



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**  
**NEW DELHI**

***Minutes of the 50th meeting of the empowered committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 27th April, 2012 at 2:00 pm in “Faculty Recharge Programme” JNU, New Delhi.***

The 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **27<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 at 2:00** in “Faculty Recharge Programme” JNU, New Delhi. List of participants is at **ANNEXURE - I**.

At the outset Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Committee noted with appreciation that Maharashtra Government in an unusual way forward has granted status of elite Institute at par with IIT to University Institute of Chemical Technology (UICCT) which is one of the UGC Networking Centre and has been supported under various UGC-BSR Schemes

Prof. M.M. Sharma along with the members of Empowered Committee thanked Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator and Prof. (Mrs.) Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, “Faculty Recharge Programme”, JNU, New Delhi for hosting the meeting and making excellent arrangement.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

***Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 49th meeting held on***

**27<sup>rd</sup> March, 2012 at UGC Office, New Delhi.**

The minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 27<sup>rd</sup> March, 2012 at UGC, New Delhi were confirmed.

**Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes.**

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee.

**Item No. 3: Discussions with Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, and Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, regarding "Faculty Recharge Programme" and approval of the Selection Committee Meeting**

The National Coordinator, FRP, presented Minutes of Meeting of Selection Committee for faculty positions in Physics (under FRP), held from 21<sup>st</sup> - to - 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 and on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. The candidates (interviewees) related to Batches I & II with respective cut-off dates of applications as on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 and 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011. The Minutes were approved by the Empowered Committee.

**Item No. 4: Discussion on the Rules, Terms & Conditions and draft Tripartite MoA prepared by the Sub - Committee on Faculty Recharge Programme.**

The Empowered Committee deliberated on the draft "Service Rules for UGC- Faculty Recharge Programme", presented by the Prof. Thyagarajan Sub-Committee, and suggested certain modifications

to be incorporated into it.

The Empowered Committee suggested that Prof. S.P Thyagrajan, Prof. R.P. Gandhi and Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra may finalize the Service Rules for UGC Faculty Recharge Programme and Tripartite MoA based on the deliberation in the meeting and input received from UGC Legal Consultant.

They may also prepare a note on placement of faculty under Faculty Recharge Programme to different Universities for deliberation in the next meeting of Empowered Committee.

***Item No. 5: Discussion with Prof. Shridhar Gadre, National Coordinator for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme.***

Prof. Shridhar Gadre, National Coordinator, DSKPDF submitted the 34<sup>th</sup> list of selected candidates (Annexure-II) and 20<sup>th</sup> list of unsuccessful candidates (Annexure-III) for “Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship”, which was approved by the Empowered Committee.

The Empowered Committee approved the following sentences to be put on “Dr. D. S. Kothari Postdoctoral Fellowship” website.

“As per the decision of the Empowered Committee in its 49<sup>th</sup> meeting, age relaxation of 3 and 10 years respectively to OBC and physically handicapped candidates will be available. This will be implemented for applications received on/after May 1, 2012.

The Empowered Committee recommended that a DSKPDF can

change the mentor only after getting approval from “Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship” Cell at Pune and from UGC after obtaining consent of the old as well as the new mentor provided new mentor fulfill the conditions laid down in the guidelines.

The committee also approved closing of website for one month (June 01, 2012 to June 30, 2012) for server maintenance, processing of pending applications and system upgradation as well as back-up.

***Item No. 6: Letter received from Sh. R. D. Sahay, Joint Secretary, M/HRD regarding setting up Centers for Training and Research in Frontier Areas of Science and Technology***

The Empowered Committee considered and discussed the D.O letter No. 5-6/2008 TS.II dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2012 from Sh. R.D. Sahay, Joint Secretary, M/HRD addressed to Chairman, UGC.

The Committee noted that the above letter makes a reference to the Networking Centers approved by the Empowered Committee. As the Empowered Committee has followed a rigorous process for identifying the Departments in Universities suitable for functioning as Networking Centers in order to build high quality research capacity in university system as envisaged originally by M/HRD Task Force on strengthening of “Basic Science Research “. This process has involved the following steps:

- Inviting proposals from departments identified as Centers of Advanced Studies (CAS) under UGC Special Assistance Programme with continued track of high performance to the criterion led down by the Empowered Committee. The criterion, inter-alia, included meritorious track record in the concerned

discipline.

- Inviting shortlisted selected departments to make presentation before the Empowered Committee substantiating their credentials and spectrum of proposed activities.
- Final selection based on the acceptable responses to the above Steps.

Further, the Empowered Committee has adhered to the mandate of considering only proven UGC-CAS Departments of universities which are under the preview of the UGC and eligible for UGC funding under section 12(B) of UGC ACT 1956.

The committee also found that the list of Institutions enclosed with the aforesaid letter, majority of the institutions do not either confirm to the process followed by the Empowered Committee or are not eligible to receive the funds as they are not under the preview of UGC. Therefore, the Empowered Committee came to the conclusion that the recommendations of the committee referred in the letter of M/HRD does not satisfy the norms and procedures followed by Empowered Committee in selecting the UGC Net Working Centres.

The Committee therefore, decided that UGC may accordingly

convey the decision of Empowered Committee to M/HRD.

***Item No 7 : Letter received from Prof. P.K. Tandon, Department of Botany, University of Lucknow, Lucknow to attend International Conference out of the contingency grant of Rs.3.00 Lakhs p.a. under UGC- BSR Faculty Fellowship.***

The Committee did not accede to the request of Prof. P.K. Tandon, BSR Faculty Fellow to visit Canada for attending International Conference. The Committee further clarified that contingency grant cannot be utilized for international travel under both the schemes of “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship” and “One Time Grant.”

***Item No. 8: Request of Prof. G.D.Yadav, Director, ICT Mumbai regarding HRA for Non-Gate students under BSR scheme.***

The Empowered Committee took note of Commission decision taken in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 regarding revision of fellowship amount in respect of Research Fellows working and UGC Schemes of MRP and SAP decided that HRA may also be provided to BSR Meritorious Fellows w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2012 on the same terms and condition which are applicable to project fellows in SAP and MRP.

***Item No 9 : Regarding extension of tenure of Prof. S.R.Gadre as National Coordinator, “Dr. D.S.Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship”.***

The Empowered Committee noted decision taken in its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2010 regarding continuation of Prof. S.R Gadre at IIT, Kanpur. The Empowered Committee gave ex-post-facto approval for extension of tenure of Prof. S.R.Gadre as National

Coordinator, “Dr. D.S.Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship” w.e.f December, 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012. The Empowered Committee further approved the extension of tenure of Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, DSKPDF w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.

***Item No 10 : Lists of Candidates for “One-Time Grant” and “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships” recommended by Prof.S.P. Thyagarajan for approval by Empowered Committee.***

The Committee approved the lists of following candidates for “One-Time Grant” and “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships.”

***“One Time Grant”:-***

<b><i>Sr. No.</i></b>	<b><i>Name of Faculty</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the Department</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the University</i></b>
1	Dr. Keshavbhai C. Patel	Chemistry	Veer Narmad South Gujarat University Surat-395 007
2.	Dr. M. Lakshimi Narasu	Biotechnology	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad-85 (A.P.)
3.	Prof. N. P. Todaria	Forestry and Natural Resources	H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar
4.	Prof. Arif Ali	Biosciences	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi-25
5.	Dr. Chinta Sudhakar	Botany	Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur-515 003
6.	Prof. K.C. Kumara Swamy	Chemistry	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad-46 (A.P.)

7.	Prof. S.L. Kothari	Botany	University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (Rajasthan)
8.	Dr. R.K. Somashekar	Environmental Science	Bangalore University, Bangalore
9.	Prof. Dr. D. Sakthisekaran	Medical Biochemistry	University of Madras, Chennai-600 005
10.	N.C.Desai	Chemistry	Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar-2
11.	Dr. C. Suresh Reddy	Chemistry	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati-617502
12.	Dr. V. Krishna	Biotechnology and Bioinformatics	Kuvempu University, Shankarghatta, Karnataka

***“UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship”***

<b><i>Sr. No.</i></b>	<b><i>Name of Faculty</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the Department</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the University</i></b>
1	Dr. R. V. Singh	Chemistry	University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (Rajasthan)
2.	Dr. S. Perumal	Organic Chemistry	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai

***Item No 11 : Lists of Candidates for “Start Up Grant” as recommended by Prof.S.P. Thyagarajan for approval by Empowered Committee***

The Committee approved the list of following candidates for “Start-Up Grant to Newly Recruited Faculty”.

<b><i>S. No.</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the Candidate</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the Department</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the University</i></b>
1.	Dr. Prabhpreet Singh	Chemistry	Guru Nanak Dev University



2	Dr. Gagan Matta	Zoology and Environmental Science	Gurukul Kangari University
3	Dr. Ranjith N.Kumavath	Genomic Science	Central University of Kerala
4	Dr. Sachin Kumar	Applied Mathematics and Statistics	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
5	Dr Jay Shankar Singh	Environmental Microbiology	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
6	Dr. Govind Hanmantro Balde	Zoology	North Maharashtra university
7	Dr. Yogesh Joshi	Botany	Kumaum University, Nainital
8	Dr Soumendu Jana	Physics & Material Science	Thapar University, Patiala.
9	Dr. Himanshu S. Bariya	Biotechnology	Hemchand Acharya North Gujrat University
10	Dr. Vijay Raman Chaudhari	Chemical Technology	North Maharashtra University
11	Dr. Santosh Singh Thakur	Chemistry	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalya
12	Dr Felix Bast	Biosciences	Central University of Punjab
13	Dr. Gaurav Kaithwas	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University,Lucknow.3
14	Dr. Bejoy Shekhar Datta	Botany	University of Kalyani
15	Dr. Ramnaresh Bharagava	Environmental Microbiology	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
16	Dr. G. Nagamani	Mathematics	Gandhigram Rural Institute- Deemed University

17	Dr. Sudipta Sarkar	Biotechnology & Environmental Sciences	Thapar University, Patiala
18	Dr Dhanya M.S	Environmental Sciences	Central University of Punjab
19	Dr. Navneet Kaur	Organic Chemistry	Punjab University
20	Dr Shweta Rana nee shweta Bhandari	Chemistry	Panjab University
21	Dr. Sudhir Kumar Pandey	Botany	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
22	Dr. Md. Musawwer Khan	Chemistry	Aligarh Muslim University
23	Dr. Seema Rai	Zoology	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
24	Dr. Asamanja Chatteraj	Zoology	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
25	Dr. Ashok Jangid	Physics and Computer Science	Dayalbagh Educational Institute
26	Dr. Amjad Mumtaz Tahir	Chemistry	Aligarh Muslim University
27	Dr. Krishichayan	Pure and Applied Physics	Guru Ghasidas University
28	Dr. Chandrama P. Upadhyaya	Botany	Guru Ghasidas University
29	Dr. Satya Shila Singh	Botany	Guru Ghasidas University
30	Dr Neeraj Kumar	Computer Science & Engineering	Thapar University, Patiala
31	Dr. Subash Banerjee	Chemistry	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
32	Dr. Yogalakshmi K N	Environmental science and Technology	Central University of Punjab
33	Dr .S. A. Sankpal	Chemistry	Shivaji University
34	Dr Manoj Kumar	Computer Science	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University

35	Dr. Busi Siddhardha	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Pondicherry University
36	Dr. Ashish Verma	Radiodiagnosis & Imaging	Institute of Medical Sciences B.H.U.
37	Dr. Nirmal Prabhakar	Biochemistry	Panjab University
38	Dr. Birendra P. Singh	Petroleum Geology	Panjab University
39	Dr. Sharmili Jagtap	Microbiology	Pondicherry University
40	Dr. Vaishalia A. Sawant	Technology	Shivaji University
41	Dr. Bindia Arora	Physics	Guru Nanak Dev University
42	Dr. S.P. Nehra	Centre of Excellence for Energy & Environmental Studies	Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology

***Item No 12 : Budget of BSR***

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

***Item No 13 : Any Other Item***

The Empowered Committee further recommended as under:

- An Agenda be prepared for the “Faculty Recharge Programme” to be placed in the Commission Meeting.
- A list prepared for the PhD. produced out of the BSR Fellowships may be placed before the next Meeting of the Empowered Committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 1.00 P.M. in the Faculty Recharge Programme JNU, New Delhi. The meeting will be preceded by lunch from 12.00 P.M to 1.00 P.M

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

**Annexure I**

**List of Participants who attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> April,2012 in “Faculty Recharge Programme”, JNU, New Delhi**

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