

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 32<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON  
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2010 IN UGC  
OFFICE, NEW DELHI**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 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. Kota Harinarayan  
Raja Ramana Fellow  
Structure Division  
National Aerospace Laboratories  
Bangalore-560 017
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. Dr. P. Prakash  
Joint Secretary  
UGC, New Delhi

7. Ms. Parbati Bose  
Under Secretary, UGC

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 31<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 09.02.2010 at UGC office, New Delhi**

The minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 were confirmed.

**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**

After detailed discussions, the Empowered Committee approved the draft advertisement for "Operation Faculty Recharge" programme with some modifications as suggested. A copy of the revised draft is enclosed as Annexure.

**Item No.4:- Letter received from Dr. P. Gunasekaran, Coordinator Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai regarding renovation of Guest House**

The Committee approved as a special case that the renovation of guest house may be made within the allocated grant.

**Item No.5:- Letter received from the Principal, National Post Graduate College, Lucknow regarding utilization of infrastructure grant for purchase of LCD Projectors for five class rooms.**

The Committee approved.

**Item No.6: Letter received from the Principal, Barama College, Barama regarding financial grants for Infrastructural development**

The Empowered Committee regretted to recommend for financial assistance as the College does not fall under any of the models that have already been considered by Empowered Committee like CPE, Autonomous and NAAC Colleges. The Committee felt that the proposal cannot be considered for assistance under the scheme of “Basic Scientific Research in Indian Universities”.

**Item No.7: Budget**

The Committee expressed satisfaction with regard to the budget expenditure incurred during 2009-2010.

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

1. The Committee considered the letter received from the Department of Plant Molecular Biology, University of Delhi, Delhi for extension for utilization of grant of Rs.20.00 lakh for infrastructure development released during 2007-08 and as a special case, the Committee recommended that extension may be given upto 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 and no extension for further utilization of grant will be considered thereafter.
2. The Committee approved the list of Dr. D.S. Kothari PDFs for change of Mentor, etc.
3. A sum of Rs.20,000/- may be placed as imprest amount for the “Faculty Recharge Cell” to meet the day-to-day contingent expenses.

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on May 3, 2010 in the UGC office, New Delhi.

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