

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

General Council Meeting

The 52nd meeting of the General Council of NCERT was held on 3rd February 2015 at 4.45 p.m. at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001. Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India and President of the NCERT, chaired the meeting.

Prof. B.K. Tripathi, Director, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the Committee Members. Thereafter, Agenda items were discussed as under:

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 51st meeting of the General Council held on 03rd December, 2013

As no comments were received from the member of the General Council on the minutes of the 51st meeting, held on 3rd December, 2013, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on 03rd December, 2013

The Secretary, NCERT reported the action taken on the minutes of the 51st meeting of the General Council which was noted by the members.

Item No. 3: To approve the Annual Report of the NCERT for the year 2013-14

The Secretary, NCERT placed the Annual Report of the NCERT and stated that the Executive Committee of the NCERT has approved the Annual Report 2013-14. Following this, the General Council approved the Annual Report of the Council for the year 2013-14.

Item No. 4: To approve the Audited Accounts of NCERT for the year 2013-14

The General Council approved the audited annual accounts of the NCERT for the year 2013-14 to be laid in the table of the Parliament.

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General Discussion

Hon'ble Minister of HRD and President, NCERT thanked all the members for their presence and mentioned that MHRD has rolled out deliberations for the New Education Policy and invited comments from all stakeholders at mygov.in. She solicited the opinion of all the State Governments on this issue. Hon'ble HRM also desired that the NCERT may work out a structure in a time bound manner to have extensive consultations with the States. NCERT should complete the exercise by August, 2015 end and submit a report by September 2015.

Hon'ble Minister also observed that each year Republic Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm and different gallantry awards like Param Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra are awarded to the heroes of the War. She desired that the NCERT may come out with a book (Veer Gatha) on the stories of war heroes, so that future generations are acquainted with their Sacrifices. The book may be named VEER GATHA. Dr. Kiran Devendra, Member suggested that emphasis may be given to include the women achievers. Hon'ble HRM desired that this could be co-related with PM's programme "Beti Bachao, Beti Padoo". NCERT should interact with the States and the Ministry of Defence in this regard.

Education Minister of Punjab stated that the State could provide land near Chandigarh for opening of new RIE (as it was originally proposed in Chandigarh). The proposed land would be within proximity of the states of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. Responding, Hon'ble HRM desired that the State Govt. may send the proposal to the NCERT.

Education Minister of Arunachal Pradesh thanked the HRM for making available NCERT textbook easily in Arunachal Pradesh. The Minister emphasized on inclusion of Financial Education and education on Agriculture in the school curriculum. Hon'ble HRM asked him to make these a part of the deliberation on the new education policy.

Ms. Wattal stated that CBSE has booklet on the bravery of Army, Navy and Air Force personnel. She also said that there is no specific curriculum for Special Needs and whatever is there, is arbitrary and not focused. Hon'ble HRM desired that Chairperson, CBSE may coordinate for the development of such a

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book on valiance in the armed forces. She further observed that the focus on children with special needs be given in the New Education Policy deliberations.

Education Minister from Uttarakhand expressed the need for Govt. of India support for the construction of an SCERT building in the State. Education Minister of Chhatisgarh suggested setting up of Shiksha Mahavidyalaya to promote and preserve tribal languages and dialects. Hon'ble HRM observed that such issues may be taken up in the appropriate Forum.

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

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MINUTES OF THE 101st EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 101st meeting of the Executive Committee of NCERT was held on 3rd February 2015 at 02.30 p.m. at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001. Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India and President of the NCERT, chaired the meeting. The list of the participants who attended the meeting is attached herewith as Annexure - I.

Prof. B.K. Tripathi, Director, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the Committee Members. Thereafter, Agenda items were discussed as under:

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 24th September, 2014

The minutes of the 100th meeting of the Executive Committee, held on 24th September 2014 were circulated to the members. Since no comments were received, the Executive Committee confirmed the minutes.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 24th September, 2014

The Secretary, NCERT reported the action taken on the minutes of the 100th meeting of the Executive Committee. Further, the committee noted as below:

- (i) The work on calculation of retirement benefits on actuarial basis has been initiated.
- (ii) Recruitment Rules for non-academic staff of NCERT. The matter was under active consideration and likely to be finalized soon.
- (iii) It was mentioned that the NCERT has finalised the E-pub version of textbooks for classes 9-12. The E-pub versions of the remaining classes are in progress. Secretary, (SE&L), MHRD informed the members that the Hon'ble Prime Minister would launch the Digital India and the E-Pub version of NCERT textbooks. E-Pub versions may be uploaded only after the directions are received from MHRD. Hon'ble HRM desired that the NCERT may complete the E-PUB versions of the textbooks of all the classes by April 2015.



- (iv) With regards to regulating the prices of the E-Pub Version textbooks, the Secretary, Deptt. of SE&L desired that NCERT may look into the matter keeping in view the availability of textbooks in public domain.
- (v) Hon'ble Minister desired to know whether publications and journals of the NCERT have been digitized. It was informed that the same was under process and NCERT will soon come out with digitizing of its journals and publications.
- (vi) The Secretary, NCERT reported that approximately Rs 30 crores outstanding against CPWD have been cleared by December 2014. FA & JS, MHRD appreciated and asked NCERT to resolve the Internal Audit Paras as well. Secretary, SE&L, MHRD suggested to Director, NCERT to set up a mechanism like holding quarterly meetings to resolve the pending audit paras.
- (vii) Secretary, NCERT informed that NCERT was focusing on the requirements of Children with special needs and conducting the study which includes students in higher secondary classes as well.

Dr. Lata Vaidyanathan emphasized that skill oriented programmes must be developed and integrated in the curriculum for the children with special needs. Secretary, Deptt. of SE&L, MHRD suggested that the vocational education has begun from Class 9th under the revised scheme of Vocational Education and NCERT must actively look into vocational education for children with special needs, through course materials that facilitate CWSN.

Item No. 3: To approve the Annual Report of the NCERT for the year 2013-14

The Secretary, NCERT presented the Annual Report for the year 2013-14, highlighting the major programmes and initiatives. The Committee approved the Annual Report of the Council for the year 2013-14.

Item No. 4: To approve the Audited Accounts of NCERT for the year 2013-14

The Committee approved the Audited Accounts of the Council for the year 2013-14. However, while discussing the audit report, members pointed out that care must be taken to ensure proper maintaining of accounts. Director, NCERT informed that the internal audit is being done regularly in NCERT for the last two years and NCERT was taking steps towards strengthening the internal audit mechanism.



Any other item

The Director, NCERT reported the progress of opening of four new RIEs in States. Director, NCERT informed that this Committee in its meeting on 30th Oct., 2008 had approved proposal for creating four Regional Institute of Education at Darbangah (Bihar), Chandigarh(UT), Pune (Maharashtra) and Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh). As none of the State Government had provided land for opening of RIEs, the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 20.12.2011, finally approved the proposal for opening of four new RIEs at a suitable location where the land is available free of cost, in the same States as approved in its meeting held on 30.10.2008.

Now Bihar Government has agreed in principle to allot land to NCERT at Pokhraira near Muzzafarpur. Recently a proposal from Andhra Pradesh has been received for allocation of land in Nellore district. Another proposal from Telengana has also been received for allocation of land to NCERT in Ghatkesar Mandal, Nalgonda district. Maharashtra has agreed to allot land to NCERT at Kaldongari, Tal, Nagpur (Rural). Another proposal for opening of RIE in Basohli, Kathua, J&K State is received. Secretary, SE&L asked the Council to send all the proposals to MHRD for consideration, as funds availability has also to be seen.

Dr. Lata Vaidyanathan inquired whether any capacity building programmes were being conducted to handle multigrade teaching programmes. In rural areas still there are many schools where there are not adequate teachers. One teacher is to handle two to three classes. So some programme may be formulated to develop skill of such teacher so that they can handle the children effectively.

Director, NCERT informed that the multigrade teaching programmes are not that popular now, inclusive class room oriented training is being conducted in NCERT. Secretary, SE&L informed that NCERT has been conducting multigrade training programmes for teachers in the past but teacher availability has improved after RTE-2009 in rural areas but still there are many villages where the problem of scarcity of teachers prevails and NCERT may conduct multi-grade training programmes in such areas with the States/UTs.

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Dr. Vandana Sekar emphasized that the curriculum must be developed according to the needs of children of North-East states, say in their regional dialect and as per the environmental situation prevailing there. Vocational training in the area of farming and other areas must be developed.

Secretary, SE&L observed that North-East States need NCERT/NERIE support & Capacity Building for training and workshops for teachers, especially Manipur and Nagaland. NCERT should actively show its interest in this area. She also emphasized the need for building capacity of & on strengthening the SCERTs in North-East States. Secretary, SE&L, further, reiterated that the NCERT may work with the National Mission on Teachers and Teaching to strengthen their teacher education programme in NE areas.

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

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ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT IN THE 101st EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NCERT HELD ON 03rd FEBRUARY, 2015.

1. Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani
HRM/President, NCERT
Ministry of HRD
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi - 110001
Chairperson
2. Ms. Vrinda Sarup
Secretary to the Government
of India, Ministry of HRD,
Deapartment of Schools
Education & Literacy,
Shashtri Bhawan
New Delhi-110001
3. Prof. B.K. Tripathi
Director (Incharge)
NCERT,
New Delhi-110016
Member
4. Dr. H.K.Dewan
Vidya Bhawan Society
Udaipur
Rajasthan-313004
Member
5. Dr. Kiran Devendra
Type V/9
NCERT Campus
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Member
6. Dr. Vandana Sekar
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Gurgoan.
Member

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| 8. | Prof. Sridhar Srivastava
Head, ESD
NCERT | Member |
| 9. | Dr. Gauri Srivastava
Head, DWS
NCERT | Member |
| 10. | Shri Yogendra Tripathi
JS & Financial Advisor
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy),
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 11. | Dr. Satbir S. Bedi
Joint Secretary (SE-II)
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy)
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi-110001 | Member |
| 12. | Ms. Sudeshna Sen
Secretary
NCERT
New Delhi. | Member-convener |

Special Invitee

1. Shri D.P. Toor
CAO/IFA
NCERT
2. Prof. N. K. Gupta
Head, Publication Division
3. Dr. Varda M. Nikalje
DEE, NCERT
4. Dr. Kirti Kapur
Associate Professor
DEL, NCERT
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