

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 37th MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER, 2010 IN UGC
OFFICE, NEW DELHI**

The 37th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 23rd November, 2010 in UGC office, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash
Vice-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
University of Hyderabad
Hyderabad-500046
Andhra Pradesh
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. Dr. P. Prakash
Additional Secretary
UGC, New Delhi
7. Ms. Parbati Bose
Under Secretary, UGC

Prof. P. Ramarao, Hyderabad could not attend the meeting.

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 invitees.

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 36th meeting held on 12.10.2010 at NCL, Pune

The minutes of the 36th meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 12th October, 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, National Coordinator, Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator and Mr. A.N. Sharma, Consultant regarding Faculty Recharge

The Committee approved the enclosed list of experts prepared by Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, Faculty Recharge Cell. The Committee also held detailed discussions with regard to the website and approved the same with some corrections to be incorporated.

Item No.4:- Request of Prof. Gadre for the extension of his tenure as National Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme

The Committee acceded to the request of Dr. Sridhar Gadre, National Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship scheme for extension of his tenure. In this regard, a letter has to be sent to the Director, IIT, Kanpur

(Prof. S.G. Dande) for continuation of his Coordinatorship in the University of Pune.

The Committee also approved the three-year budget proposal of Prof. Gadre.

Item No.5:- A letter received from Ministry of Science & Tech. Deptt. of Science and Technology regarding year 2011 declared as the “International Year of the Chemistry”.

Apropos letter of DST, Ministry of Science and Technology, the Empowered Committee considered the matter and recommended that a sum of Rs.1.00 lakh may be granted to all the Chemistry Departments of SAP/non-SAP and Colleges with Potential of Excellence (CPE) so as to facilitate for celebration of 2011 as the “**International Year of Chemistry**”. The academic celebrations details may be as under:

- (i) One or two lectures of experts from the neighboring institutions and colleges.
- (ii) Institutions may also conduct exhibition/competition on the topic “**Chemistry in our lives**” and one or two prizes (worth of Rs.2,500/-) may be accorded accordingly.
- (iii) The Departments having Networking Centres (ICT, Mumbai and Deptt. of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad) should organize two-three days workshop on “**Chemistry Day**” with participation of 25-50 faculty from 50 different colleges and 50 research students. A sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs may be granted to above two Departments. The central theme of the workshop is to popularize Chemistry and its active role in the

public life and its scientific-economic usage. The experts will be given an honorarium of Rs.2500/- for delivering lectures on the theme.

In this connection, a copy of the letter received from Ministry of Science & Technology (Deptt. of Science & Technology) may be enclosed for ready reference.

Item No.6: Budget of BSR

The Committee noted the budget of BSR.

Item No.7: Any other item

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

1. The Committee recommended that the third instalment @ Rs.10.00 lakhs each to the non-SAP Departments for development of infrastructure for strengthening the labs may be released subject to receipt of U.C. of second instalment grant.
2. The Committee recommended that those SAP Departments which have produced 15 Ph.Ds. during the last three years will be allocated five fellowships, those who have produced 30 Ph.Ds. will be allocated 10 fellowships and those who have produced 45 Ph.Ds. will be allocated 15 fellowships.

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on December 23, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad. The Coordinator of BSR-Network Centre Prof. Vasvaiah may be solicited for the same.

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