



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 90th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on February 7th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in UGC Office, New Delhi

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| 1. | Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC |
| 2. | Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 3. | Prof. S.R. Gadre | - | National Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 4. | Dr. Surender Singh | - | Joint Secretary (BSR) |
| 5. | Mrs. Paramjeet | - | Deputy Secretary (BSR) |
| 6. | Mr. Ajay Kumar | - | Education Officer (BSR) |
| 7. | Mrs. Poonam Arora | - | Section Officer (BSR) |

Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala, Member, Prof. Syed A Bari, Member and Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Member could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to 90th meeting of Empowered Committee.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

<i>Item No. 1</i>	:	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 89th meeting of Empowered Committee held on December 28th, 2018 in UGC Head office Delhi.</i> The minutes of 89 th Meeting were read and confirmed.
<i>Item No. 2</i>	:	<i>Action taken on the Minutes.</i> The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 89 th meeting of the Empowered Committee. Further, Committee advised to take up the minutes of EC Meetings on priority and get the approval of the competent authority at the earliest possible.

<p>Item No 3</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell regarding the progress of the scheme.</i></p> <p>The Committee approved the subject-wise list of 80th list of 41 recommended candidates of DSKPDF and 65th list of unsuccessful Candidates of DSKPDF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee accepted the resignations of 6 DSKPDF Fellows. • The Committee recommended the leave requests of Dr. Sima Paul, DSKPDF (Maternity Leave for a period as per the rules). • The Committee discussed on the Self Appraisal Report of Dr. Subhra Bhattacharya, UGC-FRP (Cycle-I) and reiterated its earlier decision of 88th meeting that the evaluation of Dr. Subhra Bhattacharya be evaluated after one year.
<p>Item No 4</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, FRPS Cell regarding (i) Mid Career Award, (ii) UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship & (iii) Start up Grant.</i></p> <p>The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, made by the National Coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee, provided the candidate's University/Institute is eligible 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 requested Prof. Anunay Samanta to submit a note detailing the eligibility criteria for the Mid-Career Award (both existing and recently-revised guidelines, which will come into effect after Commission's approval).</p> <p>The Committee also requested Prof. Samanta to submit a note on the present eligibility criteria for the BSR Faculty Fellowship Scheme indicating the scope of any revision of the guidelines. He agreed to submit the same at the earliest.</p> <p>The Committee went through the documents submitted by Prof. L.P. Deshmukh, BSR Faculty Fellow, discussed his request and recommended the UGC BSR Bureau to write letters to the Registrars of both Sholapur University and Savitribai Phule Pune University explaining their positions in respect of joining of Prof. Deshmukh as BSR Faculty Fellow.</p>

		The Committee considered and approved the request of Dr. P.K. Bhatnagar, BSR Faculty Fellow, for “No Cost Extension” of his tenure by one year (up to February, 2020) under the scheme of UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship.
Item No.5		<p>UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme:</p> <p>i. The Committee discussed the joining of Dr. Hemlatha Muthulingam (selected IV-Cycle) and recommended that UGC may accept the joining of Dr. Hemlatha Muthulingam (Cycle-IV) and inform the Registrar of the University.</p>
Item No.6.	:	<p>Any other item:</p> <p>i. The Committee considered the request of Dr. Mohan Chandra Joshi, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III) for accepting the Research Grants (i.e., Welcome Trust/DBT India Alliance Intermediate grant (IA Grant) and (b) SERB Early Career Research Grant. The Committee resolved that the candidate can accept the said ‘Research Grant’, however, he can draw salary from one source only, i.e., either from FRP or Research Grant.</p> <p>ii. The Committee considered the request of Dr. Ananda Hota, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III) for transfer of position from University of Mumbai, Mumbai and recommended that the transfer may be allowed as per the norms under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme after obtaining ‘No Objection Certificate’ from both the Universities as required for the same.</p>
Item No 7	:	<p>Budget of BSR:</p> <p>The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure incurred under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.</p>
Item No 8	:	It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on 10 th April, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in UGC, Head Office.

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