

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
SRI AUROBINDO MARG, NEW DELHI**

MINUTES OF THE 99TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 99th meeting of the Executive Committee of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held on 3rd December 2013 at 2.30 p.m. in the Conference Room No. 1, India International Centre, 40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi-110003. The list of participants, who attended the meeting is attached as Annexure '1'. Dr. M.M. Pallam Raju, President, NCERT, the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India, chaired the meeting.

Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Director, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the Members of the Executive Committee. **Hon'ble HRM desired to know whether any guidelines have been issued by the NCERT prescribing facilities available for the children with special needs, especially studying in classes XI & XII. He desired that the NCERT may work out the same urgently.**

Prof. B.K. Tripathi, Joint Director and I/c Secretary, NCERT with due permission of the Chair, took up the following agenda items for deliberation.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 3rd December, 2012

As no comments were received from any member of the Executive Committee on the minutes of the 98th meeting, held on 3rd December 2012, the Committee confirmed the minutes.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report of the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 3rd December, 2012

Secretary, NCERT reported the Action Taken on the minutes of the last meeting to the Committee. The Committee noted the Action Taken. Further, the Committee noted as below:

- i) **Confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 20th July, 2012:** Re. S.No.4, the Committee observed that even though a large number of old paras have been settled, there are still four SAR audit paras pending. Efforts should be made to settle these paras.

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- (ii) **Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 20th July, 2012:** Re. S.No. 5, the Committee desired that MHRD and NCERT follow up the Recruitment Rules for Non-Academic staff of NCERT pending with DOPT.
- (iii) **To consider and approve the Annual Report of the NCERT for the year 2011-2012:** Re. S. No. 9(a), the members wanted clarification about the usage of the terms 'corpus', 'internal receipts' and 'short term investments' in the report. **After discussion, NCERT was advised to prepare a detailed note on the issue and place the same before the Finance Committee of the NCERT in the next meeting in which JS & FA, MHRD is a member and which is required to be attended by JS & FA, MHRD.**
- (iv) **To consider and approve the Audited Accounts of the NCERT for the year 2011-2012:** Re. S.No.9(c), the members suggested that NCERT make a graphic chart which reflects the demand and sales of the textbooks region, statewise, and explore ways of meeting the supply, including online sales. The proposal may be worked out and submitted by 31.1.2014.
- (v) **Facilities to the Director, NCERT at par with VC of a University:** Re. S.No.9(d), providing an MTS for maintenance of the Director's Office-cum-lodging at par with the facilities offered to the Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University was not agreed to by the Committee as the recruitment rules for the posts are issued after the approval of the Ministry of Finance.

Item No.3: To approve the Annual Report of the NCERT for the year 2012-13

The Director, NCERT presented the Annual Report for the year 2012-13, highlighting the major programmes and initiatives. The Committee approved the Annual Report of the Council for 2012-13.

Item No. 4: To approve the Audited Accounts of NCERT for the year 2012-13

The Committee approved the Audited Accounts of the Council for the year 2012-13. **However, the Committee advised the Council to take immediate steps to settle the outstanding paras and do physical verification of fixed assets.** The Council was also advised to include the value of land of Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Ajmer and RIE, Bhubaneswar in the fixed Assets as pointed out by the Audit.

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**Item No. 5: Approval of the minutes of Finance Committee held on
28.05.2013 and 28.11.2013**

Finance Committee - 28.05.2013.

- (a) **To consider and approve the allocation of funds out of the Internal Receipts (Short Term Investments) of the Council to meet the expenditure on construction of building & creation of capital assets.**

The Committee approved the allocation of funds out of the Internal Receipts of the Council to meet the expenditure on construction of building & creation of capital assets.

- (b) **Proposal for enhancement of the Remuneration of the Part Time Medical Officers in RIEs.**

The Committee ratified the proposal for enhancement of remuneration of part time Medical Officers, in RIEs, from Rs.7,000/- p.m. to Rs.25,000/- p.m..

- (c) **Procurement of Paper for Textbooks for the Session 2014-15.**

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding procurement of paper for textbooks for the session 2014-15:

- I. Procurement of 19,000 MTs of 80 GSM Maplitho Plus Paper with NCERT watermark conforming to BIS Specifications 1848/07 with latest amendments, if any, from M/s HPCL at a discounted rate over and above the DGS&D rate contract, as proposed in the MOU.
- II. Procurement of 1175 MTs of 220 GSM of cover Paper (Art Card) conforming to BIS Specification 4658/1998 with latest amendment, if any, on DGS&D Rate Contract, if available, failing which through on open tendering process.
- III. The job of inspection be assigned to Quality Assurance, DGS&D and the payment @0.6% of the value of procured paper and art card plus taxes, if any, to be made in advance as Inspection Charges to DGS&D.

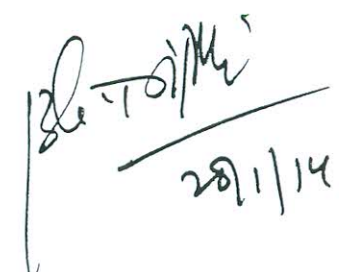
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Finance Committee - 28.11.2013.

- (a) To consider and approve Revision of Honorarium to Non-NCERT Participants/Resource Persons/Honorary Directors, Conveyance Charges, Working Lunch etc. for NCERT Programmes.

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee as under:

Sl. No.	Items	Existing Rate of NCERT	Proposed Rates of NCERT
1.	Honorarium to Resource Persons/Experts in Workshops/ Training/ Orientation/ Seminar/ Conferences/ Persons attending IAB/DAB/PAC/ High Level meetings, etc.	Rs. 1000/- per day	Rs. 1500/- per day
2.	Experts invited to give lectures in specialized areas in NCERT's programmes/or for consultation/ selection committee	Rs. 1000/- per day	Rs. 1500/- per lecture/ committee in a day
3.	Honorarium to Honorary Director	Rs. 1200/- per day	Rs. 1500/- per day
4.	Conveyance Charges to Local Participants/Experts	Rs. 800/- per day	As per provisions under rules subject to maximum Rs. 1000/- per day for taxi and Rs. 500/- for auto as per entitlement on production of receipt. Where rates of Transport Authority are not available, Rs. 16/- per km and Rs. 8/- per km will be admissible for travel by taxi and auto rickshaw respectively


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Sl. No.	Items	Existing Rate of NCERT	Proposed Rates of NCERT
5.	Tea/Coffee/with Snacks	Rs.20/- per day per head	Rs.30/- per day per head (for two sessions i.e. F/N & A/N)
6.	Working Lunch Director's lunch and dinner	Rs.60/- per day per head Rs.120/- per day	Rs. 115/- per day per head Rs.150/- per day
7.	Stationery for the programmes	Rs.50/- per head	Rs.75/- per head
8.	Bags (for National/ International/Seminars/ Conferences)	Rs.250/- per head	Rs.400/- per head*
9.	Packaged Drinking Water	--	Rs. 20/- per day per head

**To be purchased from State Emporiums on competitive rates.*

The Committee also approved an annual 10% increase, nearest to Rs.50/-, for Items No.1 to 3 and 10% enhancement, to the nearest Rs.10/-, for Items No.4 to 9.

(b) To consider and approve the qualifications for Consultants and Senior Consultants.

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee for equating the qualification of contractual Consultant with that of Assistant Professor (Fresher) on contract at par with the UGC guidelines for Assistant Professor at entry level and accordingly revised qualification and remuneration for contractual consultant as under:

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Sr. No.	Name of post	Level / Qualification		Remuneration
		Existing	Approved	
1	Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ph.D in relevant discipline and eight years of experience in the field of education Proven expertise in relevant field and eight years of experience in industry or field (for specialized or technical areas where conventional degrees are not a measure, for example, artists) 	Qualifications as per UGC guidelines for Assistant Professor (at entry level).	Rs.35,000/-

(c) Ratification of rates approved by Director, NCERT for payment to outside persons undertaking editorial work.

The Committee was informed that the Director had approved the payment to outside persons undertaking editorial work, as per the powers delegated to her. However, this was not recorded correctly in the minutes of the Finance Committee, which has been pointed out by a member.

(d) Proposal for fixing of remuneration of contractual staff appointed in Library and Documentation Division at par with other Department/ Division of NCERT.

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the appointment of staff on contractual basis for Library and Documentation Division at par with CIET/Publication Division/DEK/ Accounts Branch that had the approval of Finance Committee and Executive Committee.

(e) Procurement of paper.

The Committee noted the problems faced by NCERT in procuring the paper due to the refusal of HPCL to meet their supply as per the MoU. The Committee approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee for open tender for procurement of 9000 MTS of papers, and also for taking action, as per the MoU, for breaching the agreement.

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Item No.6: Approval of the minutes of the Programme Advisory Committee meeting held on 4-5th March, 2013.

The Committee approved the minutes of the Programme Advisory Committee meeting held on 4-5th March, 2013.

Item No.7: To consider and approve the weightage given towards CAS to the orientation/refresher course designed by NCERT.

The Committee approved the weightage for refresher and orientation courses designed by NCERT in Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) as similar to the UGC approved courses.

Any other item:

The Hon'ble Minister raised the issue of the NTSE 2012 results, against which representations have been made by several candidates/parents.

NCERT was asked to explain the issue. It was explained by the NCERT that the NTSE-2012 provisional results were placed on the NCERT website comprising the list of 1040 candidates along with keys used for processing the results in August, 2012. Thereafter, representations regarding certain items were received by NCERT. To look into these representations, a Committee was constituted by the Director, NCERT, which recommended, after examination, that one item i.e., Item No. 8 (SAT) should not be scored for processing the result.

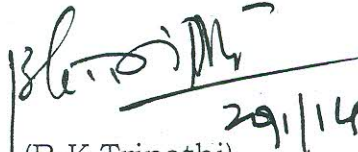
Based on the recommendations of this committee, the NCERT uploaded the Frozen Keys, and accordingly the final list of 1,000 selected candidates, on the website of the Council in January, 2013. Award letters were issued to these 1,000 selected candidates also. The cut-off marks remained unchanged for all the categories. Following this, representations were received from parents of the 40 candidates whose names did not figure in the final list. These representations were received by NCERT either directly from concerned parents or through the MHRD, NCPCR, New Delhi, OSCPR, Orissa and CSCRC, Chhattisgarh. Some parents have also filed cases in the Hon'ble High Courts of the country.

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The matter was taken up with the MHRD for a decision in the matter and MHRD desired that it be re-considered by the Council in view of the directions of various CPCRs as well as the interim stay granted by the Orissa High Court on the result uploaded in January 2013. The NCERT submitted to the MHRD that since the matter was sub-judice, the decision in this regard would be taken only after the verdict of the Hon'ble High Court in all the cases.

The Executive Committee members were of the view that 40 students be given the scholarship, even though their marks were one less than the cut-off. This brought up the issue of 33 other students who have scored one less than the cut-off. The Director stated that academically it was only the 1,000 students of the final list who should get the scholarship. However, the Executive Committee ruled that NCERT should provide all 73 with the scholarship on humanitarian grounds.

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


(B.K. Tripathi)
Joint Director &
I/c Secretary

ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT IN THE 99th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NCERT HELD ON 03rd DECEMBER, 2013.

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| 1. | Dr. M.M. Pallam Raju
HRM/President, NCERT
Ministry of HRD
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi - 110001 | Chairperson |
| 2. | Shri R. Bhattacharya
Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of HRD,
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001 | Member |
| 3. | Prof. P. Sinclair
Director
NCERT
New Delhi - 110016 | Member |
| 4. | Smt. Lata Vaidyanathan
Principal
Modern School
Barakhamba Road
New Delhi | Member |
| 5. | Dr. H.K.Dewan
Vidya Bhawan Society
Udaipur
Rajasthan-313004 | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Rukmini Banerji
Pratham/ASER Centre
B-4/34 Safdarjang Enclave
New Delhi-110029 | Member |
| 7. | Dr. Kiran Devendra
Type V/9
NCERT Campus
New Delhi | Member |

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| 8. | Ms. Bertha G. Dkhar
Programme Coordinator
Bethany Society
Lady Veronica Lane
Laitumkhrach
Shillong-793003 | Member |
| 9 | Prof. Manoj Mishra
Head, DEE
North East Regional Institute of Education
Umiam, Shillong
Meghalaya 793103 | Member |
| 10 | Prof. Sridhar Srivastava
Head, ESD
NCERT | Member |
| 11 | Dr. Gauri Srivastava
Head, DWS
NCERT | Member |
| 12 | Shri J. Alam
Joint Secretary (SE-II),
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy),
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 13 | Shri Yogendra Tripathi
JS & Financial Advisor
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy),
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 14 | Prof. B.K. Tripathi
Joint Director &
I/c Secretary
NCERT
New Delhi. | Member-convener |