



भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur
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Minutes of the 2023-3/23rd Meeting of the Finance Committee of IISER Berhampur

The 23rd meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of IISER Berhampur (2023-3/23rd) was held in hybrid mode at 11:00 hr on Thursday, Aug 31, 2023. The following members were present during the meeting:

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| • Shri Sudhir Uttamlal Mehta, Chairman, Torrent Ltd. (online) | Chairperson |
| • Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur | Member |
| • Shri Priyank Chaturvedi, Dy Secretary (IISERs), DHE, MoE (online)
{represented Smt. Saumya Gupta, IAS, Joint Secretary (TE)} | Member |
| • Shri Anil Kumar, Director (Fin), IFD, DHE, MoE (online)
{represented Shri Sanjog Kapoor, JS & FA, DHE, MoE} | Member |
| • Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar and Secretary, FC of IISER Berhampur | Non-Member |

Professor Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar and Director, NISER Bhubaneswar couldn't attend the meeting due to preoccupation and leave of absence was granted.

1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 23rd Meeting of the FC of IISER Berhampur. After a brief introduction of all members and his opening remarks, he requested the Secretary, FC to present the agenda items.

2. Overview report of the Director, IISER Berhampur on the activities of the Institute

An overview report was presented by the Director. The FC was updated on the status of the construction of the permanent campus, the financial status of the Institute, and the status of the human resource (teaching and non-teaching). The overview report (enclosed herewith) was earlier shared with the FC.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2022-2/22nd meeting of the FC held on May 16, 2023

The FC has confirmed the Minutes of their 2022-2/22nd meeting held on May 16, 2023 as circulated and in view of the fact that no comments were offered by the members.

4. To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 2022-2/22nd meeting of the FC held on May 16, 2023

The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2022-2/22nd of the FC held on May 16, 2023, was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

5. To consider the Ratification of the items approved by the Chairperson

No such items.

6. To take on record the expenditure incurred towards the construction of the permanent campus and recommend its ratification by the BoG

The FC noted the following expenditure incurred towards the construction of the permanent campus since the last FC Meeting held on May 16, 2023:

Date	Particulars	Amount (₹ in crore)
16.05.2023	Expenditure as on the last FC meeting day	629.14
07.06.2023	To CPWD for construction works (RA-30)	3.40
25.07.2023	To Gupta Power Infrastructure Ltd (Electrical)	0.75
25.07.2023	To Gupta Power Infrastructure Ltd (Civil)	1.45
08.08.2023	To CPWD for construction works (RA-31)	5.00
	Total	639.74

Sri Anil Kumar suggested to mention whether the expenditure is within the sanction limit or not. The Institute clarified that the expenditure is in the sanctioned limit. The same is noted for incorporating in the future agenda.

7. **To consider and recommend to the BoG for adoption of Gazette Notification No. 271 dated July 18, 2018 issued by the Gazette of India regarding grant of benefit of three non-compounded increment fixed at increment applicable at entry level in respect of persons in the post of Assistant Librarian/ College Librarian for acquiring PhD degree.**

As the agenda item was put up in the previous FC meetings and as per its resolution, the Institute clarified that the recruitment rules of Librarian Cadre posts are as per the UGC norms which has been adopted for implementation by MoE for Library cadre. Further, the revised pay and other benefits are allowed as per the *MHRD Letter no. 1-32/2006-U.II/U.I(i) dated Dec 31, 2008* conforms the subject provision.

The FC considered and recommended to the BoG for grant of three non-compounded increments to the Assistant Librarian as admissible under the rules.

8. **To consider and recommend to the BoG for taking up case with the Ministry for grant of additional sanction under recurring expenditure (OH-31)**

The agenda item was discussed at length. The FC considered and resolved that the Institute should come up with a proposal in the next FC meeting mentioning the required amount under OH-31 after proper assessment.

9. **To consider and recommend to the BoG for approval of delegation of powers defining terms and terminologies, administrative hierarchy, Head of Office, DDOs, reporting hierarchy, authorities on administrative matters, general principles of financial matters, delegation of financial power and research and development project management.**

The FC recommended to the BoG for approval of the delegation of powers with the following amendments in the draft document:

Section 3(ii)(3): Annual budget to be reported to the FC in the next meeting.

Section 3(ii)(4): Re-appropriation of funds within the same Object Head only and the same for inter-head is not allowed.

Section 3(ii)(5): Writing-off of "Bad Debt" should be reported to the BoG through FC.

10. **To consider and recommend to the BoG for approval of the Faculty Career Advancement Scheme (FCAS) of IISER Berhampur**

The "Faculty Career Advancement Scheme" proposal was discussed at length. The Director stated that the proposed scheme ensures that there is no dilution of quality compared to those candidates selected through direct recruitment at later entry as same evaluation methodologies as adopted for direct recruitment will also be followed in the proposed scheme. It is also stated that no vacant posts are required since it is a career progression scheme. Further, the scheme doesn't require additional fund as the present incumbents are holding flexi cadre posts which can be operated at the higher level which was approved at the time of creation of the posts. The provision of the reservation as per the instructions of the Govt. of India as applicable will also be strictly followed. Similar schemes are also operational in other IISERs.

The Chairperson endorsed the justification of the Institute as mentioned above and strongly recommends the same. The IFD representative from the MoE has suggested that the proposal may be forwarded to the MOE after due recommendation of the BoG.

The FC recommended the proposal to the BoG to consider taking up the same with the Ministry for approval.

11. **To consider and recommend to the BoG to adopt the revision of emoluments and guidelines on service conditions for research personnel engaged in R&D programme of the Central Government Departments/ Agencies**

The above proposal was discussed. Sri Anil Kumar stated that as the aforesaid revision was issued by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Education is in process of extending the benefits to the autonomous bodies under its umbrella. He further said that there will be a notification regarding the same from the MoE shortly. The FC advised the Institute to wait for the same.

12. **To take on record and recommend to the BoG for ratification of the minutes of the 15th B&WC meeting held on May 15, 2023**

The FC noted the same and recommended to the BoG for its ratification.

13. **To consider and recommend to the BoG for approval for increase in total project cost & plinth area in construction of IISER Berhampur**

The Institute presented that AA&ES for excess amount of ₹ 71.48 Cr was given to the CPWD and other agencies for the construction related works against the cabinet sanction of ₹ 773.76 Cr. Further, the plinth area 1,35,833 sqm was tendered against the sanction of 1,17,000 sqm. During the construction the area further increased to 1,38,000 sqm. The matter was discussed in the 15th meeting of the B&WC held on May 15, 2023.

The Institute clarified that the expenditure on other heads (Equipment, Furnishing, ICT infrastructure cost) are within sanctioned limits.


The suggestion of the B&WC (held recently on Aug 18 & 23, 2023) to consider curtailing plinth area of some planned buildings (residential quarters Block -V) was put up for discussion.

The FC resolved that a proposal for such increase in plinth area and cost of construction should be examined by a committee comprising of some of the members of B&WC and others. The same with justification may be forwarded to the Ministry.

14. **To consider and recommend to the BoG for ratification of provisional extension of time to M/s Gupta Power Infrastructure Limited for 33 KV work**

The FC considered the proposal and recommended to the BoG for ratification of provisional Extension of Time (EoT) till October 15, 2023 (as against the proposed Sept. 30, 2023 due to anticipation of more delay from CPWD side) to M/s Gupta Power Infrastructure Limited for 33KV power supply work.

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



(Pradeep Kumar Ray)
Registrar and Secretary, FC



(Ashok Kumar Ganguli)
Director

Minutes Approved



(Chairperson, FC)