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Minutes of 12th Finance Committee Meeting of IASST, Guwahati

Date : 10.01.2020

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. Rajiv Kumar Tayal,
Scientist G, Head, AI Division,
Department of Science & Technology,
Technology Bhavan, New Delhi | Member |
| 4. Dr. R. K. Joshi, Scientist E
AI Division,
Department of Science & Technology,
Technology Bhavan, New Delhi | Special Invitee |
| 5. Shri U.C. Das, Registrar,
NIPER, Guwahati | Member |
| 6. Dr. Heremba Bailung, Professor,
IASST | Member |
| 7. Dr. D. Goswami, Registrar,
IASST, Guwahati | Invited Member |
| 8. Mr.P. Borkataki,
F.A.O., IASST, Guwahati. | Member-Secretary |

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Agenda Item No. 1 : Welcome Address

Dr. N.C. Talukdar, Director, IASST and Chairman of the Committee welcomed the members to the Twelfth Meeting of Finance Committee of IASST. He expressed his special gratitude to Shri B. Anand, A.S. & F.A. for sparing his valuable time and to make it convenient to attend the meeting and also welcomed Dr. Rajiv Kumar Tayal, Head, A.I. Division who was attending his first Finance Committee Meeting of IASST and Dr. R. K. Joshi, Scientist E, A.I. Division. Chairman then requested Member Secretary to start the proceedings of the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the Eleventh Finance Committee Meeting of IASST held on 27th February, 2019.

The Member-Secretary informed that the approved minutes of the 11th Finance Committee was placed in the 12th Governing Council Meeting 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 27th February, 2019.

The Member-Secretary appraised the details of actions taken for implementation of recommendations of the 11th Finance Committee Meeting. The Finance Committee noted the action taken report submitted. On the issue of imbalance in grants-in-aid received under Capital and Revenue head, it was recommended that A.I. Division will take necessary action for removal of this imbalance in phased manner and also advised IASST to submit to the Department of Science & Technology the systemic occurrence of such imbalance in the near future will not be allowed on the basis of submission. Administrative ministry will take appropriate measure for removal of such imbalances immediately. On the agenda item on visit of Head, AI Division to IASST to assess the level of development of IASST, it was informed that such visit could not yet be materialised. However, the committee has appraised through a very brief power point presentation, the progress of constructions of infrastructure projects completed/nearing completion. Committee noted the progress made which is impressive. Deliberation of the Committee regarding revised estimate for Capital Cost is discussed in detail under Agenda Item No.6 appearing hereafter.

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Agenda Item No.4 : Information regarding current financial status of the Institute.

The Committee noted Grants-in-aid of Rs.2777 lakhs received by the institute from Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India for the Financial Year 2019-20 against which expenditure incurred till 31.12.2019 was Rs.2776 lakhs. Committee also recommended proposal for allocation of Rs.4 crores under GIA_Capital head additionally along with the balance amount of GIA during the financial year 2019-2020.

Item No.5. : Setting up of Extension Centre of IASST at Kokilabari farm on land offered by Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) of Govt. of Assam.

Member Secretary appraised the members about the allotment of additional land of 500 bighas (approximately 170 acres) at Kokilabari Farm under Bodoland Territorial Council for setting up of extension center of IASST and requested for recommendation of Rs.1.75 crores initially for a period of two years. It was also stated that this amount was required for contour survey, investigation of soil, boundary demarcation, site development, construction of building, etc. and for preparation of a DPR. Committee recommended amount of Rs.1.75 crores and also suggested to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this proposed extension center and also to explore sources of funding from other funding sources like TSP etc. considering the tribal population of the area. It was also advised that the detailed proposal should contain the provisions of Capital expenditures for a minimum period of 10 years and outcome thereon.

Item No.6.Request for revision of original estimate of GIA of Rs.12.77 crores for capital works.

Member Secretary briefed on allocation of fund under Creation of Capital Assets and stated that against budgetary proposal for Rs.21.32 submitted in 2015 for Development of Basic Infrastructure Facility of the Institute, Department of Science & Technology allocated budget of Rs.12.77 crores for the same. Based on this allocation, Institute initiated process for construction of recommended projects. During the initial part of execution of the construction projects there was rapid expansion of the Institute's activities and this expansion compelled to consider the factor of limited land resources of the IASST campus situated at Boragaon. Consequently, some major structural changes for vertical expansion was required to bring to some of these construction works along with consequent revision of original estimates for vertical extension. This matter was brought to the notice of 11th Finance Committee Meeting and Committee suggested to submit separate proposal for this revision fully justifying cost escalation on the lines desired in the last

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meeting of the Finance Committee and accordingly proposal was submitted for revision of allocated Capital Cost Budget Estimate.

Committee discussed in the detail the proposal for revision of Capital Cost budget estimates and suggested to submit separate proposal for revision of original estimate, stating the changes, those need to be accommodated as per requirement in addition to the original budget estimate submitted. Head A.I. Division suggested to bring only those item(s) to the notice of the Committee which has already been processed at administrative level.

It was also informed that the GIA_Capital of Rs.12.77 crores sanctioned in 2015 did not include proposal for providing dedicated power supply connection to the Institute and therefore, Committee recommended for submission of separate proposal for the same to the administrative ministry for allocation of fund separately.

It was also suggested that recommendation(s) of Finance Committee should not be implemented till getting of financial concurrence from the administrative ministry.

Item No.7 Submission of Budget Estimate for approval for the Financial Year 2020-21.

Committee recommended budget estimate of Rs.40.60 (Rupees forty crores sixty lakhs only) for the financial year 2020-2021 and of all the construction activities proposed to be undertaken as per the details submitted under GIA Capital head.


The Committee did not in favour of the proposal for construction of auditorium building with underground parking facility, guest room etc. as of now. It was suggested to explore the other reasonable infrastructure available in the city for holding of Seminar/Conference/Meeting, etc. on user charges basis. The issue may be reviewed after three years.

Item No. 8. Any Other Matter :

Committee felt the need for continuing communication between IASST and the Department of Science & Technology on administrative matter related to Finance Committee's recommendations so that administrative approval from the ministry happens speedily. In this regard it was felt that personal visit of officers of IASST to Department of Science & Technology may speed up approval on administrative matter and should be taken up from time to time.


(N.C. Talukdar)

Chairman


(P. Borkataki)

Member Secretary.