

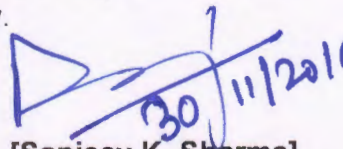
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
dated, the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

**Subject:- Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held under the Chairpersonship of Prof. (Mrs.) Geetha Bali, Chairperson, Board of Governors, MANIT – Bhopal on Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. in the (#112, First Floor, C – Wing), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, for your information and comments, if any.

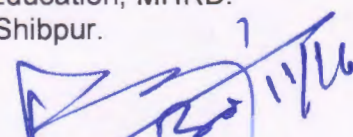
  
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Director (NITs)

**Standing Committee Members:-**

- (i) Prof. (Mrs.) Geetha Bali, Chairperson, Board of Governors, MANIT – Bhopal.
- (ii) Prof. Rambabu Kodali, Director, NIT – Jamshedpur (Jharkhand).
- (iii) Dr. Gopal Mugeraya, Director (I/c), NIT – Mizoram.
- (iv) Dr. S. Birendra Singh, Director, NIT – Manipur.
- (v) Dr. V. Ramachandran, Director, NIT – Nagaland.
- (vi) Prof. Asok De, Director, NIT – Patna (Bihar).
- (vii) Dr. Sivaji Chakravorti, Director (I/c), NIT – Puducherry.
- (viii) Dr. A.R. Dhar, Director (I/c), NIT – Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir).
- (ix) Dr. K.N. Lokesh, Director (I/c), NITK – Surathkal (Karnataka).
- (x) Dr. G. Kannabiran, Director, NIT – Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu).
- (xi) Dr. G.R.C. Reddy, Director (I/c), NIT – Warangal (Telangana).
- (xii) Prof. Ashok Misra, Chairperson, IIT – Roorkee (Uttarakhand).
- (xiii) Dr. Girish Sahni, Director General, CSIR, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.
- (xiv) Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
- (xv) Prof. Anil Dattatraya Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi.
- (xvi) Dr. N.S. Chaudhari, Director, VNIT – Nagpur (Maharashtra).
- (xvii) Shri S.P. Goyal, Joint Secretary (NITs), MHRD.
- (xviii) Ms. Darshana M Dabral, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MHRD.

Copy for kind information to:-

- (i) PSO to Secretary, D/o Higher Education, MHRD.
- (ii) PS to Joint Secretary (NITs), D/o Higher Education, MHRD.
- (iii) PS to Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, D/o Higher Education, MHRD.
- (iv) The Directors of remaining NITs and Director, IEST – Shibpur.

  
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**MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE  
COUNCIL OF NITs HELD ON 23.11.2016 (WEDNESDAY)  
AT CONFERENCE HALL, MINISTRY OF HRD,  
SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs was held under the Chairpersonship of Prof. (Mrs.) Geetha Bali, Chairperson, Standing Committee of the Council of NITs at 11.00 A.M. on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016 in the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. A list of participants is placed at **Annexure**.

Joint Secretary (NITs), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD welcomed the Members of the Committee. Director (NITs), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD briefed the house about the functions of the Committee and its constitution. Thereafter, the individual agenda items were taken up for discussion and decisions.

**Item No:7.1:**            **To confirm the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015.**

**Decision:**            The Committee was apprised that the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee of the Council of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 were circulated and no comments were received from any of the Members. Accordingly, the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were confirmed by the Standing Committee.

**Item No:7.2:**            **To note the Action Taken Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015.**

**Decision:**            The Standing Committee noted the actions taken pursuant to the last meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs. It was informed to the Committee that the Teaching Group headed by Prof. S.K. Sarangi, Former Director, NIT, Rourkela, did not submit its recommendations. Moreover, his tenure as the Director of NIT, Rourkela is over. The Standing Committee, therefore, decided to constitute a new Committee with Prof. G.R.C. Reddy, Director (I/c), NIT, Warangal as Chairperson and Directors of the NITs located at Rourkela, Agartala, Nagpur and Tiruchirappalli as Members of the Committee. The Committee was requested to come up with its report by 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

The following facts were also brought to the notice of the Standing Committee:

- a) The Council of NITs in its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting had constituted a Research Pathway Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vijay Thadani to suggest a research pathway for the NITs. The Committee is yet to submit its recommendations.
- b) The Committee on Choice Based Credit System under the Chairmanship of Prof. D.B. Phatak was constituted in the last meeting of the Council of NITs. The Committee is yet to submit its recommendations.
- c) A Curricula Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Saraswat was constituted in the last meeting of the Council of NITs. The Committee is yet to submit its recommendations.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee suggested that a reminder letter be sent to the Chairpersons of the above Committees to request them to submit their recommendations by 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

**Item No:7.3: To consider framing of guidelines for proper utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) for research activities.**

**Decision:** In view of the audit objections which were mainly pertaining to purchase of laptops, computers and peripherals as contingent items, the Council of NITs had entrusted the Standing Committee to frame CPDA guidelines. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee proposed a set of guidelines in this respect.

The guidelines were deliberated in the meeting and it was decided that the same be circulated amongst the Directors of all NITs and the Integrated Finance Division of the MHRD, who would be requested to submit their suggestions / comments within 15 days. The same will be forwarded to the Chairperson of Standing Committee who will finalize the recommendation and the same will be submitted to MHRD by 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

**Item No.7.4: To consider framing of guidelines for utilization of consultancy fee**

**Decision:** The Office of Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) during audit of the accounts of one of the NITs has observed that a large part of the consultancy fee has been distributed amongst the staff of NITs despite the fact that there are no guidelines of Government of India / MHRD regarding distribution of consultancy fee amongst the staff. Considering this, the Council of NITs had decided to entrust the task of looking into the matter to the Standing Committee.

Prof. (Mrs.) Geetha Bali, Chairperson, apprised the Standing Committee that tentative guidelines have been prepared which comprise the following broad contours: -

- (i) Consultancy with laboratory equipment; and
- (ii) Consultancy without laboratory equipment

Distribution of consultancy fee:

Consultancy with laboratory equipment – 50% goes to the Institution and 50% to the staff.

Consultancy without laboratory equipment – 40% goes to the Institute and 60% to the staff.

The Standing Committee discussed the guidelines prepared by the Chairperson. The Committee opined that the guidelines, which are being followed in the IITs be also looked at and consolidated guidelines, may be prepared. The Committee requested Prof. Ajay Sharma, Director, NIT, Delhi to put up draft guidelines to the Chairperson by 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 and the same will be subsequently circulated amongst all NITs and the Integrated Finance Division of the MHRD to give their comments, which may be considered for incorporation in the guidelines. The Chairperson was authorized to finalize the guidelines and submit the same to MHRD for further necessary action.

**Item No.7.5: To consider the report of the Oversight Committee constituted to make recommendations on pay anomalies of non-teaching staff in NITs.**

**Decision:** It was decided that the recommendations of the Oversight Committee would be circulated among all NITs and they will

be requested to give their opinion / comments within 15 days. This activity will be carried out by Prof. Ajay Sharma, Director, NIT, Delhi. He will submit the final recommendations to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee.

**Item No.7.6: To consider review of Merit Scholarship Scheme in NITs.**

**Decision:** The matter was discussed in detail. The Directors of NITs felt that due to the recent exemptions related to fee payment, the IRG of the Institutions has taken a massive hit. Moreover, on account of the huge gap in Grants-in-Aid between the requirements of the Institutes and that disbursed by MHRD, it would be more appropriate, if the receipts from CSAB were utilized for development of the Institutes rather than on the Merit Scholarship Scheme.

The Standing Committee recommended scrapping the Merit Scholarship Scheme in the NITs.

**Item No.7.7: Any other Agenda Item with the permission of the Chair.**

**Decision:** (1) The Board of Governors, NIT, Jamshedpur has constituted a External Review Committee for peer level review of the Institute as per instructions of the Council of NITs. The same was put up for ratification. The Standing Committee ratified the same.

(2) A matter was raised regarding 4 - Tier Flexible Faculty Structure being unable to address a few issues of faculty members in various NITs. Director (NITs) informed that with regard to the 4 - Tier Flexible Faculty Structure, a few cases are pending in various Courts including the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India; therefore, the matter is sub-judice. However, the Chairperson was of the opinion that discussions may be initiated for addressing the concerns of the NITs. It was decided that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Asok De, Director, NIT, Patna may be constituted with the following members: -

- (i) Dr. Ajay K. Sharma, Director, NIT, Delhi.
- (ii) Dr. N.S. Chaudhari, Director, VNIT, Nagpur.
- (iii) Dr. V. Ramachandran, Director, NIT, Nagaland.
- (iv) Dr. Sivaji Chakravorti, Director, NIT, Calicut.
- (v) Dr. Rajeev Tripathi, Director, MNNIT, Allahabad.

(vi) Dr. (Mrs.) Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli.

The Terms of Reference of the Committee would be to deliberate upon the difficulties being faced by various NITs in the implementation of the existing 4 - Tier Flexible Faculty Structure and submit its recommendations.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## ANNEXURE

### 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF NITs HELD ON 23.11.2016 (WEDNESDAY) AT CONFERENCE HALL, MINISTRY OF HRD, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

#### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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15.	Dr. Ajay K. Sharma, Director, NIT – Delhi (Special Invitee).
16.	Shri Sanjeev K Sharma, Director [NITs], Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD.

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