

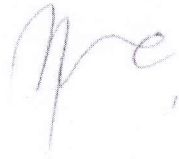
# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

DURGAPUR-713209, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee held on August 09<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at  
the Helium & Geothermal Exploration Station (PWD Bungalow Campus),  
Village + P.O. – Bakreswar, District: Birbhum, West Bengal, Pin – 731134.

The following Members attended the Meeting:

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| <b>1. Prof. Bikash Sinha</b>   | - | <b>Chairman</b>         |
| Homi Bhabha Professor, DAE<br>Chairman, Board of Governors,<br>NIT Durgapur<br>and Director (Retd.)<br>Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics,<br>1/AF, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata-700064. |   |                         |
| <b>2. Prof. T. Kumar</b>   | - | <b>Member</b>           |
| Director,<br>National Institute of Technology,<br>Durgapur   |   |                         |
| <b>3. Shri Rajesh Singh,</b>   | - | <b>Member</b>           |
| Director (Finance),<br>Integrated Finance Division,<br>Dept. of Higher Education,<br>MHRD, Govt. of India  |   |                         |
| <b>4. Prof. Nirmal Kumar Roy</b>   | - | <b>Member</b>           |
| Professor<br>Department of Electrical Engineering<br>NIT,<br>Durgapur  |   |                         |
| <b>5. Col. (Retd.) P.S. Sandhu,</b>  | - | <b>Member Secretary</b> |
| Registrar,<br>N.I.T.,<br>Durgapur  |   |                         |



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The Chairman, Finance Committee, welcomed all the members to the meeting.

The MHRD representative could not attend the meeting and was granted leave of absence by the Chairman, Finance Committee.

**Item # 31.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee held on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Confirmed.

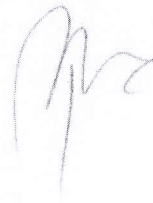
**Item # 31.02: To note action taken on the Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee held on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Noted.

**Item # 31.03: To consider the delegation of Financial Powers in respect of the Helium and Geothermal and Earthquake Precursors Project.**

The delegation of Financial Powers in NITD had been revised two years back. The Finance committee felt that the delegation of Financial Powers needs revision on the following terms:

- i) The threshold limit of sanction, at serial no. 8 of the NITD Office Order No. NITD/Reg/OR/2012/19 dated 19/10/2012 for construction of new buildings, roads, electrical installations, water supply and sanitary facilities and other civil developments in the campus and additions/alterations/modifications thereto, by the Director of Rs.50 lakhs be increased to Rs.100 lakhs and that of the Registrar from Rs.3 lakhs be increased to Rs.5 lakhs.
- ii) The threshold limit of sanction, at serial no. no. 9 of the NITD Office Order No. NITD/Reg/OR/2012/19 dated 19/10/2012 for sanctioning of expenditure on purchase of plant, machinery and equipments, furniture and fixtures, computer/communication systems, books and journals, by the Director of Rs.50 lakhs be increased to Rs.100 lakhs and that of the Registrar from Rs.3 lakhs be increased to Rs.5 lakhs.



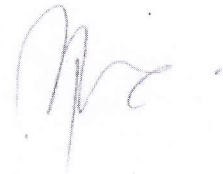
- iii) The threshold limit of sanction by the Registrar at serial no. 15(a) to 15(h) of the NITD Office Order No. NITD/Reg/OR/2012/19 dated 19/10/2012 of Rs.3 lakhs be increased to Rs.5 lakhs.

The Finance committee approved and recommended to the Board of Governors that the rules and procedures that are being followed by the Institute at present may also be followed in respect of the Helium and Geothermal and Earthquake Precursors Project.

**Item # 31.04: To consider the progress of the Helium and Geothermal and Earthquake Precursors Project.**

The Finance Committee considered the proposal of the Geothermal project & Helium and approved as follows:

- (a) One hole will be drilled up to 800 meters at Tantloi, Jharkhand as early as possible to record the temperature, pressure, gradient, water/gas discharge and helium concentration.
- (b) The team from NIT Durgapur will visit VECC, Kolkata and check the condition of Mass spectrometer. In case it can be made serviceable the same will be shifted to NIT Durgapur. At the same time expression of interest will be called for through advertisement for purchase of new Mass spectrometer.
- (c) Registrar will visit IIT Bombay and meet Prof. Pandalai for checking up if Mass spectrometer is available with IIT Bombay and the same can be utilized as on required basis by NIT Durgapur.
- (d) The land of the Tantloi and Bakreswar will be taken over by NIT Durgapur from the present owners. i.e. VECC and Govt. of West Bengal respectively.
- (e) The required infrastructure, space and the manpower will be identified and advertised.





**Item # 31.05: To consider the adoption of MHRD O.M. No. F. No. C-13011/87/2011-Vig. dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 regarding Preventive Vigilance matter.**

Adopted and recommended to the Board of Governors.

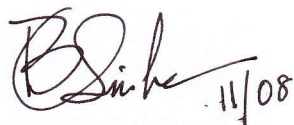
**Item # 31.06: Any other item with the permission of the chair.**

**a) To consider the proposal regarding the procurement of Atomic Absorption Spectrometer with Graphite Furnace (AAS-GF) for the Department of Earth & Environmental Studies.**

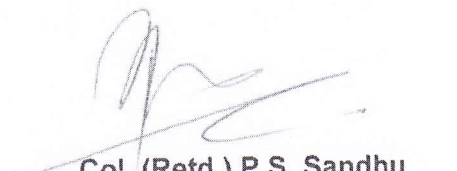
The Board of Governors in its 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 had approved Rs. 40 lakhs for the procurement of Atomic Absorption Spectrometer with Graphite Furnace (AAS-GF) for the Department of Earth & Environmental Studies, on the basis of an estimate made long back. However, price quoted in the tendering process, which was done twice, has been Rs.48 lakhs after negotiations with the successful tenderer which exceeds the sanctioned amount by Rs 8 lakhs mainly because of escalation in the prices due to change in exchange rates during the period.

The Finance Committee approved the additional cost of Rs. 8 lakhs towards the procurement of Atomic Absorption Spectrometer with Graphite Furnace (AAS-GF) for the Department of Earth & Environmental Studies and recommended to the Board of Governors.

There being no other point, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



**Prof. Bikash Sinha**  
Chairman,  
Finance Committee,  
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**Col. (Retd.) P.S. Sandhu**  
Registrar and Member Secretary,  
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