



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 87th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on August 8th, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 87th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on ***August 8th, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.*** The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC |
| 2. | Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala | - | Member, EC |
| 3. | Prof. Vijay Bhatkar | - | Member, EC |
| 4. | Prof. Syed A. Bari | - | Member, EC |
| 5. | Prof. Dilip S. Joag | - | Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 6. | Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 7. | Mrs. Sunita Siwach | - | Joint Secretary (BSR) |
| 8. | Mrs. Paramjeet | - | Deputy Secretary (BSR) |
| 9. | Mrs. Neera Chopra | - | Section Officer (BSR) |

At the outset Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to 87th Meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

<i>Item No. 1</i>	:	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 86th meeting of Empowered Committee held on May 01st, 2018 in UGC Head office Delhi.</i> The minutes were confirmed.
<i>Item No. 2</i>	:	<i>Action taken on the Minutes.</i> The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 86 th meeting of the Empowered Committee.

<p>Item No 3</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Prof. D.S Joag, Assistant National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell regarding the progress of the scheme.</i></p> <p>The Committee approved the 77th list of recommended candidates and 62nd list of non-recommended candidates of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship. The Committee also approved the requests made by DSK Fellows regarding extension in joining and leave applied. It also approved the Referee Honorarium List No.22. The Committee has also decided that the subject experts/ referee can evaluate at the maximum 10 proposals under the scheme of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship.</p> <p>The Empowered Committee has decided to entrust selection of PDF scholars for SC/ST and women Candidates in Humanities and Social Sciences to the DSKPDF Cell. In this regard, the guidelines for functioning of schemes will be provided by the UGC to DSKPDF Cell.</p> <p>The Committee also enhanced 10% budget for the year 2016-2019 (which was already approved by the Committee in its 75th meeting under the scheme of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship. It was also decided that an honorarium of Rs. 500/ will be paid separately for evaluation of one report to the FRP report Reviewer.</p>
<p>Item No 4</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, FRPS Cell regarding (i) Mid Career Award, (ii) UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship & (iii) Start up Grant.</i></p> <p>The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes made by the National Coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.</p>

	<p>Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, FRPS Cell gave a brief about the number of awardees benefited from the above schemes being run by the FRPS cell since April, 2013.</p> <p>Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala while appreciating the good work of the Cell and impact of these schemes on research in basic science in Indian Universities, also discussed about the research outputs and benefits, which came out of these schemes. In this context, Prof. Samanta mentioned about the feedback received from the grant recipients by the Cell, which was presented in the 69th EC meeting. The committee requested Prof. Samanta to consider writing a paper highlighting the positive aspects of the Schemes indicating how these have impacted the research scenario in the University system.</p> <p>It was also decided to entrust the Research Award and Emeritus Fellowship Schemes to the FRPS Cell. The EC therefore recommended to engage an additional Coordinator separately for selection of candidates under Humanities and Social Sciences stream and also approved to hire additional staff. In this regard, the guidelines for functioning of schemes will be provided by the UGC to FRPS Cell.</p> <p>The Empowered Committee approved an additional allocation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12,00,000/- under recurring head of the FRPS budget of 2016-2019 (over and above the budget approved earlier).
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<p>Item No 5</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Review of the performance of faculty selected under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme and procedure for their promotion under CAS.</p> <p>The Empowered Committee noted that the review of performance of faculty selected in Cycle-I under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme have already begun. The Empowered Committee was apprised that the first step of filled in Self Appraisal (SA) Report including the confidential report by their respective HoD has been received in the UGC BSR Cell. Out of the 19 due for review, one FRP Candidate namely Dr. Jyothi Kumari was reported as no longer working. The remaining 18 Candidates have sent their Self Appraisal (SA) alongwith comments of HoD of 15 candidates (Cycle-I) due for review of performance under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme. Now, EC has suggested that DSKPDF Cell will now be entrusted with the evaluation of these reports as they already have a pool of experts. These SA reports will be sent to eminent subject experts (referees) for evaluation. These referees will grade the SA report of the UGC FRPs on the basis of the documentary evidence for the claims made in the SA report within two weeks grading on a scale of 1 to 5 along with few remarks.</p> <p>It was again brought to the notice of the Empowered Committee many FRP faculty mainly in state universities are facing problems at their workplace regarding a) delay in payment of salary, b) enrolment in CGHS & NPS, facilitating LTC claim and payment of permissible Allowances, c) Teaching Work Load particularly for UGC-Assistant Professors, d) Guidance of Ph.D. students to UGC-Assistant Professors and e) providing Basic infrastructure Facilities to UGC Faculties, i.e. office Room & Lab Space with Minimum required furniture, and internal etc. The Committee reiterated that the UGC faculty is entitled for all the benefits, facilities available to the permanent faculty of the university. The</p>
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		<p>host University shall ensure that UGC-FRP faculty will be provided the academic, administrative, co-curricular facilities (e.g. departmental transfer, work load, leave, health centre, NOC etc.) at par with the permanent faculty of the University. The decisions regarding day-to-day administrative/ academic matters pertaining to the UGC-FRP faculty lies with the host University only.</p> <p>The committee urged UGC to redress the grievances of the Faculty regarding salary etc. at the earliest and to expedite the release of salaries to the faculty for the financial year 2018-19 in advance to avoid hardship to the UGC-Faculty.</p>
<p>Item 5(i)</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><u>FRPs availing Fellowships:</u></p> <p>The Committee has recommended that candidates who have joined under UGC-FRP can avail fellowship after joining and in lieu of FRP Salary. The Committee however stuck to its earlier decision in its 73rd meeting that the selectees availing other fellowships need to resign from their fellowship before joining as UGC-faculty under the Faculty Recharge Programme.</p>
<p>Item 5(ii)</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><u>Study Leave</u></p> <p>It was brought to the notice of Empowered Committee the numerous requests for Study leave. The EC decided that the guidelines prescribed that Study leave may be granted after a minimum of three years in regular service. The head of the Institutions / universities on the recommendations of the Head of the department could grant study leave in accordance with rules of the host Universities / Institutions. Regarding the question of release of Leave Salary during the Study leave, the Committee decided that it could be granted to FRPs only on completion of first five year of tenure of his/her service. This meant FRP availing study leave can receive Scholarship/Fellowship / financial assistance in addition to the leave Salary at his/her host</p>

Item 5(iii)

institutions only after five years of service.

Change of host Universities

The Empowered Committee approved the request of following Candidates for change of host Universities (as per norms), the details are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the candidates	Placement	Revised Placement	Remarks
1.	Dr. Chandra Shekhar Pati Triparthi (Physics)	Univ. of Rajasthan	Banaras Hindu University	NoC have been received from both the Universities
2.	Dr. Alkendra Pratap Singh* (Physics)	Banaras Hindu University	University of Mumbai	Call for NoC
3.	Dr. Deepti Verma* (Chemical Sciences)	Magadh University	University of Allahabad	Call for NoC

***subject to the condition.**

Item 5(iv)**Revised Placement**

The Empowered Committee has also approved the request of following Candidates for revised placement / extension in joining (IV-Cycle), the details are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the candidates	Placement	Revised Placement
1.	Dr. Santhosh Kumar (Biological Sciences)	Tezpur University	Panjab University
2.	Dr. Tapan Kumar Nayak (Biological Sciences)	Univ. of Mumbai	Univ. of Hyderabad

<p>Item 5(v)</p>		<p><u>Extension in joining</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="469 248 1401 770"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th> <th>Name of the candidates</th> <th>Placement</th> <th>Extension upto</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Dr. Prafulla Kumar Sahoo (IIIrd Cycle)</td> <td>Central Univ. of Punjab</td> <td>December, 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Dr. Selvakumar Edwardraja (IV-Cycle)</td> <td>Pondicherry University</td> <td>17th Sept, 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Dr. Prem Prakash (IV-Cycle)</td> <td>Jamia Hamdard</td> <td>May, 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Dr. Reshmi Das (IV-cycle)</td> <td>Jadavpur University</td> <td>2nd Dec, 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Dr. Sivahari Prasad Gorantla</td> <td>University of Hyderabad</td> <td>15th Feb, 2018</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Empowered Committee has recommended the request of Dr. Poonam Mehta, UGC-Assistant Professor for condonation of expenditure incurred under budget head 'Equipment' of the Start up Grant under UGC-FRP. The Committee has also decided that the UGC-FRPs selected can utilize the Start up Grant on equipments as per their requirements under the scheme of UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme.</p>	Sl. No.	Name of the candidates	Placement	Extension upto	1.	Dr. Prafulla Kumar Sahoo (IIIrd Cycle)	Central Univ. of Punjab	December, 2018	2.	Dr. Selvakumar Edwardraja (IV-Cycle)	Pondicherry University	17 th Sept, 2018	3.	Dr. Prem Prakash (IV-Cycle)	Jamia Hamdard	May, 2019	4.	Dr. Reshmi Das (IV-cycle)	Jadavpur University	2 nd Dec, 2018	5.	Dr. Sivahari Prasad Gorantla	University of Hyderabad	15 th Feb, 2018
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<p>Item 5(vi)</p>		<p>Admissibility of 5 non-compounded increments</p> <p>In accordance with the new UGC regulations 2018, the provision of granting 5 non-compound increments as incentive to the newly recruited faculty possessing the degrees of Ph.D in pursuance to 7CPC is being revisited and is under consideration of UGC.</p>																								
<p>Item No 6</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Any other item</p> <p>i. The Empowered Committee has approved the request of Prof. P.K. Bhatnagar, BSR faculty fellow regarding extension of six months (finally) upto Feb, 2019 under the scheme of BSR-Faculty Fellowship. No further extension can be grant beyond Feb, 2019.</p>																								

		<p>ii. The Empowered Committee has approved the request of Dr. Dinesh Kumar Dahiya, DSKPDF regarding extension in joining upto 15th December, 2018 under the scheme of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship.</p> <p>iii. The Committee agreed to waive off the interest on an amount of Rs.13,73,129/- of Hansraj Mahila College, Jalandhar in respect of the infrastructure grant under CPE (College for Potential of Excellence). The amount spent by the College on unapproved items has now been refunded.</p>
Item No 7	:	<p>Budget of BSR:</p> <p>The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.</p>

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