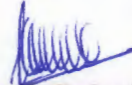


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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
dated, the 16th June, 2015

Subject:- Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) – regarding.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Ms.) Geetha Bali, Chairperson, Standing Committee of the Council of NITs, on Tuesday, the 9th June, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in the Conference Hall, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, for your information and comments, if any.


[Rajesh Singh Solanki]
Under Secretary (NITs)


Encl.: as above.

Standing Committee Members:-

- (i) Prof. (Ms.) Geetha Bali, Chairperson, 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. G.R.C. Reddy, Director (I/C), NIT – Calicut and Director, NIT – Goa.
- (vii) Prof. Tarkeshwar Kumar, Director, NIT – Durgapur.
- (viii) Dr. Ajay K. Sharma, Director, NIT – Delhi.
- (ix) Prof. Rajnish Shrivastava, Director, NIT – Hamirpur.
- (x) Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT – Jaipur.
- (xi) Prof. S.V. Raghavan, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to Govt. of India.
- (xii) Dr. M.O. Garg, Director General, CSIR, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.
- (xiii) Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
- (xiv) Dr. Avinash S. Pant, Chairman (Acting), AICTE, New Delhi.
- (xv) Prof. Sunil Kumar Sarangi, Director, NIT – Rourkela.
- (xvi) Shri S.P. Goyal, Joint Secretary (TE), Ministry of HRD.
- (xvii) Shri Yogendra Tripathi, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of HRD.

Copy for kind information to:-

- (i) PSO to Secretary (HE), MHRD.
- (ii) The Directors of remaining 20 National Institutes of Technology (NITs).
- (iii) The Webmaster, Council of NITs – with a request to upload the minutes on the website of the Council of NITs.


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**MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
COUNCIL OF NITs HELD ON 09.06.2015 (TUESDAY)**

AT SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

The 5th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs was held under the Chairpersonship of Prof. (Ms.) Geetha Bali, Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs at 11.00 A.M. on 09.06.2015 in the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. A list of participants is placed at **Annexure**. The members from NIT-Durgapur, CSIR and UGC could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupations.

Secretary (HE), MHRD welcomed the participants and members of the Committee. Director (NITs), Department of Higher Education, gave a brief presentation on NITs system and impending agenda items for the meeting. Thereafter the individual agenda items were taken up for discussion and decision.

Item No:5.1: **To confirm the minutes and note the Action Taken Report of the 4th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs held on 13.02.2014.**

Decision: The minutes of the 4th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held on 13.02.2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Saraswat at the Conference Hall, Central Secretariat Library, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi were circulated among all the members of the Standing Committee on 20.02.2014. As no comments were received, the Standing Committee confirmed the minutes.

The Standing Committee also noted the actions taken pursuant to the last meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs.

Item No:5.2: **To consider actionable points arising out of the recommendations of Kakodkar Committee.**

Decision: The major recommendations of the Kakodkar Committee in the final report were discussed in the House with the Directors of the NITs present as members of the Standing Committee. It was observed that the recommendations of

Kakodkar Committee can be grouped under three categories of Teaching, Research and Governance.

Hence, it was resolved to constitute three Sub-Committees consisting of Directors of NITs to facilitate deeper analysis of the report and recommendations for implementation.

The following Sub-Committees were constituted:

(i) Sub-Committee to study recommendations on Teaching

Prof. S.K. Sarangi, Director, NIT-Rourkela
[Chairperson]

Dr. Sudarshan Tiwari, Director, NIT-Raipur

Dr. T.S. Rao, Director, NIT-Warangal

Dr. G.R.C. Reddy, Director, NIT-Goa

Spheres of recommendations:

- a) Group Learning: Partial evaluation in group to encourage students to learn and perform in groups
- b) Continuous Teacher Training programme and Certifications

(ii) Sub-Committee to study recommendations on Research:

Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT-Jaipur [Chairperson]

Dr. Swapan Bhattacharya, Director, NITK-Surathkal

Dr. N.S. Chaudhari, Director, VNIT-Nagpur

Dr. C.T. Bhunia Director, NIT-Arunachal Pradesh

Spheres of recommendations:

- a) Excellence in Product Development and in R&D through Industry Interaction
- b) NITs as high-quality Research Institutions
- c) Joint research projects between NITs and IITs
- d) Innovation eco-system, entrepreneurship and incubation and Research Park.

(iii) Sub-Committee to study recommendations on Governance

Dr. S. Sundarrajan Director, NIT-Tiruchirappalli
[Chairman]
Dr. Gopal Mugeraya, Director NIT-Agartala
Dr. Ajay K. Sharma, Director NIT-Delhi
Prof. P. Chakrabarti, Director NIT-Allahabad

Sphere of recommendations:

- a) Participation of Alumni in Institutes Affairs
- b) Hiring high quality faculty during fresh recruitments
- c) Motivating best UG students early towards R&D career
- d) Grading NITs in three tiers;
- e) Creating yearly awards at Council level
- f) Building competencies, adopting best practices, networking with reputed institutes in neighborhood such as IITs, IISc, IIMs etc.
- g) Annual internal performance audit
- h) Setting up of Institute Advisory Committee in which alumni have a prominent presence
- i) Contribution of non – teaching staff in Institution's performance.

The Chairperson, Standing Committee of the Council of NITs suggested that few more issues of vital importance such as (1) evolving model syllabi (2) further strengthening of annual faculty review and on-line feedback from outgoing students that could be examined by the Sub-Committee on teaching. (2) adopting common academic calendar that would promote inter-NIT co-curricular and extra-curricular interactions in addition to offering other advantages that could be looked into by the sub-committee on Governance.

The Standing Committee of the Council of NITs also discussed the issue of having a Cloud based architecture for adopting unique e-governance system for all NITs. A Committee was constituted to examine this with the Director of NIT of Jaipur as the Chairperson, and Directors of NITs of Tiruchirappalli, Delhi, Nagpur, and Director (TE), MHRD will be members of the Committee.

In addition, the aforesaid Sub-Committees may further identify the points in the recommendations of the Kakodkar Committee, and in the recommendations of the Visitor's Conferences which can be considered by each of them. Further, it has been decided that the aforesaid Sub-Committees may co-opt member(s) according to the requirements.

These Sub-Committees may devise the framework, processes and other implementation modalities pertaining to major recommendations of the Kakodkar Committee and also the Visitor's Conference Action Taken Notes.

The above Sub-Committees will submit their recommendations in about four week's time. The same will be presented in the next meeting of the Standing Committee to be held around August, 2015. As Prof. Geetha Bali, Chairperson, Standing Committee of the Council of NITs will be away for about three months, during her absence, the next meeting of the Standing Committee will be chaired by the Secretary (HE), MHRD.

Item No.5.3: To consider the proposal for amendment in the NITSER Act, 2007 and First Statutes of NITs.

Decision: The Standing Committee discussed the needs of amendments in the NITSER Act, 2007 and First Statutes of NITs and decided that the Sub-Committee on Governance will also examine the same. Further, it was resolved to invite suggestions from the Directors and Chairpersons of BoGs of all NITs in this regard.

Item No.5.4: Any other matter:

Decision: 1. Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT – Jaipur said that the Common Counselling of NITs & IITs will take place from the academic year 2015 – 2016. The admissions in NITs are based on Joint Entrance Examination (Main) and Board examination performance. The current system requires review due to following:-

- (i) Weightage to Board marks leads to anomaly in determining All India Rank.
- (ii) As it is necessary to wait for the receipt of Board marks from the Central Board of Secondary

Education (CBSE) and all other Boards across the country, the counseling process gets delayed. Further, it becomes necessary to create supernumerary seats to cater for revision of Board marks.

It was resolved to constitute a Review Committee with the approval of Hon'ble HRM in her capacity as the Chairperson of the Council of NITs. The Review Committee shall look into the current criteria for admissions in NITs and difficulties therein and will present a report to the Council of NITs for further consideration.

2. Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT – Jaipur also raised the issue of medical scheme for retired personnel in NITs. It was also felt that there is a need for reviewing the efficacy of medical attendant rules as stipulated in the Statutes of NITs. It was, therefore, resolved that the Sub-Committee on Governance will study the same and will submit its recommendations in this regard also.

3. Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Director, MNNIT – Allahabad mentioned that an External Review Committee (ERC) has been constituted by the MNNIT as per the decision of the NIT Council during its 8th meeting and presented the names of the experts identified. As per the decision taken in the 8th meeting of the Council of NITs, the ERC has to be approved by the Council of NITs on the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Council of NITs. The Standing Committee accepted the proposal and resolved to recommend the same to the NIT Council for approval.

The members of the Standing Committee of Council of NITs observed that this process is cumbersome and time consuming. It was resolved to discuss this matter during the next meeting of the Council of NITs and explore the possibilities of simplification.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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ANNEXURE

5th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF NITS HELD ON 09.06.2015 (TUESDAY) AT CONFERENCE HALL, MINISTRY OF HRD, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Sl.No.	Name of the Standing Committee Members
1.	Prof. (Ms.) Geetha Bali, Chairperson, Standing Committee of the Council of NITs.
2.	Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3.	Shri S.P. Goyal, Joint Secretary (TEL), Ministry of HRD and Member Secretary, Standing Committee of the Council of NITs.
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12.	Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT – Jaipur.
13.	Prof. Sunil Kumar Sarangi, Director, NIT – Rourkela.
14.	Dr. Prabhu Ullaguddi, Advisor, AICTE, New Delhi.
15.	Shri Satpal Sharma, AFA [Representative of JS & FA (HRD)], Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD.

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