



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

***Minutes of the 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on June 20, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.***

The 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **June 20, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. in UGC office, New Delhi.** List of participants is at **Annexure - I.**

At the outset Chairman Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe welcomed all the members to 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee. The committee discussed about the impact of the BSR schemes in Science research. Prof. Gadre also proposed to organize 3 days conferences of BSR scheme beneficiaries, in which the participants will present the outcome of the research work undertaken under various BSR schemes. The committee agrees for the same and requested Prof. Gadre to organize it in Savitribai Phule Pune University during the month of November 2017 during the conference. **The Committee approved an additional amount of Rs. 20 lakhs for this purpose (for TA/DA/local hospitality and miscellaneous expenses).** It was also decided to launch a booklet showcasing the outcome of `12 years of UGC-BSR schemes. There after agenda was taken up for discussion.

***Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee held on April 19, 2017 in UGC Head office 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 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee.

***Item No. 3: Discussion regarding the Faculty recharge programme.***

***(i) Extension in tenure of FRP cell.***

The Competent Authority has decided to merge FRP Cell of JNU with BSR bureau of UGC and also extension to the FRP Cell has been given upto 31.07.2017. After that, the FRP

programme will be supervised directly by UGC, with reduce staff strength.

The committee also ratified the expenditure incurred by the FRP cell from April 1, 2017 upto the date of handover the charge to UGC.

**(ii) Promotion and review of faculty under FRP.**

The committee discussed in details on process of assessment of the UGC-Faculty. The committee proposed the following process:-

- UGC-faculty who have completed 4 years shall submit the details of research/teaching work done during their tenure as UGC-Faculty in the prescribed proforma.
- The duly filled proforma will be sent electronically to peer committee constituting of eminent academicians in the relevant subject.
- The committee will access the applications on the web and grade them electronically.
- The detailed report of the committee will be placed before the pay fixation committee for recommendations/decisions.

The committee requested the national Coordinator to expedite the process so that the review could be done within the tenure of the UGC-faculty eligible for review. If however, there is a delay in reviewing process, the tenure of faculty in question may be extended until the final recommendations are communicated to the concerned university and UGC faculty.

**(iii) Request of UGC-faculty selected in IV cycle regarding placement in their home state.**

The committee reiterated that placement of UGC-Faculty selected in the Cycle IV is to made strictly in accordance with norms prescribed in the 74<sup>th</sup> Empowered committee meeting held on February 20, 2016. Therefore, the placement of UGC-faculty in his/her home state is or in the university from which the candidate has completed his/her Ph. D could not be approved. According,

all the requests pertaining to placement in the home state/alma matter university were rejected.

**(iv) Placement of 18 candidates from III cycle for whom concurrence is not yet received from proposed Universities.**

The committee approved the placement of 6 out of 18 candidates whose preferred university was in accordance with the norms of placement as prescribed by the Empowered committee Empowered committee in its meeting held on February 20, 2016. The rest were rejected. The request of Dr. Alpa Dashora regarding change of host university from Mumbai University to MS University Baroda was accordingly turned down.

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

The Committee approved the 20<sup>th</sup> list of Referee Honorarium, 71<sup>st</sup> list of recommended candidates and 56<sup>th</sup> list of not recommended candidates. The Committee also approved the requests made by DSK Fellows regarding extension in joining and leave applied.

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

The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes proposed by the National coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.

**Item No 6: Networking resource Centres**

The Committee approved the allocated budget for the next Phase of the Networking resource as follows:

Name of the Centre	Allocation (Rs.)
UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Madurai Kamaraj University	10 Crore
UGC-NRC in Chemistry, University of Hyderabad	10 Crore
UGC-NRC in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University	5 Crore
UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University	5 Crore

However, the grant will be released only after the accounts of *Phase-I* have been settled. The following four centres will be called for presentation on September, 2017, the date will be communicated shortly:

1. UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Indian Institute of Science
2. UGC-NRC in Material Science, Indian Institute of Science
3. UGC-NRC in Radio Physics, University of Calcutta
4. UGC-NRC in Chemistry, Institute of Chemical Technology

**Item No 7: Any other item.**

- (i) The committee accepted the request of the following, regarding extension in utilizing the startup grant given to them:

- a. Dr. Jagmehender Singh (extension for 1 year)
- b. Dr. Rashmi Bhardwaj (extension upto 31.12.2017)
- c. Dr. Raghavendra Singh (extension for 6 months)

The committee rejected the request of Dr. Shabir A Parah as the he is not eligible to apply for the scheme.

- (ii) The approved the request of the following BSF Faculty Fellows:
- a. Prof. D Sakthisekaran for extension in joining the fellowship by 6 months i.e. upto 31.12.2017.
  - b. Prof. N Ramman for grant of leave without fellowship from 12.05.2017 to 11.10.2017
  - c. Prof. PK Bhatnagar for no cost extension of UGC BSR fellowship for another 6 months.

**Item No 8: Budget of BSR:**

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on **August 9, 2017** at UGC Head Office. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**Annexure- I**

**List of Participants who attended the 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) held on June 20, 2017 in UGC, New Delhi**

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| 1. Prof. Anil D Shahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC                 |
| 2. Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala    | - | Member, EC                   |
| 3. Prof. S A Bari             | - | Member, EC                   |
| 4. Prof. Shridhar Gadre       | - | National Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 5. Prof. Anunay Samanta       | - | National Coordinator, FRPS   |
| 6. Prof. Sudesh Nangia        | - | National Coordinator, FRP    |
| 7. Dr. Sunita Siwach          | - | JS(BSR)                      |
| 8. Dr. Shalini                | - | EO(BSR)                      |