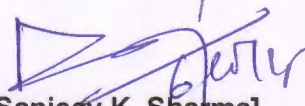


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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
dated, the 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

**Subject:- Minutes of the 6<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 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development on Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. in the Conference Hall, Central Secretariat Library, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, for your information and comments, if any.

  
[Sanjeev K. Sharma]  
Director (NITs)

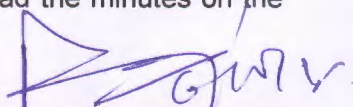
Encl.: as above.

**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. Sivaji Chakravorti, Director, NIT – Calicut.
- (vii) Prof. Tarkeshwar Kumar, Director, NIT – Durgapur.
- (viii) Dr. Ajay K. Sharma, Director, NIT – Delhi.
- (ix) Dr. G.R.C. Reddy, Director, NIT – Goa.
- (x) Prof. Rajnish Shrivastava, Director, NIT – Hamirpur.
- (xi) Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT – Jaipur.
- (xii) Prof. S.V. Raghavan, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to Govt. of India.
- (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) Prof. Sunil Kumar Sarangi, Director, NIT – Rourkela.
- (xvii) Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Additional Secretary (TE), Ministry of HRD.
- (xviii) 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.

  
[Sanjeev K. Sharma]  
Director (NITs)

**MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF  
THE COUNCIL OF NITs HELD ON 22.09.2015 (TUESDAY)  
AT CONFERENCE HALL, CSL, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.**

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development at 3.00 P.M. on 22.09.2015 in the Conference Hall of the Central Secretariat Library, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. A list of participants is placed at **Annexure.**

Secretary (HE), MHRD welcomed the participants and members of the Committee. Additional Secretary (TE), Department of Higher Education briefed the house and impending agenda items for the meeting. Thereafter the individual agenda items were taken up for discussion and decision.

**Item No:6.1:**        **To confirm the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs held on 09.06.2015.**

**Decision:**        The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held on 09.06.2015 were circulated among all the members of the Standing Committee on 16.06.2015. As no comments were received, the Standing Committee confirmed the minutes.

**Item No:6.2:**        **To note the Action Taken Report of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs held on 09.06.2015.**

**Decision:**        The Standing Committee noted the actions taken pursuant to the last meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs.

**Item No:6.3:**        **To consider the report of the Committee constituted to review the admission / eligibility criteria of Joint Entrance Examination (Main) for admissions in NITs/CFTIs.**

**Decision:**        The Standing Committee of the Council of NITs deliberated on the recommendations of the Committee constituted to review the admission / eligibility criteria

under Joint Entrance Examination (Main) for admissions in NITs / CFTIs. The House deliberated the recommendations of the Review Committee. It accepted the recommendations with following additional recommendations:-

- (i) As common counseling has been put in place, hence, the students in all Institutions covered under above counseling viz. IITs + System and NITs + System should be admitted on the basis of ranks secured by students in JEE (Advanced).
- (ii) It was also decided that qualifying criteria for admissions to NITs should also be same as that of admissions in IITs, which is as under:-

The candidate is within the category-wise top 20 percentile of successful candidates in his/her/its respective class XII (or equivalent) examination

or

The candidate has secured 75% (for Gen or OBC-NCL) or 70% (SC, ST or PwD) of aggregate marks in the Class XII (or equivalent) examination.

**Item No.6.4: To consider the recommendations of the Sub-Committees constituted by the Standing Committee of Council of NITs in its last meeting held on 09.06.2015.**

**Decision:** Out of the Four Sub-Committees constituted by the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs in its last meeting, three Sub-Committees on Governance, E-Governance and Research placed their reports before the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs for consideration.

The Sub-Committee constituted to study the recommendations on Teaching in NITs did not submit its report.

The Chairman of the respective Committee has also made power point presentations before the Standing Committee. Based on the discussions held, the Sub-Committee wise decision of the Standing Committee is as under:-

## **Governance**

Dr. Ajay K. Sharma, Member, Governance Sub-Committee appraised the Committee about the suggestions of its Committee on Governance. The Standing Committee after going through the report resolved to accept the suggestions of the Governance Sub-Committee. There was no unanimity on common recruitment policy and awards at the Council of NITs level. Hence, the same were dropped from the recommendations of Governance Sub-Committee.

The modifications proposed in the First Statutes were also discussed in detailed and it was decided to seek comments of the Directors of NITs. It was decided to request Directors to give their comments by Monday so that the same could be placed before the Council of NITs in the ensuing meeting.

## **E-Governance**

The Standing Committee of the Council of NITs accepted most of the suggestions and agreed upon updation of database on the iCloud, which would be hosted by NIT-Delhi. As resolved, NIT – Delhi will submit cost estimates for the same and will present it in Council of NITs meeting.

## **Research**

Prof. I.K. Bhat, Chairman, Research Sub-Committee appraised the suggestions of its group based on the recommendations of the Kakodkar Committee. The Standing Committee after going through the report decided that the Kakodkar Committee recommendations needs to be categorized in short, medium and long term recommendations. It was also resolved that all the NITs should review their status of research facilities and accordingly make their research plan. The suggestion of DG, CSIR for NIT-CSIR Partnership was also welcomed.

It was observed that recommendations of the Committee lack implementing aspects. It was requested that the Sub-Committee on Research should include implementation aspects and bring out the same in next Standing Committee of the Council of NITs meeting.

**Item No.6.5:** **To consider the report of the Committee constituted to make recommendations on implementation of Choice Based Credit System in NITs.**

**Decision:** The recommendations of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) Committee mentioned that the choice based credit system provides a lot of flexibility to the student, for learning at his/her own pace (within the maximum time limit of the programme). The slow learner can take up courses in 'Slow-pace'. In this system, the students are also facilitated to take up additional courses (both within the discipline and interdisciplinary) along with the required ones, and acquire more than the required credits.

The salient features of the system were briefed by the Chairman of CBCS. It was decided that the recommendations of the CBCS may be sent to all NITs for their consideration.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## ANNEXURE

### 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF NITS HELD ON 22.09.2015 (TUESDAY) AT CONFERENCE HALL, CSL, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

#### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Standing Committee Members</b>
1.	Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2.	Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Additional Secretary (TE), Ministry of HRD and Member Secretary, Standing Committee of the Council of NITs
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15.	Dr. S. Sundarajan, Director, NIT – Tiruchirappalli.
16.	Dr. N. S. Chaudhari, Director, VNIT – Nagpur.
17.	Dr. Asok De, Director, NIT – Patna.
18.	Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, Professor (CSE), IIIT – Delhi.
19.	Shri Sanjeev K. Kumar, Director (NITs), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD.
20.	Shri Rajesh Singh, Director (IFD), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD.

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