

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

MINUTES OF 137th MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The 137th meeting of the Finance Committee of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held at 03.00 p.m. on 21st June, 2018 in Conference Room, 1st Floor, Zakir Husain Block, NIE Campus, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director NCERT. A list of members who attended the meeting is attached as Annexure.

The Secretary, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the committee members, after which the agenda items were taken up by the Secretary, NCERT with the permission of the Chair.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 136th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18.04.2018.

The minutes of the 136th meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 18.04.2018, were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes of the 136th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18.04.2018.

The Committee noted the action taken on the decisions taken in the 136th meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 18.04.2018. The JS&FA enquired about the progress of the review of the rates of user charges viz. hostel fee, tuition fee, cost of books, etc. prevalent in RIEs and DM schools. The Members from NCERT side stated that though the matter after review was supposed to be submitted to this Finance Committee Meeting, the same could not be done due to the fact that the review not yet been completed. The Finance Committee desired that the review should be completed expeditiously and be placed in the next Finance Committee meeting.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of the Council for the year 2017-18.

The Annual Accounts for 2017-18 were discussed in detail by the Finance Committee. The JS&FA desired that the negative entry in Corpus/Capital fund under the balance sheet should be reviewed subsequently and if it is due to taking into account the pensionary liabilities on actuarial basis, some ways must be found out under the existing accounting method to express it in a more appropriate way. The JS&FA pointed out that the total expenditure of the Council in 2017-18 was more than the income during the period by about Rs.78.00 crore, clearly indicating that some reserve was utilized to meet the excess expenditure. The JS&FA desired that the Council must explore the possibility of having a Corpus Fund with approved guidelines for utilizing funds out of that. The JS&FA also observed that there is big difference in the expenditure incurred on CGHS during the year 2016-17 and 2017-18. It was clarified by the NCERT side that the increase was mainly due to differential amount of CGHS rates and backlog payment of Rs.3,16,27,344/- paid during the year. Apart from the above, the hike in



expenditure is also due to medical reimbursement to the CGHS beneficiaries. The increased expenditure under Staff Welfare and Transportation heads were also noticed by some of the members. It was clarified by the Council that due to increase of sale of Institute Publication, the Transportation expenditure also increased. The JS&FA desired that if there is any substantial increase in Staff Welfare activities etc. the matter should be brought before the Finance Committee in future.

With the above observations towards improving the accounting of the Council in future, the Finance Committee approved the annual accounts of the Council for 2017-18.

Item No.4: Proposed Utilization of Budgetary Support (Grant-in-aid) for the Financial Year 2018-19 as per Budget Estimate (BE) Provisions.

The Committee approved the estimates of Budgetary Allocation of the Council for the Financial year 2018-19 with the following comments:

The JS&FA observed that the expenditure incurred under head "Other Charges" of the Revenue Head during the last year 2017-18 was Rs.45.51 crore whereas the budget proposed to be incurred under the head for the current financial 2018-19 is Rs.91.44 crore which is quite higher side.

It was clarified by the Council that due to the following reasons, the proposed allocation under Other charges for 2018-19 have been made on higher side.

- The budget provision has been proposed at higher side for procurement of paper for textbooks, printing, transportation and allied expenses;
- The head includes the expenditure on rent, rates & taxes, telephone, electricity, water bills, postage, stationary, vehicle maintenance, liveries, hospitality, conveyance charges, daily wages/contractual payments and all misc. payments, repair & maintenance of equipment & furniture items and land building which require huge funds;
- The expenditure on 30% financial impact of the additionality arose due to implementation of the 7th CPC is to be met out under the head;
- The funds are also utilized to compensate the shortfall (if any) over & above the grant-in-aid approved by the Ministry.
- Besides above, the provision made under the head are also utilized on any unforeseen contingency during the year.

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


(Maj. Harsh Kumar)
Secretary


(Hrushikesh Senapaty)
Director

ANNEXURE-I

**LIST OF MEMBERS AND SPECIAL INVITEES/OTHER PRESENT
ATTENDED THE 137th FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
21st June, 2018**

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| 1. | Dr. Hrushikesh Senapaty Director, NCERT New Delhi - 110016. | Chairperson |
| 2. | Ms. Darshana M. Dabral JS & Financial Advisor Ministry of HRD (Department of School Education & Literacy), Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 3. | Shri Sanjay Kumar Joint Secretary (SE-II) Ministry of HRD (Department of School Education & Literacy), Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 4. | Maj. Harsh Kumar Secretary, NCERT New Delhi - 110016 | Member-convener |

Special invitee/Other present

1. Shri P.K. Srivastava, AFA, MHRD
2. Shri R.K. Nayak, CAO, NCERT
3. Shri S.S. Bisht, D.S., C&P, NCERT
4. Shri Jai Singh, Sr. A.O., NCERT
5. Shri T.S. Bisht, Sr. A.O., NCERT