

New Delhi, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Office of Director, IASST  
Dy. No. AS.T. 57/21  
Date: 25/3/21

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Delegation of financial powers to the Autonomous Institutions (AIs) under the Department of Science & Technology**

The matter regarding delegation of financial powers to the Autonomous Institutions under the administrative control of the Department of Science & Technology have been considered in the Department. With a view to bring flexibility and autonomy of the Institutes in balance with the extant Government of India instructions, it has been decided with the approval of competent authority of the Ministry of Science & Technology to delegate financial powers as per the limits indicated below to the 21 AIs categorised into 3 groups:

**I. Category of the 21 AIs :**

**Group -I :**

- i. North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR), Shillong
- ii. Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru
- iii. Nation Innovation Foundation (NIF), Ahmadabad
- iv. Vigyan Prasar (VP), Noida

**Group II :**

- i. Agharkar Research Institute (ARI), Pune
- ii. Aryabhata Research Institute for Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital
- iii. Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Mumbai
- iv. Institute of Advanced Study in Science & Technology (IASST), Guwahati
- v. S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS), Kolkata
- vi. Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WHIG), Dehradun
- vii. Technology Information, Forecasting & Assessment Council (TIFAC), New Delhi

**Group III:**

- i. Bose Institute (BI), Kolkata
- ii. Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow
- iii. Indian Association for The Cultivation of Science (IACS), Kolkata
- iv. Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru
- v. Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali
- vi. International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad
- vii. Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru
- viii. Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru
- ix. Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), New Delhi
- x. Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences And Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram



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**II. Financial power limits:**

S. No.	Item of Expenditure	Authority	Financial power limit		
			Group-I	✓Group-II	Group-III
1.	New Research Projects	Governing Body/Council	Rs. 2.0 Crore	Rs.5.0 crore	Rs.10.0 crore
		Chief Executives*	No power	No power	No power
		Registrar	No power	No power	No power
2.	Capital expenditure/equipment within the approved/sanctioned scheme/project	Governing Body/Council	Rs. 2.0 Crore	Rs.5.0 crore	Rs.10.0 crore
		Chief Executives *	Rs.1.0 Crore	Rs. 2.0 Crore	Rs.5.0 crore
		Registrar	No power	No power	Rs.5.0 lakh
3.	Contingent/ Miscellaneous Expenditure	Governing Body/Council	Full powers	Full powers	Full powers
		Chief Executives *	Rs.1.0 Crore	Rs. 2.0 Crore	Rs.5.0 crore
		Registrar	Rs.1.0 lakh	Rs.5.0 lakh ✓	Rs.5.0 lakh

\* Chief Executives means Secretary i.r.o SERB, Director General i.r.o NECTAR, Executive Director i.r.o TIFAC and President i.r.o. JNCASR and Director i.r.o the remaining AIs.

2. The exercise of the above proposed financial powers shall be subject to the following :

- i. For sanction of new projects/schemes including that of infrastructure, the proposal shall be referred to DST for consideration under the extant instructions of the Central Government.
- ii. The delegation of power to incur miscellaneous expenditure would be subject to fiscal codes, procedures and availability of fund.
- iii. The Institutes are not delegated any powers relating to (a) creation of posts (b) Write-off of losses and (c) Re-appropriation of the allocated funds.
- iv. There shall be no further re-delegation of the above financial powers.
- v. Power to sanction new research projects by GB/GC is subject to recommendation of RAC and appraisal by FC.
- vi. Expenditure on capital, miscellaneous and contingent expenditures to be incurred should be with the concurrence of the Finance Officer or equivalent of the Institute concerned.
- vii. The items of expenditure shall not be split up for the purpose of bringing into delegated financial powers of sanction of a particular authority.
- viii. Procurement of equipments and capital expenditure should be in adherence of relevant provisions of GFR, 2017. GeM platform should be used for such procurement and any relaxation in this regard vests with the appropriate higher authority with justifications duly recorded.
- ix. The exercise of the above financial powers shall be subject to budgetary provisions and availability of funds in the approved budget.
- x. The exercise of the above financial powers will be subject to provisions of General Financial Rules, restrictions in Delegation of Financial Powers Rules (DFPRs), other instructions in force now and/or to be amended/issued by Central Government from time to time.

3. This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide Dy. No.6075 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 and approval of the Hon'ble Minister of Science & Technology.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
23/3/21

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To

The Director/Executive Director/President of the 21 Autonomous Institutes  
(as per list attached)

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