

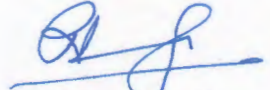
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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
dated, the 17th October, 2013

Subject:- Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) – regarding.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Former Chief Scientific Adviser to the Minister of Defence, on **15th October, 2013 (Tuesday) at 10:30 A.M.** in the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for your information and comments, if any.



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Encl.: as above.

Committee Members:-

- (i) Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Chairman, Standing Committee of the Council of NITs.
- (ii) Dr. Gopal Mugeraya, Director, NIT – Agartala.
- (iii) Dr. C.T. Bhunia, Director, NIT – Arunachal Pradesh.
- (iv) Dr. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Director, MNNIT – Allahabad.
- (v) Prof. Appu Kuttan, Director, MANIT – Bhopal.
- (vi) Dr. M.B. Bandyopadhyay, Director, NIT – Calicut.
- (vii) Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT – Jaipur and Director (I/C), NIT – Delhi.
- (viii) Prof. Rambabu Kodali, Director, NIT – Jamshedpur.
- (ix) Dr. Samir Kumar Das, Director, NIT – Jalandhar.
- (x) Prof. Tarkeshwar Kumar, Director, NIT – Durgapur.
- (xi) Dr. G.R.C. Reddy, Director, NIT – Goa.
- (xii) Prof. Rajnish Shrivastava, Director, NIT – Hamirpur.
- (xiii) Prof. S.V. Raghavan, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to Govt. of India.
- (xiv) Prof. Samir K. Brahmachari, Director General, CSIR, New Delhi.
- (xv) Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
- (xvi) Prof. S.S. Mantha, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.
- (xvii) Prof. Sunil Kumar Sarangi, Director, NIT – Rourkela.
- (xviii) Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary (HE), Ministry of HRD.
- (xix) Ms. Amita Sharma, Additional Secretary (TE), Ministry of HRD.
- (xx) Shri Yogendra Tripathi, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of HRD.

Copy for information to Special Invitees:-

- (i) Shri Vineet Joshi, Chairman, CBSE, New Delhi.
- (ii) Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala, Professor, IIT – Madras.
- (iii) Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, Ex-Director, NIT-Delhi.
- (iv) Prof. Swapan Bhattacharya, Director, NITK – Surathkal.

**MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
COUNCIL OF NITs HELD ON 15.10.2013 (TUESDAY)
AT CONFERENCE HALL, MHRD, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

The 3rd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs at 10.30 A.M. on 15.10.2013 in the Conference Room of Ministry of HRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. A list of participants is placed at Annexure - I.

The Chairman of the Committee welcomed the participants and member of the Committee. Thereafter individual Agenda items were taken up for discussion and decision.

Item No:3.1: To confirm the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs held on 03.09.2012.

Decision: The minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held on 15.10.2013 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar at Conference Room of MHRD , Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi were circulated among all the members of the Standing Committee. No comments were received. The Standing Committee confirmed the minutes.

Item No:3.2: To note the Action Taken Report of the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs held on 03.09.2012.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Council of NITs noted the Action Taken on each of the recommendations of the 2nd meeting held on 03.09.2012 and decided as follows:-

- (i) The valuable recommendations of academic reforms committee can be use by Kakodkar Committee as part of its report.
- (ii) Prof. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT - Jaipur to conduct CCMT and CSAB 2014 - 2015. CSAB to be used for supernumerary seats in AICTE approved colleges.
- (iii) DASA format to continue and to be conducted by Prof. Swapan Bhattacharya, Director, NITK-Surathkal.
- (iv) Mandatory accreditation with all SAR details to be applied by NITs to conform to Washington Accord.
- (v) The paper on special attention to North East to be prepared by Dr. Kakodkar and he be requested to conduct special workshop in the North East for the Eight NITs of North East including J&K.
- (vi) Prof. Biswas will prepare a Background paper on this issue.

Item No.3.3: To consider the Draft Report of the Kakodkar Committee constituted for review of NITs System

Decision: Prof Ashok Jhunjunwala, IIT Madras as a member of the Kakodkar Committee to review the NIT system, made a presentation on the short draft report presented by Kakodkar Committee before Standing Committee of the Council of NITs. The presentation covered three broad heads as under:-

- (i) NITs as a provider of best UG engineering education in India;
- (ii) Excellence in Product Development and Industrial Interface & excellence in R & D; and
- (iii) Leadership at NITs.

The Standing Committee unanimously approved the short draft report and recommended for approval of the Council of NITs for implementation of the draft report.

Item No.3.4: To consider Transparency and Accountability Framework for the NITs.

Decision: The item has been covered under the presentation made by Prof. Jhunjunwala on the Kakodkar Committee report.

Item No.3.5: To consider Leadership Development for Educational Administrators / training module for Directors in NITs.

Decision: The Leadership Training Programmes as a part of TEQIP has already been initiated and such capacity building will continue and get documented. Standing Committee recommended faculty mobility from NIT funds specially for exchanges in thematic areas.

Item No:3.6: To consider the report of the Fee / Academic Reforms Committee.

Decision: The fee / academic reforms committee suggested Rs.70,000/- per annum per student as tuition fee. As of now, the fee per student per annum is Rs.35,000/-. The Standing Committee considered the issue and recommended further deliberation in the Council's meeting on the issue of hiking fee from Rs.35000/- per annum to Rs.70,000/- per annum or Rs.90,000/- per annum for an appropriate decision.

Item No.3.7: To consider the report of the Physical Education Personnel Committee.

Decision: (i) Those Physical Education personnel who are already continuing as faculty may be allowed in the same position till he/she retires. Thus cadre of such Physical Education Personnel would be as dying cadre after the incumbents retire.

- (ii) The Student and Sports Activities Officer scheme to continue as duly approved by the Council as non-faculty.
- (iii) No Physical Education department further be opened in NITs.

Item No.3.8: To consider the report of Joint Entrance Examination – 2013.

Decision: The Standing Committee considered the issue and recommended to the Council of NITs for keeping the format of JEE(Main) & the normalization formula same as that for 2013-14, for admissions in the year 2014-15 in NITs.

Item No:3.9: To consider Report of the Committee on online survey on the accounting practices of the NITs.

Decision: The Standing Committee decided to hold a workshop for the Accounts Officers on the uniform Accounting system software (Brihaspati). Six NITs namely Rourkela, Jaipur, Surathkal, Durgapur, Allahabad and Jamshedpur will be covered for the present, for the testing of the software.

Item No:3.10: To consider migration from three-tier to four-tier flexible faculty structure in NITs.

Decision: Prof. Sarangi workout the modalities for migration from three-tier to four-tier flexible faculty structure in NITs. The Standing Committee decided to form a Committee headed by Prof. Sarangi, Director, NIT-Rourkela, Shri Navin Soi, Director (Finance), MHRD, Shri Rajesh Singh, Director (MHRD), Director, IIIT – Allahabad and Director, ISM-Dhanbad. The recommendations of the Committee will be examined on file in the Ministry before the recommendations are placed before the Committee.

Item No:3.11: To consider provision of Search-cum-Selection Committee for appointment of Directors in NITs.

Decision: The Standing Committee recommended to Council to approve the provision of Search-cum-selection Committee for appointment of Directors in NITs, from the current provisions of Selection Committee by amending the provision of the NITSER Act and Statutes.

Item No:3.12: To consider the Agenda and Programme of the Conference of Directors of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) with the Hon'ble Visitor on 7th – 8th November, 2013 at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

Decision: The Standing Committee deliberated on the above item and recommended that the Chairperson Standing Committee of the Council of NITs and Dr. Raghvan both be available for Visitors Meeting on 7th and 8th November as invitee. Dr. Raghvan would

also make presentation on how institutions would take advantage of NKN.

Standing Committee of the Council of NITs recommended that deliberation at Visitors Conference be in sync with Council's views on the matter so that these are very objective in nature.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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