



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 95th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 9th December, 2019 at 11.30 a.m. in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 95th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **9th December, 2019 at 11.30 a.m. in UGC Office, New Delhi.** The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe - Chairman, EC
2. Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala - Member, EC
3. Prof. Shridhar Gadre - National Coordinator, DSKPDF-Cell
4. Prof. Anunay Samanta - National Coordinator, FRPS-Cell

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 has also emphasized the need to restart of the FRP scheme and to update the norms for the same.

Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the Committee also welcomed the members of Empowered Committee and briefed the issues to be deliberated.

Dr. Surender Singh, Joint Secretary (UGC), Mrs. Paramjeet, Deputy Secretary (UGC), Sh. Trilok Singh, Under Secretary (UGC) and Mrs. Poonam Arora, Section Officer (UGC) were also present.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1	:	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 94st meeting of Empowered Committee held on October 24th, 2019 in AICTE, Vasant Kunj, Delhi:</i> The minutes of 94 st Meeting were read and confirmed
Item No. 2	:	<i>Action taken on the Minutes:</i> The Empowered Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 94 th meeting of the Empowered Committee.

<p>Item No.3</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Discussion with National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell regarding the progress of the scheme:</p> <p>The Empowered Committee approved the 85th list (subject-wise) of 27recommended candidates and 70thlist of Non-recommended Candidates under the scheme of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship. The Committee also approved the 27th List of DSKPDF Referee Honorarium and FRP Referee Honorarium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee accepted the resignations of 10 DSKPDF Fellows. • The Committee approved the request of Dr. Mohammad Shahid, DSKPDF for leave without fellowship and contingency w.e.f. 01.12.2019 to 30.11.2020. • The Committee also approved the request of Dr. Sneha Yogindran and Dr. N. Jeeva Jasmine, DSKPDFs for maternity leave w.e.f. 16.12.2019 & 25.11.2019 respectively as per Govt. of India norms. • The Committee requested UGC to release the grant for payment of Referee Honorariums to DSKPDF Cell. • The Committee approved the evaluation results of FRP-Cycle-II (Batch-2), who had joined between 1st July 2014 to 30th September 2014. Out of the 12 FRPs evaluated, the result of One FRP is not satisfactory and the same will be evaluated again after one year.
<p>Item No 4</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Discussion with National Coordinator, FRPS Cell regarding (i) Mid Career Award, (ii) UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship & (iii) Start up Grant:</p> <p>The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, made by the National Coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee, subject to the eligibility of the host University/Institute to receive grants from UGC.</p> <p>The recommendations for the Mid-career Award and BSR-Faculty Fellowship, made by the National Coordinator, were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.</p> <p>The Committee reaffirmed that the BSR Faculty Fellowship Schemes is meant only for the teachers of the Central and State Universities. The teachers of the affiliated Colleges of a University are not eligible for these schemes.</p>
<p>Item No.5</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>UGC-Networking Resource Centre:</p> <p>The Networking Resource Centre in Physics, University of Hyderabad, made a presentation of its activities during the first phase (Phase-I) and a proposal for Phase-II of the program before the Empowered Committee. The Committee observed that this Centre has spent a major chunk of its resources in setting up high-value sophisticated instrument for very specialised measurements. As the proposal for Phase-II of the Centre is also found focused on procuring and setting up high-cost specialized instrumental facilities, which will not be useful to most of the users of Centre, the Committee recommended a revision of the proposal keeping in mind the objectives of the Networking Centres and ensuring that facilities setup under this Scheme benefit maximum number of users.</p> <p>The Committee also recommended that the starting date of the schemes under BSR may be considered as the date of release of the first instalment of the grant.</p>

Item No.6		<p>UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme:</p> <p>(i) The Committee approved the request of Dr. Ratnesh Jain, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-I) to hold Equity Stake and act as founder of Sci Media Solution Pvt. Ltd as per Service Rules of FRPs.</p> <p>(ii) The Committee considered the request of Dr. Sumalay Roy, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III) and approved for extension to utilize the Start up Grant for 9 months upto 30th November, 2020.</p> <p>(iii) The Committee considered the request of Dr. Surajit Some, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-II) and recommended for Study leave 'without Salary' for the period of one year, i.e., 15th January, 2020 to 14th January, 2021 under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme.</p>																								
Item No.7	:	<p><u>Start up Grant and MID Career Award:</u></p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the request of the following candidates for No Cost extension to utilize the Start up Grant and MID Career Award under the scheme of Basic Scientific Research:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="469 741 1275 1404"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th> <th>Name of the Candidates</th> <th>Period of Extension</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Dr. Sapna Grewal, Assistant Professor Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar</td> <td>6 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Dr. T.P.N. Hariprasad Assistant Professor Bangalore University</td> <td>12 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Dr. Ravi Kumar H. Assistant Professor Bangalore University</td> <td>12 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Dr. Prakash Kumar Singh Assistant Professor University of Allahabad</td> <td>12 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Dr. Amitava Choudhari, Assistant Professor University of Burdwan</td> <td>12 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6.</td> <td>Dr. Farooq Ahmad Dar Assistant Professor University of Kashmir</td> <td>12 months</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>MID Career Award</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="469 1453 1275 1547"> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain Deptt. of Chemistry Gujarat University</td> <td>12 months</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sl. No.	Name of the Candidates	Period of Extension	1.	Dr. Sapna Grewal, Assistant Professor Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar	6 months	2.	Dr. T.P.N. Hariprasad Assistant Professor Bangalore University	12 months	3.	Dr. Ravi Kumar H. Assistant Professor Bangalore University	12 months	4.	Dr. Prakash Kumar Singh Assistant Professor University of Allahabad	12 months	5.	Dr. Amitava Choudhari, Assistant Professor University of Burdwan	12 months	6.	Dr. Farooq Ahmad Dar Assistant Professor University of Kashmir	12 months	1.	Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain Deptt. of Chemistry Gujarat University	12 months
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Item No.8	:	<p>UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship:</p> <p>The Committee approved the request of Prof. H.P. Puttraju, BSR Faculty Fellow for No Cost Extension for one year w.e.f. 02.01.2020 to 31.012.2020 under the scheme.</p> <p>The Committee considered the request of Prof. Soumitra Kumar Sen Gupta, BSR Faculty Fellow for extension in joining upto 01.07.2020 and recommended that he may apply a fresh under the scheme.</p>																								

Item No 9	:	Budget of BSR: The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.
Item No 10	:	It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on 16 th January, 2020 at 11.30 a.m. in UGC, Head Office, New Delhi.

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