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Subject:- Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Council of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held at 10:30 A.M. on 28th June, 2011 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development on 28th June, 2011 (Tuesday) at 10:30 A.M. at Gulmohar, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi for your information and comments, if any.



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To

The Members of the Council of NITs
(as per list attached)

Copy to:- The Chairperson, Board of Governors of 10 new National Institutes of Technology (NITs).

**MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY
HELD AT 10.30 AM ON 28TH JUNE, 2011
AT INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, NEW DELHI**

The 2nd meeting of the Council of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development. The list of participants is enclosed as Annexure.

2. The Hon'ble HRM welcomed all the members of the NIT Council. He expressed his dissatisfaction that the NIT Council meeting was being held after a gap of more than 1½ years (last meeting held in October, 2009). He directed that in future, there must be at least three meetings in a year. The next meeting of the Council of NITs would be held on 15-11-2011.

Item No. 2.1: To confirm the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Council of NITs held on 21.10.2009 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

The Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Council held on 21.10.2009 were confirmed.

Item No. 2.2: To report action taken on the Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Council of NITs held on 21.10.2009.

1.7 The Council noted the recommendations of the Committee under Dr. P K Bose of NIT-Agartala on Examination Reforms. The Chairman mentioned about the Ramasami Committee on single exam for entry into engineering colleges giving weightage to school scores and it was decided that the recommendations would be considered by Ramasami Committee and would be dovetailed into it and presented in the IIT Council meeting scheduled on 16th September 2011.

1.10 Prof. Sancheti, Director, NITK-Surathkal (& Chairman, CCB-2011) made a presentation on the report of the Curriculum and Academic Reforms Committee constituted by the Council in its 1st meeting. He informed that the two major domains of curriculum and academics had been covered in the report. It was decided that the report would be considered by the NIT Standing Committee already constituted under Dr. R A Mashelkar.

The Chairman pointed towards closer working not only between IITs and NITs, but also with the research institutions with the aim of producing larger number of quality PhDs, engaging in jointly guided PhDs, appointing adjunct faculty, and encouraging best practices. It was also decided that IITs and NITs should meet once in a year in a joint conclave where a mutually drawn up agenda would be discussed. The first such meeting will be facilitated by MHRD and held within this financial year, wherein research institutions could also be invited. The Chairman also clarified that NKN facilities would be extended to NITs on the same terms as are available to IITs. In a nutshell, he insisted on greater autonomy to be provided to NITs and as they match up in quality and practice with the IITs, similar yardstick in autonomy must be provided to NITs as well.

Secretary (HE) mentioned that she had discussions with Secretary, Department of Science & Technology on the issue of dual appointments between the Institutions under Department of Science & Technology and MHRD. A joint proposal of DST and MHRD is being prepared and the same would be presented in the next meeting of the Council.

1.12 Special Secretary (TE) informed that the Standing Committee on NITs under Dr. Mashelkar has already been constituted and the formation of various Special Committees is under process. The 'Vision' documents of all the Institutes have been received in MHRD and the same would be placed before the Standing Committee of the Council.

1.13 The Council noted that the NIT Secretariat would be set up shortly, as decided in the first meeting of NIT Council. A separate agenda item was being brought before this meeting.

Item No.2.3: To report the changes in the Membership of the Council of NITs.

The Council welcomed the new members of the Council and placed on record its appreciation for the services rendered by the outgoing members.

Item No. 2.4: Authorizing officials from IFD (MHRD) and CPWD/State PWD to attend the meetings of the Building & Works Committee of the NITs as 'Special Invitees'.

The Council noted and approved the nomination of members of CPWD/ State PWD Officers (Civil & Electrical Wing) to attend the meetings of the Building & Works Committees of the NITs as 'Special Invitees' as conveyed through the administrative instructions issued vide this Ministry's letter No. F.23-

14/2010-TS.III dated 23rd August, 2010. However, nomination of members from MHRD to Building & Works Committee was not agreed to. Amendments if any required in the Statutes may be done.

Item No. 2.5: Committee set up to examine the status of the Physical Education Personnel (and other allied issues) of the NITs - Status Report.

The Council noted that a Committee constituted by MHRD with the approval of Secretary (HE) to examine the status of the Physical Education Personnel of the NITs under the Chairmanship of Director, NITK-Surathkal, would submit its report by September 2011.

Chairperson, BoG, NIT Kurukshetra, mentioned that some of the Physical Education personnel had filed writ petitions in the Hon'ble High Court and the matter is pending and pointed out that this issue may be taken note of while finalizing the report.

Item No. 2.6: The National Institutes of Technology Act (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

The Council noted the status report of the National Institutes of Technology Act (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

Item No. 2.7: Progress of the ten new NITs.

The Special Secretary informed that the progress with regard to the establishment of 10 new NITs is far from satisfactory, so much so that it has not yet been possible to establish the temporary campuses in all places. The Council, after detailed discussion, resolved to shift the NITs from the mentor Institute to the State where it has been sanctioned as in the case of Delhi, Mizoram, Nagaland and Meghalaya. Similarly, the permanent campus sites for all the 10 NITs must be finalized [defaulters: all except Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Puducherry (partly)].

The Chairman desired that a meeting be held in MHRD within a fortnight with the State Governments and Directors of NITs to resolve the above issues and to report the situation to him.

On the faculty recruitment front, it was decided that only contractual appointment should be offered to the non-PhD candidates. Such candidates shall have to acquire a PhD within a specified period in order to be regularized. If they are unable to do so, their appointment should be terminated.



The Chairman appreciated the view of one of the Directors that contractual appointment could be made based on amount as worked out on regular pay scale, as long as their performance is satisfactory.

It was also resolved that the Standing Committee of NITs under Dr. Mashelkar may be asked to examine the report on uniform Recruitment Rules which is to be submitted by the Sarangi Committee for the faculty posts and Promotion Rules so that the teaching work should not suffer due to shortage of faculty members in NITs.

Item No. 2.8: Cadre structure of Non-faculty posts of National Institutes of Technology (NITs)

It was pointed out by Special Secretary (TE) that proposals are being received from NITs duly passed by their respective BoG. MHRD has already finalized the cadre structure of non-faculty posts with respect to NITs at Rourkela and Bhopal. Others would be finalized on priority. The Chairman asked the Chairpersons of the remaining NITs to send their proposals at the earliest, as this matter must be resolved in a month's time.

Some of the members pointed out that the issue of mapping of scales of pay (of REC regime) of the non-faculty staff with the new scales of pay in NIT regime is a serious problem. Director (Finance), MHRD stated that most of these cases had been solved. He advised that if there were more such cases, the same may be referred to the Ministry.

It was observed that in REC system, there were a lot of Group C and Group D non-technical staff members. Due to this, there is an extreme shortfall in 'Technical' and 'Officers' cadre. The Chairman was of the opinion that the Ministry should not take into consideration these lopsided figures of non-technical personnel while calculating the entitlement of Technical Staff and Officers cadre just as it was decided in the case of IITs by their Council. Legacy issues must be kept aside while working out the staff ratios.

Regarding the problem of contract employees working since long, the Council expressed that it is not possible to regularize them without availability of regular posts and fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

Item No. 2.9: Pension Scheme for the employees of three NITs i.e. NIT, Kurukshetra, NIT, Silchar and NIT, Jalandhar.

Some of the members pointed out that the three NITs (Jalandhar, Kurukshetra and Silchar) are covered under the NIT Act, 2007 and the First Statute (Statute No. 29), and like 17 other NITs, must be entitled to pension.



The Chairman informed that the matter had been referred to Ministry of Finance thrice, but has not been agreed to. The Chairman agreed to send it again to Finance Ministry for its consideration.

Item No. 2.10: Setting up of Secretariat of the Council of NITs.

Special Secretary (TE) informed that the Secretariat of the Council of NITs will be fully functional by December 2011. It was requested that the Secretariat should have staff structure which would take responsibility of maintaining the records and undertake all such activities as required under the NIT Act. It was also decided that an additional building of the NIT Transit House, which has already been requisitioned, may be put to service immediately due to the requirements of additional NITs and it should also house the office of the Council. The Committee of Directors looking after the affairs of NIT Transit House should submit the requirement of the staff required for the Secretariat of the Council.

Item No.2.11: Centralized Counselling for admissions of students in post-graduate programmes in NITs.

The Chairman approved a Committee to strengthen the system of centralized MTech admissions and also to promote participation of all NITs in the process of centralized counselling for admissions of students in post-graduate programmes in NITs. Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT-Jaipur, was nominated to chair this Committee. Orders in this regard would be issued by MHRD / Council Secretariat.

Item No.2.12: Central Counselling for admissions in under-graduate programme in NITs.

Director, NITK-Surathkal, presented the report on the admission process of CCB for the current year.

The Council approved the constitution of a separate and an independent counselling board for NITs and Centrally-funded Technical Institutions.

Item No. 2.13: Reservation of seats for students in the NITs set up in tribal areas under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution of India and amendment in the CEI (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006.

The Council noted that the MHRD has initiated necessary measures to address the problems in respect of admission of students under the State-



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quota seats being faced by the Centrally-funded Institutions situation in areas referred under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution of India. The Council was also intimated that it is expected that the problem of all such institutions in the NE States in this regard will be resolved by the end of this year through amendments in the CEI (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006.

Item No.2.14: Amendment of the NIT Act, 2007 for providing power to the Ministry to amend the Statutes.

The Council approved the proposal authorizing MHRD to initiate the amendments in the NIT Act, 2007 for amending the First Statutes of the NITs. MHRD may prepare draft Bill for the amendment of the NIT Act, 2007 accordingly.

Item No.2.15: Proposal for enhancement in the tuition fees being charged by the NITs.

The Hon'ble HRM felt that tuition fees should be enhanced at par with that of the IITs from the academic year of 2012-13. The meritorious students who can not afford the higher tuition fees should be provided with scholarships/freeships. However, after detailed deliberations, it was resolved that this matter may be sent to the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs chaired by Dr. Mashelkar for a considered view.

Item No.2.16: Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA).

It was resolved that in order to admit quality students from abroad, exclusive on-line AIEEE entrance examination should be conducted by the CBSE for admission under DASA scheme. The enhanced fee was also ratified.

Item No.2.17: Proposal for raising the age limit of the Directors of NITs to 70 years in line with that of the Directors of IITs and Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities.

After discussions, the Council approved the proposal for raising the age limit of the Director of NITs to 70 years in line with that of the Directors of IITs and Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities.

Item No.2.18: Committee for framing of Recruitment Rules for Faculty positions in NITs.

Prof. S. Sarangi, Director (NIT-Rourkela) made a presentation on the Uniform RRs of the faculty posts that have been framed by the Committee which was constituted by HRD. The Council agreed with the salient features thereof



and advised that the report (to be submitted by the Committee) would be considered by the Ministry.

The Committee also looked into the anomalies which have arisen due to implementation of the recommendations of the 6th CPC & also on CAS matters. The reports submitted by the Committee would be looked into by the Ministry for a final decision in consultation with the Committee.

Item No.2.19: Review of NIT System.

The Council agreed that a review should be initiated in respect of the NIT System which has now existed for about 10 years. The Council requested Dr. Kakodkar to take up the review of the NITs as was done by his committee for IITs. The Hon'ble HRM authorized him to nominate members into the Committee as he deems fit.

Item No.2.20: Proposal for offering All-India quota seats in undergraduate admission in NITs only to students from outside the home State.

It was resolved that in order to maintain the national character of the NITs, the seats of all India quota in the NITs (i.e. 50% of the seats of NITs) is made available only to students from outside the home State.

Item No.2.21: Handing over of charge to In-charge Director.

It was brought out by many members present that the practice of handing over the charge of Director to the senior most faculty member of the Institute may not be in the best interest of the Institution.

It was approved by the Council that the practice as being followed by the IITs be followed. The acting Director is appointed by the Chairman of IIT Council (HRM), based on the recommendations of the Chairman of the BoG. If need be, necessary amendments could be made.

Item No.2.22: Scheme of award of Merit Scholarship to successful candidates out of AIEEE.

The Council of NITs authorized the Chairman to approve the scholarship scheme as would be worked out by the committee set up under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. Sancheti, Director, NITK-Surathkal, & Chairman, Central Counselling Board, 2011.



Item No.2.23: NITs to maintain All-India character of its faculty and non-faculty staff.

The Council approved the proposal as detailed in the agenda item regarding issuing of an advisory to all the NITs to take action to achieve a target of atleast 50% faculty and 25% non-faculty members from outside the home State.

Item No.2.24: Ratification of decisions taken by the Hon'ble HRM as Chairman of the Council by the Council of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs).

The Council ratified the various decisions taken by the Hon'ble HRM in his capacity as the Chairman of the Council of the NITs.

3. The Chairman thanked all the participants and offered special thanks to his Parliamentary colleagues.

4. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



**SECOND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY (NITs) HELD AT
10:30 A.M. ON 28.06.2011 (TUESDAY)
AT INDIA HABITAT CENTER (GULMOHAR), LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110 003**

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1.	SHRI KAPIL SIBAL Minister for Human Resource Development Chairman, Council of NITs
2.	SMT. VIBHA PURI DAS Secretary (Higher Education) Ministry of Human Resource Development Vice - Chairman, Council of NITs
3.	SHRI ASHOK THAKUR Special Secretary Ministry of Human Resource Development Member - Secretary, Council of NITs
4.	Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser Ministry of Human Resource Development [Represented by Director (Finance)]
5.	SHRI R.K. BANDYOPADHYAY Deputy Secretary (NITs) Department of Higher Education Ministry of Human Resource Development
6.	MS. MAMTA VERMA, Director (Media), Ministry of Human Resource Development
7.	PROF. P.J. KURIEN Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha
8.	SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE Member of Parliament Lok Sabha
9.	PROF. VED PRAKASH Chairman (I/C) University Grants Commission (UGC)
10.	DR. MAHESHAPPA Vice Chancellor Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum, Karnataka
11.	PROF. SWAPNA BANERJEE Department of Electronics & Electrical Communications Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
12.	PROF. P.N. SINGH Chairman, Board of Governors National Institute of Technology, Agartala
13.	SHRI A.N. SINGH Chairman, Board of Governors Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal



14.	DR. ANIL KAKODKAR Chairman, Board of Governors Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar
15.	PROF. J.K. PALIT Chairman, Board of Governors National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra
16.	PROF. S.K. JOSHI Chairman, Board of Governors Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur
17.	SHRI R.P. SINGH Chairman, Board of Governors National Institute of Technology, Patna
18.	SHRI VIJAY R. KIRLOSKAR Chairman, Board of Governors National Institute of Technology, Raipur
19.	SHRI B.S. SUDHIR CHANDRA Chairman, Board of Governors National Institute of Technology, Rourkela
20.	PROF. GAUTAM BARUA Chairman, Board of Governors National Institute of Technology, Silchar
21.	DR. J. NARAYANA DAS Chairman, Board of Governors Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat
22.	PROF. BULUSU LAKSHMANA DEEKSHATULU Chairman, Board of Governors National Institute of Technology, Warangal
23.	PROF. P.K. BOSE Director National Institute of Technology, Agartala
24.	PROF. PARTHASARTHI CHAKRABORTI Director Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad
25.	DR. R.P. SINGH Director (I/C) Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal
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27.	PROF. DEBIDAS GHOSH Director National Institute of Technology, Durgapur
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29.	PROF. I.K. BHAT Director Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur
30.	PROF. S.B.S. MISHRA Director (I/C) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar



31.	PROF. RAJNISH SHRIVASTAVA Director National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur
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34.	PROF. U.C. RAY Director National Institute of Technology, Patna
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