

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON  
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2009 AT 11.30 A.M. IN  
UGC OFFICE, NEW DELHI**

The 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 at 11.30 A.M. in UGC office, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. M.M. Sharma  
3, Jaswant Baugh (Runwal Park)  
Behind Akbarallys  
V.N. Purav Marg, Chembur Naka  
Mumbai – 400 071
2. Prof.Goverdhan Mehta  
Hon.Prof. & CSIR  
Bhatnagar Fellow  
Indian Institute of Science  
Bangalore - 560 012
3. Prof.P.Rama Rao  
Flat No. 301,  
Naimisum, Plot No.22,  
Tri Nagar Colony,  
Hyderabad - 500 073
4. Prof. Kota Harinarayan  
Raja Ramana Fellow  
Structure Division  
National Aerospace Laboratories  
Bangalore-560 017.
5. Prof.S.P.Thyagarajan  
#5, 1st Main Road,  
Nehru Nagar, Adyar,  
Chennai - 600 020
6. Prof. Ved Prakash  
Vice-Chairman  
UGC, New Delhi
7. Parbati Bose  
Under Secretary, UGC

Prof. S.K. Thorat, Chairman, UGC could not attend the meeting.

Prof. M.M. Sharma welcomed all the Members of the Committee and took up the agenda Items one-by-one:-

**Item No.1:- Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 at University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad**

The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 at University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad were confirmed.

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

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC. The Empowered Committee is greatly concerned about the unusual delay in the execution of the scheme of "Faculty Recharge". The Empowered Committee noted that the MoU with the JNU has still not been signed. Prof. Gandhi, who had graciously agreed to execute this exceptionally important scheme of great national importance, has waited for almost a year. The Empowered Committee now understands that Sh. Avias Ahmad has been appointed as an OSD by the JNU and therefore, his non-availability will further delay this scheme. The Empowered Committee requests the Chairman, UGC, to settle this matter with the JNU before end of March, 2009 so that the launch of the Scheme is not further delayed.

**Item No.3:- Ninth list of selected candidates for award of Post Doctoral Fellowships sent by Prof. S.R. Gadre.**

The Empowered Committee approved the ninth list of selected candidates for award of Post-Doctoral Fellowships sent by Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator. The copy of the list of selected candidates is enclosed at Annexure-I.

**Item No.4:- Discussions with regard to allocation of "Meritorious Fellowship" to DRS Departments.**

A letter may be sent to all the DRS Departments seeking information with regard to full-time Ph.Ds produced during last five years. If the number of Ph.Ds produced during last five years is more than 5 per year, the Empowered Committee will give due consideration for awarding more Fellowships.

**Item No.5:- Letter received from Prof. G.D. Yadav, Head, Department of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Technology, Matunga, Mumbai regarding guidelines for Networking Centre.**

The Committee noted the guidelines.

**Item No.6:- E-mail received from Prof. G.D. Yadav, Head, Department of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Technology, Matunga, Mumbai regarding HRA for GATE qualified candidates included in the Meritorious Fellowship under SAP.**

The GATE qualified candidates who are placed in higher Fellowship i.e. Rs.14,000/- p.m. will be entitled for HRA as per UGC norms apart from their Fellowship.

**Item No.7:- Statement of no. of Ph.Ds produced in Colleges with Potential for Excellence**

The Empowered Committee recommended that in case of Ph.Ds produced in Colleges with Potential for Excellence is 10 and above, an additional grant of Rs.50.00 lakh to the Colleges as a whole will be given for strengthening of Postgraduate teaching and research at M.Sc. level and some additional grant of Rs.30.00 lakh in case of those Colleges who have produced between 6-9 Ph.Ds during the last three years.

**Item No.8:- Revised proposal by University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh for establishment of UGC Networking/Winter-Summer School.**

The Empowered Committee approved the revised proposal of the University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh for Networking Centre/ Winter-Summer School with a budget of Rs.5.00 crore for five years.

**Item No.7:- Budget**

The Committee was satisfied with the proper utilization of the budget.

**Item No.8:- Any other item**

The Empowered Committee further recommended as under:

- (i) The Empowered Committee has noted the frequent changes in the Joint Secretary assigned to the Empowered Committee which has hampered its functioning; to start with the Empowered Committee had Dr. (Mrs.)

Renu Batra and then it had Dr.(Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal and finally Sh. A.K. Dogra. The Empowered Committee understands that yet another change is under consideration for assigning to the Empowered Committee and this is a matter of concern and a senior person, preferably the one dealing with SAP programme, may be assigned in case Sh. Dogra cannot be continued.

- (ii) The programmes of the Empowered Committee have been followed intensively and in process of this, it is necessary that the BSR Cell should be provided with STD facility on landline and Fax in the office and US(BSR) should be provided with mobile phone facility and if necessary, expenses may be charged from the budget of the Empowered Committee.
- (iii) Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman, Empowered Committee visited Karnatak University, Dharwad. A copy of the report of his visit is enclosed as Annexure-II.
- (iv) The Empowered Committee would like to hold its meeting later this year in North-East preferably in Guwahati.

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

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on May 11, 2009 at 11.30 A.M. in the UGC office, New Delhi.