

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
DURGAPUR-713209, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Finance Committee on 19th January 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in the Regent Hall, Mezzanine Floor, Hotel the Royal Plaza, 19 Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.

The following members attended the Meeting:

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| 1. Prof. A. B. Bhattacharyya,
Chairperson, Board of Governors,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Asok De,
Director, (Additional Charge),
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur | Member |
| 3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma,
Director (NITs), (Representing JS(NITs) MHRD)
Dept. of Higher Education,
MHRD, Govt. Of India
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi | Member |
| 4. Shri A. Maheshwary
Director, Finance, (Representing JS & FA MHRD)
MHRD, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 015 | Member |
| 6. Prof. S.P. Ghoshal
Professor,
Department of Electrical Engineering,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur. | Member |
| 7. Brig.(Retd.) A. S. Nijjar,
Secretary
Registrar,
National institute of Technology,
Durgapur | Member |

The Chairperson, Board of Governors welcomed all members of the Finance Committee to the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee.

Item#: 40.01: To Confirm the Minutes of the 39th Finance Committee Meeting held on 28th September, 2016.

Minutes of 39th meeting of Finance Committee were circulated. No comments have been received. In view of this, the minutes of 39th meeting of Finance Committee were confirmed.

In last meeting, the Finance Committee had directed that a detailed clarification in regard to the extent of liability of REC period which will be borne by the NIT Durgapur may be put up in today's meeting.

The FC was informed that two letters had been written to MHRD to seek the related position in Cabinet Note. The FC was also informed that MoU between State Government and the Central Government and various other related documents had been studied, however, documents are silent on the subject.

The Finance Committee directed NIT that details of all such liability for the pre conversion period may be calculated and it may be taken up with the State Government of West Bengal to pay their share of the liability. It was also proposed that legal opinion regarding filing an appeal against the decision of Labour Commissioner in Higher Court may be sought.

An action taken report may be placed in next meeting of FC as a separate agenda.

Item#: 40.02: To note action taken on the Minutes of the 39th Finance Committee Meeting held on 28th September, 2016.

While discussing the Action Taken Report on 39th FC meeting, following points were discussed:

Item# 39.03 (Procurement of 1 GBPS additional dedicated Internet Bandwidth (1:1)/ Internet Leased Line from Rail Tel Corporation (A Central PSU) with a tentative expenditure of INR 80 Lakhs per annum.)

It was decided that matter may be referred to NMEICT wing of MHRD to explore possibility to get it covered under current NKN project. An active pursuance may be done and it should be reported in next meeting. This matter should be presented as separate agenda item.

Item# 39.04 (Incubation centre for innovation and entrepreneurship; required area 10,000 sq feet.)

The Finance Committee directed that such agenda may be placed before the Board of Governors for their principal approval. However, Institute should prepare the proposal for the Incubation Centre, and the same should be sent to the MHRD. Old Guest house may be considered for housing the Incubation Centre. Possibility for sponsorship from Industry should also be explored, for preparation of adequate space.

Item# 39.07 The FC was informed that the point regarding delegation of Financial powers was not relevant anymore and may not be discussed further.

Item#40.03: To approve and consider the Detailed Project Report for the "Customization & Implementation of Chanakya S/W at NIT Durgapur.

Regarding the proposed for customisations and Implementation of Chanakya S/W by NIC at NIT Durgapur, the FC recommended the proposal on the basis that ITIS committee of the Institute had examined the DPR and had found it suitable for implementation. GFR and GoI instructions may be observed while allotting the work.

Item#40.04: To consider and approve the relevant points of the 30th B&WC meeting held on 13th January 2017.

The Finance Committee mentioned that Items recommended by BWC should be placed only after confirmation of its minutes. Also only those items be placed which have financial implications. Registrar requested to consider following as these are very important items:

Item# 30.3(I) While discussing item#30.3 on the issue of procurement of furniture for the under construction 1250 Boys Hostel, the Finance Committee stressed that the provisions of GFR and CVC guidelines be followed for procurement of furniture through open tender.

Item# 30.3(II) The issue of additional funds to the tune of Rs. 3.5 Crores for completion of the New 500 girls hostel. The Finance Committee was apprised that there was acute shortage of hostels for the girls, who were currently being accommodated in sub standard modified/converted accommodation.

The committee was further explained that the initial plan of Ground plus four floors was subsequently modified to ground plus six floors with due approvals, incurring additional expenditure of up to 10 percent, as provided by the rules on the subject. However now there was a requirement of additional 3.5 crores for finishing of the two additional floors and for catering to other requirements like horticulture, badminton and volley ball courts and open gymnasium etc. It was informed that finishing work of the additional two floors is not

recommended after the other floors have been occupied by the girl students due to security and safety reasons.

The Committee was apprised that the proposal of additional 3.5 crores had been vetted by the competent committee of the Institute and also recommended by BWC. The Director and Registrar said that the institute will not be able to use the complete hostel unless the entire work was completed. As such the entire effort and investment will go waste.

In view of above justification and the fact that additional two floors have already been approved earlier by competent authority as mentioned above , the Finance Committee recommended the proposal with the rider, that in future, such deviations in the works, should be strictly avoided.

Item#40.05: Information to Finance Committee.

1) EPF payment of Hostels/Mess Employees. The issue has been discussed under item 40.01.

2) Regarding the proposal, for a tentative minimum allocation of funds for ill equipped laboratories, workshop facility etc, the Finance Committee was informed that, there was an acute requirement of creation of infrastructure and space before we can go for purchase of equipment. Otherwise, a situation will arise, that expenditure on equipment will lead to wastage. The Institute desired that IRG may be used for this. Utilization of IRG does not have set guidelines. Hence, FC advised that MHRD may be requested for providing the same.

Item#40.06: Presentation by Registrar on Administrative issues.

The Registrar made a presentation on various administrative issues including Allocation of funds to departments, problem in procurement of stores and equipments, annual stock verification and additional PhD vacancies.

Chairman apprised the Finance Committee about the extremely slow process of procurement and need for improvement. He also inquired about the status of stock verification. He was apprised that all efforts were being made to speed up the procurement process however no compromise could be made with adherence to GFR and CVC guidelines.

The Finance Committee was also informed that 42 subcommittees had been made for stock verification.

The Finance Committee was not in favour of increasing new areas for PhD Scholars as recommended in the presentation by Registrar.

Item#40.07: To consider the Fund position as on 30.12.2016

Noted.

Item#40.08: Any other item with permission of the chair.

A. To consider Annual Report for financial year 2015-2016.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Compliance Report of the separate Audit Report (SAR) of CAG be placed in the next Finance Committee meeting.

B. Recruitment of Nursing Staffs for Institute's Medical Unit.

The proposal was recommended keeping the urgency of the situation in mind. However, Institute should ensure that sanctioned strength exists and provisions of Statutes be followed while recruiting.

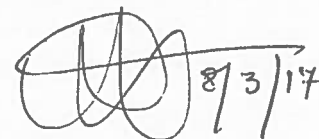
C. To consider Utilization of Surplus fund generated from NIMCET-2016.

The proposal was agreed in principle subject to adherence to NIMCET rules, GFR, and GoI relevant rules. The details of expenditure of fund to be reported in the next Finance Committee meeting.

D. To consider the "Pay revision of employees of Quasi-Government Organizations, Autonomous Organizations, Statutory Bodies etc, set up by and funded/controlled by the Central Government.

The Finance Committee directed that any action in this regard should only be taken on approval of MHRD only. However, financial estimates should be worked out and kept ready.

There being no further points the meeting was declared closed.



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