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Subject:- Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Council of the National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) held on 18th July, 2018 (Wednesday) at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Council of the National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Department of Higher Education on **18th July, 2018 (Wednesday) at 3 P.M.** at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi for your kind information and comments, if any.


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- (i) PS to the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development.
- (ii) Sr. PPS to Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD.
- (iii) PS to Additional Secretary (TE), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD.
- (iv) The Director, MNIT, Jaipur – with a request to kindly have the minutes uploaded on the website of the Council.



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The Hon'ble Chairperson of the Council of National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) could not attend the meeting due to some unavoidable urgent circumstances. Therefore, the 11th meeting of the Council of National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (HE) in his capacity as the Vice-Chairperson of the Council of NITSER on 18th July, 2018 (Wednesday) at the India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The meeting was also attended by the Hon'ble MoS (HE) Dr. Satya Pal Singh. The list of participants is at **Annexure**. The Council granted leave of absence to the members who could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments or other compelling reasons.

2. In the opening remarks, Secretary (HE) welcomed the MoS (HE), Chairperson, AICTE, Chairperson, BoGs and Directors of NITs, IEST and IISERs who have been appointed recently and joined the NITSER Council as their first meeting. Then he stated that since IITs are developing themselves more as a research Institutions, the NITs should take the place being ceded by IITs. In this regard, the way forward is to develop the research culture and to create infrastructure facilities in a responsible manner. He also applauded the NITs for filling up vacant faculty posts to the tune of 1675 till date after the framing of new Recruitment Rules for faculties of NITs. He also applauded the performance of students from the NITs in Prime Minister Research Fellowship (PMRF). He also praised the excellent research works done by the IISERs and expressed satisfaction on completion of construction works in newly established IISERs.

3. The Council has taken up the agenda of IISERs first and the NITs & IEST, later. The decisions of the Council were as follows:

MATTERS OF IISERS

Item No.11.1-A (a) Changes in the Membership of the Council of NITSER

The changes made in the Council of NITSER were noted.

Item No.11.1-A (b) Action Taken Report on decisions of the 10th NITSER Council meeting

The action taken report on the Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the National Institutes of Technology, Science Education & Research (NITSER) held



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on 26th May, 2017 at IIAS, Shimla was taken on record and following decisions were taken:

- (i) **Common Counselling with IITs for admission to IISERs:** After discussions on the matter, it was decided that an Expert Committee may be constituted with Dr. Sanjay G. Dhande, Chairperson, NIT, Delhi; Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairperson, NIT, Arunachal Pradesh and Prof. K.N. Ganesh, Director, IISER Tirupati as members to examine the matter of common counselling with IITs for admission to IISERs.
- (ii) **Inclusion of BS-MS degree of IISERs in the list of notified degree by UGC:** The Council reiterated its recommendation made in the 10th meeting at IIAS, Shimla and decided that UGC may again be asked to include the BS-MS degree of IISERs in the list of notified degrees.

Item No.11.2 : Building up of State- of –Art Research Labs in each IISER

After discussions, it was decided that IISERs will discuss amongst themselves and depending upon their individual research / faculty strengths, identify mutually exclusive area (s), for building up State-of-the-art research labs and inform the Ministry of HRD in a months time. Thereafter, each IISER shall submit a comprehensive proposal to Ministry of HRD for funding of research infrastructure in identified core area, which shall be considered by Ministry of HRD for funding through HEFA.

Item No.11.3 : Inclusion of IISERs in the Scheme of Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF)

Secretary (HE) informed that decision has been taken to include IISERs as host institutes for PMRF. The Council welcomed the decision of the Government.

Item No.11.4 : To consider uniform fee structure for foreign students for full time courses at IISERs.

After discussions, it was decided in IISERs may participate in Study in India programme and actively participate in programmes of Study in India in neighboring countries. The admission of foreign students may be considered on sponsored and self-finance basis. IISERs are required to suggest a suitable common fee structure for such students. The Council decided that in case, IISERs are considering to give fellowships to foreign students, then the matter will require further examination and IISERs may submit comprehensive proposal every year containing the No. Of foreign students proposed to be enrolled,



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Amount of fellowship proposed for each foreign student and total financial implications along-with the source of funding (Government or from Institutes own funds).

Item No.11.5 : Assistantship for BS-MS graduates from IISERs getting a CGPA score of 8 or above (on a scale of 10) without having to appear for GATE

After discussions, the Council recommended that IISERs will admit students based on merit, for Ph.D, inter-alia from students with CGPA of 8 and above (On scale of 10) in BS-MS, based on evaluation of projects submitted by them and such Ph.D. students may be granted Assistantship in line with assistantship granted to B. Tech graduates from the IITs.

Item No.11.6 : PhD scholarship for candidates qualified in National level examinations such as CSIR (Lecturership) / GATE / JEST / NBHM / JGEEBILLS / JAM etc. from MHRD

After discussions, the Council recommended that a Committee may be constituted to examine the quality of exams other than GATE and CSIR (NET) and whether they can be considered for grant of Ph. D Scholarship.

Item No.11.7 : Increase in Tuition fee beyond 2019-20

The Council recommended that proposal for increase of fees by 10% over that of the previous year, beyond 2020 to maintain viability can be reviewed later. The Committee recommended that students, who fail to complete the course in the normal duration of course shall pay fee at par with the students of the then current year.

Item No.11.8 : Launching start-up funding – kick start programme

The Council discussed the matter in detail. While there was unanimity that some start-up funding is required to kick start when any new faculty joins, it was decided that the amount of funds that may be considered for various departments / branches required detailed examination. The Council recommended that a Committee under the Chairpersonship of JS&FA, Ministry of HRD may be constituted, which will examine the matter and submit its recommendations to the Government.

Any other item:

The Council recommended that a Committee consisting of Dr. K, Venkataramnan, Chairperson, IISER Pune and Dr. Tessy Thomas, Chairperson,



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IISER TVM may be constituted to examine the need of opening new IISERs for fulfilling the requirement of providing quality education of science & research in the country.

MATTERS OF NITs & IEST, SHIBPUR

Item No.11.1 : Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Council of NITSER held on 26.05.2017.

The Council confirmed the minutes.

Item No.11.2 : Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Council of NITSER held on 26.05.2017.

The Council noted the Action Taken Report.

With regard to re-constitution of Working Group for developing detailed guidelines for engaging adjunct faculty and to ensure that at least 10% of the total faculty strength is filled with such faculty with industry experience, the Council decided that the new Director of same Institutes, who previously constituted the Working Group, would be making suitable recommendations in this regard.

The Council also desired that the NITs / IEST, which have not complied with the various actionable points pertaining to previous meetings of the Council, should do so by 30th September, 2018.

Item No.11.3 : Changes in the Membership of the Council.

The Council noted the changes in its membership. The Council placed its appreciation for the contribution of outgoing members and welcomed all new members who joined the Council subsequent to its last meeting held on 26th May, 2017.

Items for Approval

Item No.11.4 : To consider and approve criteria / norms for appointment of Deputy Director in NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

The Council deliberated on the proposed criteria / norms and noted that appointment of Deputy Director is provisioned in Section 17 (5) of the NITSER



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Act, 2007. After detailed deliberations, the Council approved following eligibility criteria for appointment of Deputy Director:-

- (i) The appointment of the Deputy Director shall be made from amongst the senior faculty members of the Institute on the recommendations of the Selection Committee as per provisions under Statute 23 (5) (a) of the respective Statutes.
- (ii) Minimum 5 years of experience as Professor.
- (iii) The candidate applying for the post should not be exceeding 60 years of age at the time of applying.
- (iv) should have done at least 2 years as HoD / Dean.
- (vi) Sufficient contribution in academics, administration and outreach activities.
- (vii) In addition, the candidate shall be an eminent person in his / her field of specialization with an outstanding academic record throughout.

Item No.11.5 : To consider and approve guidelines for Higher Administrative Grade (HAG) scale to the Professors of NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

The Council deliberated and approved the guidelines proposed for HAG scales to Professors of NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

Item No.11.6 : To consider and approve guidelines for utilization of Research & Consultancy funds and Sponsored Research Projects in the NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

After detailed discussion, the Council decided to refer the proposal to the Standing Committee of NITs & IEST for deliberation and making suitable recommendations to the Council.

Item No.11.7 : To consider amendments in the guidelines for utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA).

The Council deliberated upon the proposed changes and accepted the same. It was also decided that the NITs & IEST shall send their suggestions on the existing CPDA guidelines for placing the same before the Standing Committee of NITs and IEST for further deliberation and improvements.



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Item No.11.8 : To consider and authorize Directors of NITs and IEST, Shibpur as Visitor's nominees for selection of academic staff in NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

The Council did not agree with the proposal.

Item No.11.9 : To consider and approve sabbatical leave for faculty of NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

The Council decided to refer the proposal to the Standing Committee of NITs & IEST for making suitable recommendations to the Council.

Items for Ratification

Item No.11.10 : Decisions taken to address anomalies / stagnation at various levels of faculty consequent upon issue of new Recruitment Rules (Faculty) dated 24th July, 2017.

The Council ratified the decisions.

Item No.11.11 : Decision taken to constitute an Oversight Committee to look into the issues in RRs of faculty and non-faculty staff in NITs.

The Council ratified the approval regarding constitution of Oversight Committee for improvements in the RRs of faculty and non-faculty staff of NITs & IEST, Shibpur and also granted extension of time till September, 2018 for submission of report.

Item No.11.12 : Decision taken for entrustment of Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB), Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA), Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme and Centralized Counselling for M.Sc/M.Sc Tech programmes in NITs and CFTIs (CCMN) for the academic year 2018 – 2019.

The Council ratified the approvals regarding constitution of JoSAA, entrustment of CSAB, DASA and CCMN, respectively, for the academic year 2018 – 2019.

Item No.11.13 : Decision taken for issuing guidelines on inclusion of Self-Financing Technical Institutions under CSAB-SFTIs 2018.

The Council ratified the approval regarding inclusion of SFTIs under CSAB-SFTIs 2018.

Item No.11.14 : Decision taken for increasing female enrolment in B.Tech. programmes in NITs and IEST, Shibpur.



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The Council ratified the approval given to increase female enrolment in B. Tech. programmes in NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

Item No.11.15 : Decision taken for issue of new Recruitment Rules for non-faculty staff of NITs.

The Council ratified the approval given for issue new Recruitment Rules for non-faculty staff of NITs. The Council also advised the Oversight Committee to submit the report on non-faculty within a month.

Items for Information

Item No.11.16 : To consider report of the Chairman, Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) – 2017 and entrustment of the responsibility of CSAB – 2019 to one of the NITs

The report of CSAB – 2017 submitted by MNIT, Jaipur was placed before the Council. The same has been noted by the Council of NITSER. The Council entrusted the work of CSAB – 2019 to NIT, Tiruchirappalli on rotational basis.

Item No.11.17 : To consider report of the Chairperson, Centralized Counseling for M.Tech. / M.Plan. / M.Arch. (CCMT) – 2017 and entrustment of the responsibility of CCMT – 2019 to one of the NITs

The report of CCMT – 2017 submitted by SVNIT, Surat was placed before the Council. The same has been noted by the Council of NITSER. The Council entrusted the work of CCMT & CCMN – 2019 to NIT, Rourkela on rotational basis.

Item No.11.18 : To consider the report of the Chairperson, Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) 2017 and entrustment of the responsibility of DASA – 2019 to one of the NITs

The report of DASA – 2017 submitted by VNIT, Nagpur was placed before the Council. The same has been noted by the Council of NITSER. The Council entrusted the work of DASA – 2019 to NITK, Surathkal on rotational basis.

Item No.11.19 : Faculty shortages in NITs and IEST, Shibpur

The Council noted the developments with regard to recruitment of faculty at various levels in NITs and IEST consequent upon issuance of new Recruitment Rules for faculty. The Directors of 10 new NITs raised the matter of sanction of additional faculty, wherein it was pointed out that the norms prescribed by Ministry of Finance for student : faculty ratio of 1:12 is not adequate for new



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NITs. Therefore, the Council has been requested to relax the above norm and sanction faculty post based on the bare minimum requirements rather than the ratio. The Council advised the Directors of 10 new NITs to submit proposals along with detailed justification for further consideration by the Ministry.

Item No.11.20 : Current status on functioning of 11 new NITs

The Council noted the developments with regard to augmentation of physical infrastructure in the permanent campuses of new NITs. Secretary (HE) apprised the Council that after physical inspection of respective permanent campuses by the EFC Committee, the Revised Cost Estimates would be taken up with the EFC and subsequently with the Cabinet for its approval.

Additional Agenda Items for approval

Item No.11.22: To consider fee waiver for SC / ST / PH category of students studying in M.Tech. programmes in NITs and IEST, Shibpur.

The Council deliberated upon the agenda and decided that the matter may be examined in the Ministry of HRD and authorized Hon'ble Chairperson of the Council of NITSER to take the final decision.

Item No.11.23: To consider report of Committee constituted to suggest relevance of continuation of DASA Scheme.

The Council deliberated on the issue and it was resolved that a Committee with the following composition may examine the issue:-

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| (i) Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairperson, AICTE | - | Chairman |
| (ii) Prof. Rajeev Tripathi, Director, MNNIT, Allahabad | - | Member |
| (iii) Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao, Director, NITK, Surathkal | - | Member |

The Council desired that the report of the above Committee may be submitted by August, 2018.

Item No.11.24 : To consider report of the Committee constituted to suggest action plan for generating funds for CFTIs.

Dr. Sanjay G. Dhande, Chairman of the Committee informed the Council that the report is interim and the Committee needs some more time to finalise the report and present the same to the Council in its next meeting. The Council decided to submit the recommendations of above Committee to the Standing



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Committee of NITs & IEST for deliberation and making suitable recommendations to the Council.

Item No.11.21 : Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chair.

Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli on behalf of the Directors of NITs raised the matter of difference in the pay scale of Directors of NITs in comparison to the Directors of other CFTIs viz. IITs, IISERs, IIMs, IISc. etc. She requested the Council to take up the matter of maintaining parity in the pay scales with other CFTIs. Secretary (HE) apprised the Council that the pay scales of Directors of NITs is as per the recommendations of the 7th CPC. However, he advised the Directors to send proposals with justification to the Ministry for further taking up the matter with the appropriate authorities.

The issue of adjunct faculty was also raised which has been referred to a Committee as mentioned in Action Taken under Item No.11.2 of matters pertaining to NITs & IEST [page 4].

4. Additional Secretary (TE) thanked the Hon'ble Minister of State (HE) for sparing his valuable time and also thanked Secretary (HE), Chairman-AICTE, Chairperson, Board of Governors and Directors of NITs, IEST & IISERs for the fruitful discussion the Council held on 18th July, 2018 in its 11th meeting.

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

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Sl. No.	Name & Designation
1.	Dr. Satya Pal Singh Minister of State (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development
2.	Shri R. Subrahmanyam Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Human Resource Development
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4.	Prof. Anil Dattatraya Sahasrabudhe Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi; and Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT, Arunachal Pradesh
5.	Shri V.L.V.S.S. Subba Rao Sr. Economic Adviser (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development
6.	Mrs. Darshana M. Dabral Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development
7.	Shri Madan Mohan Deputy Director General (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development
8.	Dr. Jaideep Mishra Joint Secretary represented Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communication & Information Technology
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10.	Dr. Bhim Singh Chairperson, Board of Governors, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal
11.	Shri Vishram Jamdar Chairperson, Board of Governors, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur
12.	Dr. K. Balveera Reddy Chairperson, Board of Governors, National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal
13.	Dr. Sanjay G. Dhande Chairperson, Board of Governors, National Institute of Technology, Delhi



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21.	Prof. Vinod Yadava Director, National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur
22.	Dr. Uday Kumar R.Y. Director, Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur
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24.	Prof. Karunesh Kumar Shukla Director, National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur
25.	Dr. V.K. Arora represented Director, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra
26.	Prof. Pramod Madhukar Padole Director, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur
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28.	Dr. A.M. Rawani Director, National Institute of Technology, Raipur
29.	Dr. Animesh Biswas Director, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela
30.	Prof. Parthasarathi Chaudhary represented Director, National Institute of Technology, Silchar; and



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45.	Dr. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti Director, Indian Institute Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur
46.	Dr. K. Venkataramanan Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Institute Science Education and Research, Pune
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52.	Prof. Vinod Kumar Singh Director, Indian Institute Science Education and Research, Bhopal
53.	Prof. V. Ramakrishnan Director, Indian Institute Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram
54.	Prof. K.N. Ganesh Director, Indian Institute Science Education and Research, Tirupati
55.	Prof. K.V. Ramana Chary Director, Indian Institute Science Education and Research, Berhampur
56.	Shri Sanjeev K. Sharma PS to Hon'ble Minister of State (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development

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