculty Recharge Programme with Prof. Sudesh Nangia (Associate National Coordinator) regarding the progress of the scheme.

Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate National Coordinator, Faculty Recharge Programme informed the committee about the status of placement of Candidates selected in the III Cycle. The Committee also approved the placement of remaining 3 candidates selected in the III cycle. To expedite the process of placements it was decided that the National Coordinator may take approval for placement from the Chairman of the Committee, which shall be ratified in the next Empowered Committee meeting. The committee also resolved that

Information Science and Library Science shall also be included in the Faculty Recharge Programme.

It was also brought to the notice of the committee that some of the universities are still reluctant to accommodate the FRP selectees. The committee deliberated on the issue and resolved as under:

Following the peer review after 5 years of service as UGC Faculty, the FRP selectees may be absorbed in their respective host universities as regular permanent faculty. These positions shall be over and above the sanctioned faculty strength of the University. UGC shall bear all the financial liabilities of the FRP faculty as per the MoU of the Programme.

The committee also recommended that the salary of the UGC faculty should be met from the NON-PLAN head of the UGC budget.

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

Prof. S R Gadre, National Coordinator and Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator submitted the 61st list of recommended and 46th list of not recommended candidates of Dr. D S Kothari Post Doctoral Scheme. The committee approved the same.

Request regarding change of mentor, conversion of fellowship, leave applied were also approved by the Empowered Committee. Follow up actions on them will be taken up by UGC.

The committee recommended that the progress of the fellow should be evaluated annually by a committee with the following constitution:

- i) Mentor
- ii) Two external referees (An accomplished Scientist, having minimum 10 years of research experience, working in a national Laboratory)
- iii) Head of the Department/Senior Professor from the Department

The report of the committee in the prescribed format may be sent electronically to the DSPDF cell and UGC.

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

Prof. Anunay Samanta could not attend the meeting due to prior appointments. However, he had submitted the list of recommended/not-recommended candidates for Start-up Grant. The committee approved the same.

Item No 6(i): Formulation of the BSR fellowship Guidelines.

The committee suggested to further modify the guidelines as discussed in the meeting

Item No 6(ii): Formulation of the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam fellowship Guidelines.

The Committee approved the Guidelines of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam fellowship.

Item No 7: Extension of the tenure of Prof. RP Gandhi, and Prof. Sudesh Nangia

The committee extended the tenure of Prof. RP Gandhi and Prof. Sudesh Nangia by 3 months w.e.f. 26.11.2015. As Prof. RP Gandhi is not keeping well, Prof. Nangia act as National Coordinator FRP. The name of Associate Coordinator will be announced in the next meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on December 22, 2015 at UGC Office, New Delhi. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**List of Participants who attended the 72nd meeting of the Empowered
Committee (EC) held on November 3, 2015 in UGC, New Delhi**

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| 1. Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC |
| 2. Prof. S. A. Bari | - | Member, EC |
| 3. Prof. Jawaharlal Kaul | - | Member, EC |
| 4. Prof. Sudesh Nangia | - | Assoc. Coordinator, FRP |
| 5. Prof. D S Joag | - | Assoc. Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 6. Dr. Sunita Siwach | - | DS(BSR) |
| 7. Dr. Shalini | - | EO(BSR) |