



**MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2017 AT 10.00 A.M. IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, IC&SR BUILDING,
IIT MADRAS**

PRESENT:

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| 1. Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas | Director NITT & Chairperson In-charge |
| 2. Shri. Shashi Prakash Goyal | JS (NITs & DL), MHRD & Member |
| 3. Mrs. Darshana M Dabral | JS & FA, MHRD & Member |
| 4. Shri. Karumuttu T. Kannan | Member |
| 5. Dr. T.K. Radhakrishnan | Member |
| 6. Dr. K. Muthukumaran | Special Invitee |
| 7. Shri. Ravikularaman | Special Invitee |
| 8. Shri. A. Palanivel | Member Secretary |

GENERAL MATTERS

ITEM NO.1 WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON IN-CHARGE, FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NITT & Chairperson In-charge, Finance Committee, welcomed the Members to the Meeting.

She expressed her gratitude to all the Members for their positive contributions towards the development of the Institute and specially thanked Joint Secretary (NITs & DL), MHRD and Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MHRD, GoI for sparing time to attend the meeting.

Thereafter, the Chairperson In-charge started the deliberations on the Agenda Items.

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ITEM NO.2

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2016.

The Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) were circulated to the Members and no comments were received. The FC confirmed the minutes of the 30th Meeting.

RESOLUTION 31/FC/2017/1 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th December 2016 be confirmed.

ITEM NO.3

ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.


The 'Action Taken' on the decisions of the 30th Meeting of the Finance Committee was discussed and noted with the following observations:

30/FC/2016/2: The FC was informed that regarding the Siemen's Centre of Excellence in Manufacturing, a Committee has been constituted at the Institute level and a detailed proposal will be submitted to the FC in its next meeting.

30/FC/2016/3: The FC suggested that regarding the Investment Policy of the Institute, an Investment Committee could be constituted with the following members:

1. Professor of Finance, NIT Trichy
2. Professor of Finance/Accounts from any IIT/IIM
3. Registrar, NIT Trichy
4. Deputy Registrar (Accounts), NIT Trichy

30/FC/2016/5: The FC desired that the proposal of initiating new programmes and the viability of existing programs in the Institute be submitted to the FC in its next meeting.



**RESOLUTION
31/FC/2017/2**

RESOLVED THAT the 'Action Taken' on the decisions of the 30th Meeting of the Finance Committee be noted with the above mentioned observations of the Finance Committee.

APPROVAL ITEMS

ITEM NO.4

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18.

The Annual Budget for the Financial Year 2017-18 was discussed and the Finance Committee observed that the funds available from MHRD will be limited and hence advised the Institute to revise the annual budget, on priority basis, in line with the expected receipt of funds from the MHRD in 2017-18 which is around Rs. 145-150 Crore.

**RESOLUTION
31/FC/2017/3**

RESOLVED THAT the Annual Budget for the financial year 2017-18 of the Institute be revised in line with the expected receipt of funds from the MHRD in 2017-18 and placed before the FC in its next meeting.

ITEM NO.5

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 06TH MARCH 2017.

The financial implications for Civil and Electrical works of the Institute, including the ratification items recommended by the Building and Works Committee in its 17th meeting were discussed.

Regarding the ratification items executed by CPWD during the time frame of 2013-2016, the FC advised the Institute to bring more clarity regarding the following:

- circumstances under which these works were undertaken, without following the due process of consideration & approval of such proposals by the Building and Works Committee, Finance Committee and the Board of Governors;
- whether General Financial Rules and the CVC guidelines were followed while carrying out these works;

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- why the Building and Works Committee did not consider these works in its successive meetings;
- who is or are responsible for this state of affairs; and
- what corrective actions are proposed to be taken by the Institute so that such a situation does not recur in future.

The Registrar informed the FC that the 17 new Civil and Electrical works, proposed and recommended by the Building and Works Committee (BWC) are according to the actual requirements. He further clarified that the estimates, including the rates and quantities submitted by the CPWD regarding these works, have been examined in detail by the BWC and have been found to be in order.

In view of the above, the Finance Committee recommended the 17 new Civil and Electrical Works amounting to Rs. 23.83 Crore as recommended by the BWC to the Board of Governors for consideration.

RESOLUTION 31/FC/2017/4 **RESOLVED THAT more clarity as indicated above regarding the works which were undertaken during the time frame of 2013-2016 and have been proposed for ratification by the Building and Works Committee, be brought about and be placed before the FC in its next meeting.**

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the financial implications of Rs. 23.83 Crore for the 17 new (Civil and Electrical) works as recommended by the Building and Works Committee be recommended to the Board of Governors for consideration.

ITEM NO.6

REMUNERATION AND RE-IMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO ADVOCATE FOR SERVICES RENDERED ON LEGAL MATTERS.

As per the Supplementary Agenda No. S11 for the 17th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 4th April 2009, the Board approved a proposal for transferring the cases from Advocate Mr. B. Rajendran to Shri Balaji & Maria Roseline Advocates, Madurai and the Firm has been handling all the court cases

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including the new ones of the Institute till now. The Firm has submitted a bill for the periods from 11th January 2014 to 23rd December 2016. The matter was discussed and the FC advised the Institute to make payment to the advocate in accordance with the approved norms and rates issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India as a guideline. The FC further recommended the proposal to engage a panel of advocates who are specialized in Civil and Criminal cases applicable to educational institutions in consultation with the Learned Assistant Solicitor General of India at the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court to the Board of Governors for consideration.

RESOLUTION 31/FC/2017/5 **RESOLVED THAT the payment be made to the advocate as per approved norms and rates of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, as a guideline.**

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the proposal for engagement of a panel of advocates in consultation with the Learned Additional Solicitor General of India at Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court be recommended to the BoG.

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO.7 **SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT RECEIVED FROM OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA (CAG) AND FORWARDED TO MHRD ALONG WITH ANNUAL REPORT.**

The Finance Committee discussed the Separate Audit Report on the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2015-16 as approved by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), New Delhi and observed that:

- i. Interest on NPS funds for the period during which the amount was retained by the Institute to be calculated and remitted to PFRDA without any further delay since this was pointed out in the last two SARs also. Moreover, the reasons for not doing so till now be placed before the Finance Committee in its next meeting.

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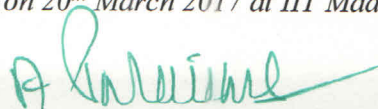
- ii. Provision for retirement benefits should be appropriately projected in the Annual Accounts as per "Actuarial Valuation" as prescribed by the MHRD vide its letter dated 17th April, 2015. Similarly, presentation of various funds viz Endowment Funds etc. should also be strictly as per guidelines issued by the MHRD. The 'Accounting Policy' and 'Notes on Accounts' should therefore clearly mention this aspect in the Annual Accounts.
- iii. Further, the FC suggested to ensure that proper procedures are followed to retain the assets created out of project funds after completion of the project period and the documentation with respect to such projects be done accordingly.

RESOLUTION 31/FC/2017/6 **RESOLVED THAT the Separate Audit Report on the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2015-16 be noted.**

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Interest on NPS funds for the period during which the amount was retained by the Institute be calculated and remitted to PFRDA without any further delay since this was pointed out in the last two SARs also.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the reasons for not doing so till now be placed before the Finance Committee in its next meeting.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT provision for retirement benefits should be appropriately projected in the Annual Accounts as per "Actuarial Valuation" as prescribed by the MHRD vide its letter dated 17th April, 2015.



RESOLVED FURTHER THAT presentation of various funds viz. endowment Funds etc. should be strictly as per guidelines issued by the MHRD.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the 'Accounting Policy' and 'Notes on Accounts' should clearly mention the above mentioned aspects in the Annual Accounts.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT proper procedures be followed to retain the assets created out of project funds after completion of the project period and the documentation with respect to such projects be done accordingly.

ITEM NO.8 TEQIP PERFORMANCE REPORT.

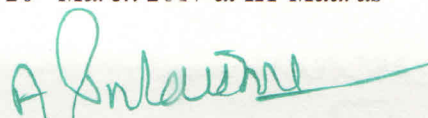
The Finance Committee discussed and noted the Performance Report of the TEQIP including the benefits to the Institute.

**RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the Performance
31/FC/2017/7 Report of the TEQIP and its benefit to the
Institute be noted.**

**ITEM NO.9 GRANTS RECEIVED FROM THE MHRD UNDER PLAN AND
NON-PLAN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2016-17.**

The Finance Committee discussed and noted the Grants received from the MHRD under Plan and Non-Plan for the year 2016-17.

**RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the Grants received
31/FC/2017/8 from the MHRD under Plan and Non-Plan
Funds for the Financial Year 2016-17 be
noted.**



ITEM NO.10 GRANTS DUE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-17.

The Finance Committee discussed and noted the Grants due for 2016-17 based on Revised Estimate 2016-17. The representatives of the MHRD observed that the Institute should be more prudent and should plan its activities in a manner so that its expenditure matches the receipt of funds from the MHRD and its Internal Resource Generation. Accordingly, there is no committed liability on the part of the MHRD.

RESOLUTION 31/FC/2017/9 RESOLVED THAT the Institute should be more prudent and should plan its activities in a manner so that its expenditure matches the receipt of funds from the MHRD and its Internal Resource Generation

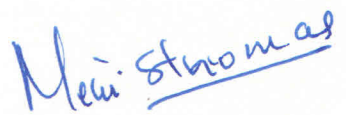
RESOLVED FURTHER THAT there is no committed liability on the part of the MHRD.

ITEM NO.11 ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIRPERSON.

There was no other item for discussion.

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


Member Secretary


Chairperson In-charge