

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON  
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2010 IN UGC OFFICE,  
NEW DELHI**

The 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 in UGC office, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat  
Chairman  
UGC, New Delhi
2. Prof. M.M. Sharma  
3, Jaswant Baugh (Runwal Park)  
Behind Akbarallys  
V.N. Purav Marg, Chembur Naka  
Mumbai – 400 071
3. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta  
National Research Professor and  
Lilly-Jubilant Chair  
School of Chemistry  
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4. Prof. P. Rama Rao  
Flat No. 301,  
Naimisum, Plot No.22,  
Tri Nagar Colony,  
Hyderabad - 500 073
5. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan  
#5, 1st Main Road,  
Nehru Nagar, Adyar,  
Chennai - 600 020
6. Prof. Kota Harinarayan  
Raja Ramana Fellow  
Structure Division  
National Aerospace Laboratories  
Bangalore-560 017.

7. Dr. P. Prakash  
Additional Secretary  
UGC, New Delhi
8. Ms. Parbati Bose  
Under Secretary, UGC

Prof. R.P.Gandhi ,National Co-ordinator, Prof.(Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Co-ordinator and Mr. A.N. Sharma, Consultant attended the meeting as special invitee.

Prof. M.M. Sharma welcomed all the Members of the Committee and took up the agenda.

**Item No.1:- Confirmation of the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 03.05.2010 at UGC office, New Delhi**

The minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 03<sup>rd</sup> May, 2010 were confirmed with the following correction:

Under Item No.3 : “The Committee approved the revised budget estimates to the tune of Rs.162.60 lakhs instead of Rs.128.00 lakhs”

**Item No.2:- Action taken on the minutes**

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC.

**Item No.3:- Discussions with Prof. R.P. Gandhi and Prof. Sudesh Nangia regarding Faculty Recharge**

There has been delay in the execution of this very important programme under the Empowered Committee for various reasons, primarily out of many difficulties in the establishment of the cell despite the repeated efforts at all levels including Chairman, UGC, Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of JNU,

Additional Secretary ,UGC. This vital programme got delayed resulting in the functioning of Faculty Recharge Cell. In the light of the recent discussion between Chairman, UGC, Additional Secretary, UGC, Dr.P.Prakash ,Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor , JNU, it has now transpired and found prudent to make further progress in this vital programme that the operationalizing of the budget may be the office of the UGC utilizing the services of Mr. A.N. Sharma who has been appointed as Consultant for UGC-BSR Faculty Recharge Cell. To kick start this programme, the budget will be operated through the UGC and the expenses incurred by the JNU will be appropriately dealt with.

In view of aforementioned decision, the financial matter as detailed in the MoU signed between UGC-JNU is now redundant.

The National Co-ordinator will continue to exercise the authority vested in him with regard to the dealing of budget.

**Item No.4:- Discussions on “UGC-Senior Faculty Fellowship Scheme”**

The matter was discussed in detail and it was resolved that the UGC-Senior Faculty Fellowship will hereafter designated as “BSR-Faculty Fellow Scheme”. The details of scheme are given in Annexure-I.

**Item No.5:- Request of Dr.Rajesh Kumar Srivastava,PDF Harish Chandra Research Institute,Allahabad for Change of Mentor and Institute and extension of time.**

The Committee recommended that the request of Dr. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava may be forwarded to Prof.S.R.Gadre, National Co-ordinator for Necessary action.

**Item No.6:- Letter received from Principal, Pt.L.M.S.Govt.Post Graduate College, Rishikesh (Dehradun) regarding purchase of Electronic Lecterns,DLP Projectors,visualizes , computers and class room furniture etc.**

The Empowered Committee acceded to the request of the Principal, Pt.L.M.S.Govt.Post Graduate College, Rishikesh (Dehradun) for purchase of Electronic Lecterns,DLP Projectors, visualizes , computers and class room furniture etc.

**Item No.7: Discussions with Prof.S.S.Brahamchari , DG,CSIR regarding “Formal Linkages between University Departments and CSIR Labs.(minutes of the meeting held on 1stJuly , 2010 between Chairman , UGC and DG , CSIR ) and a letter from Mr.V.Umashankar ,Director (U) , M/HRD in this regard.**

In view of the fact that CSIR became an academy with an autonomous status of being confirmed as an university, the envisaged proposal of linkages may not be relevant.

**Item No.8: Budget of BSR**

The Budget could not discussed.

**Item No.9 Any other item**

The Committee further took the following decision under any other item:

1. The Committee discussed the letter received from “Prof.G.D.Yadav, Director of Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai “ regarding

increase in number of Masters fellowships, Integrated (Dual degree) Ph.D programme , Revision of M.Tech fellowships – cases of reduction in fellowships & Reinstatement of 19 Ph.D (tech.) fellowships and resolved that the matter does not come under the purview of Empowered Committee.

2. The list of names of some single girl child doing Ph.D under Meritorious Fellowship has been placed before the Empowered Committee for approval and Committee approved the same.
3. The Committee recommended that a letter may be send to all the Engineering & Technology SAP departments who have been released a grant of Rs.5.00 lakhs for Promotion of Research at undergraduate level and seek their response with regard to utilization of grant(s).
4. The Item No.3 of the Agenda of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 pertaining to consider one time grant to newly appointed faculty members and Professors who have created 15 Ph.Ds, will be discussed in the next meeting.
5. The Committee recommended the following Networking Centers / Winter-Summer Schools may be called for review in the next meeting to be held on August 26 ,2010.

1. JNU : Bio-Science
2. Hyderabad University : Chemistry
3. Calcutta University : Radio-Physics

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on August 26, 2010 at 10:30A.M in the UGC Office, New Delhi.

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