UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 76th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 1st September, 2016 at 10:30 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. Thereafter agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 75th meeting of Empowered Committee held on June 30, 2016 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 75th meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3: Discussion on Faculty Recharge Programme.

The discussion on this item was deferred as an Agenda item on FRP was to be discussed in the Commission's meeting.

(i) Individual requests received from FRP Selected Candidates (III Cycle) for change of host Universities/revised placement.

The Committee discussed the above issues at length. The committee reiterates that if the FRP selectee has given his preference for universities in his home state then the change will not be considered. This information on this aspect was sought from the Coordinator FRP Cell. In view of the information submitted by FRP cell, the Committee approved the request of Dr. Ravi Pratap Barnwal, Cycle III FRP selectee from Osmania
University to Punjab University for revised placement. Request of Dr. Bashir Ahmed from University of Mumbai to Aligarh Muslim University on similar lines could not be accepted as he belonged to Aligarh.

The committee also considered the Request received from Director, National Brain Research Centre (NBRC) in reference to Dr. Aparna Dixit, FRP selectee under Cycle-III. The Committee approved her request if the Deemed University was fit to receive the grant from UGC.

**Item No. 4: Discussion with Prof. Sridhar Gadre National 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. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator submitted the 65th list of recommended and 50th list of not recommended candidates of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship 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.

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

Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator submitted the lists of candidates recommended/not-recommended candidates for Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes and Start up Grant. The committee approved the lists. The committee also resolved effective that the candidate selected after April 1, 2016 shall receive Enhanced Start-Up-grant according to the new guidelines.

**Item No 6: Budget of BSR:**

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.
List of Participants who attended the 76th meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) held on September 1, 2016 in UGC Office, New Delhi

1. Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe - Chairman, EC
2. Prof. Jawaharlal Kaul - Member, EC
3. Prof. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu - Member, EC (Secretary, UGC)
4. Prof. Sudesh Nangia - National Coordinator, FRP
5. Prof. Sridhar Gadre - National Coordinator, DSKPDF
6. Prof. D S Joag - Assoc. Coordinator, DSKPDF
7. Prof. Anunay Samanta - National Coordinator, FRPS
8. Dr. Sunita Siwach - DS(BSR)