



विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी उच्च अध्ययन संस्थान

(भारत सरकार के विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग के अधीन एक स्वाशासी संस्थान)

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11th Finance Committee Meeting of IASST, Guwahati

Date : 27.02.2019

Time : 14.30 Hours

Place : Technology Bhawan,

Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Members present:

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| 1. Dr. N. C. Talukdar,
Director, IASST | Chairman |
| 2. Shri B. Anand, AS&FA
Ministry of Science and Technology,
Government of India, New Delhi. | Member |
| 3. Dr. B. K. Shukla, Scientist-G,
Head, AI Division,
Ministry of Science and Technology,
Government of India, New Delhi. | Member |
| 4. Shri Akhilesh Jha, Chief Controller of Accounts
Ministry of Science and Technology,
Government of India, New Delhi. | Special Invitee |
| 5. Shri U.C. Das, Registrar,
IIT, Guwahati | Member |
| 6. Dr. D. Goswami, Registrar,
IASST, Guwahati | Special Invitee |
| 7. Mr.P. Borkataki,
F.A.O., IASST, Guwahati. | Member-Secretary |

Dr.B.C. Tripathy, Professor, Tripura University, Agartala could not attend the meeting due to preoccupation.

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Agenda Item No. 1 : Welcome Address

Dr. N.C. Talukdar, Director, IASST and Chairman of the Finance Committee welcomed the members to the Eleventh Meeting of Finance Committee of IASST. He expressed his special gratitude to Shri B. Anand, A.S. & F.A. for sparing his valuable time to make it convenient to attend the meeting and also welcomed Dr. B. K. Shukla, Head, A.I. Division and Shri Akhilesh Jha, Chief Controller of Accounts for attending the meeting. He also expressed that without the continuous and adequate support from Department of Science & Technology, it would not have been possible for IASST to reach the present state of visibility of the institute.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the Tenth Finance Committee Meeting of IASST held on 28th July, 2018.

The Member-Secretary informed that the approved minutes of the 10th Finance Committee was placed in the 11th Governing Council Meeting held in DST, New Delhi on 28.07.2018 and the salient points were noted in the minutes of the GC meeting. The Finance Committee, therefore, confirmed the minutes.

Agenda Item No. 3 : Action Taken Report on the deliberations/ recommendations of the Tenth Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28th July, 2018.

The Member-Secretary apprised the details of actions taken for implementation of recommendations of the 10th Finance Committee Meeting. The Finance Committee noted the action taken report of the 10th Finance Committee Meeting.

Agenda Item No.4 : Submission of budget for approval for the Financial Year 2019-20 and information regarding current financial status.

Committee recommended budget estimates of Rs.1,498 lakhs under Salary and Rs.966 lakhs under General head. On Capital Cost budget estimates, it was suggested to follow the suggestion and recommendation as given under Agenda Item No. 6 below and also to explore other possible sources of fund like Schedule Tribe Sub-Plan (TSP) in consultation with SEED Division. It was suggested to submit separate proposal immediately to explore allocation of some additional fund to the institute to meet capital cost under Scheduled Tribe programme during the current Financial Year.

The Committee noted grants-in-aid of Rs.2,821 lakhs received by the institute from Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India for the Financial Year 2018-19 against which expenditure incurred so far by the Institute till 31.01.20019 for Rs.3,125 lakhs.

Item No.5. Proposal for creation of post of Hindi Assistant.

Committee recommended the proposal for creation of the post of Hindi Assistant and suggested to submit the proposal to Ministry of Finance through administrative ministry.




Item No.6. Information regarding ongoing and proposed major construction activities of the Institute.

Committee deliberated in details the ongoing construction activities of the institute and suggested to prepare a comprehensive list highlighting each of the major construction activity undertaken on the basis of approval of the Governing council and the cost escalation due to i) price index and ii) inclusion of new items which were essential in view of new R & D programme introduced during the execution of original design and submit the same along with the comprehensive master plan of the Institute to Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India. The committee also suggested to take all future construction activities as per the provision of work in the Master plan and to take up construction project only after obtaining financial sanction from the administrative ministry.

It was also suggested to submit revised estimates with respect to the ongoing construction activities for fund allocation by A.I. Division separately, so as to reduce the gap between GIA Capital and GIA Revenue.

AS&FA directed IASST to engage CPWD, NBCC, BSNL or any other similar public sector organisation as Project Management Consultant (PMC) by following the due procedures for all upcoming major construction activities of the Institute to bring professional approach in execution.

AS&FA also directed to take up the cost escalation items of approved work separately and the new works separately, so that AI Division or IASST do not default on any liabilities. He also suggested to do the budgeting exercise based on this very principle so that there is no anomaly between the decisions of Finance Committee and the Governing Council. **It was also suggested that Head, A.I. Division may visit IASST to assess the level of development attained by the Institute since its conversion to an autonomous institute under Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India.**

Item No. 8. Any Other Matter :

Information regarding imbalance in grants-in-aid received under Capital and Revenue head.

Committee noted the expenditure details of the institute, since the institute's taking over by DST in 2009 and discussed in details on the present system of spending grants-in-aid (G.I.A.) under Salary, General and Capital head and expressed concern over imbalance in head wise allotment. It was suggested to report the current balancing position as per sanctioned head to A.I. Division, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India so that necessary measures for onetime regularization of the imbalance in expenditure can be requested to concerned authority. It was also recommended to submit the details of deliberation of Finance Committee on imbalance of GIA to Governing Council for information.


(N.C. Talukdar)

Chairman


(P. Borkataki)

Member Secretary.