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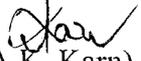
To

1. The Project Directors, All new NIPERs - 414 202 - 2007
2. Officiating Director, NIPER, Mohali
3. Shri H.D. Shrimali, Additional Industrial Commissioner, I & M Department, Govt. of Gujarat

Subject: Minutes of 8th meeting of the Steering Committee.

Please find enclosed a copy Minutes of 8th meeting of the Steering Committee for information and necessary action.

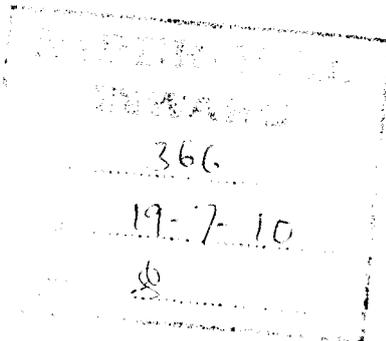
Yours faithfully


(A.K. Karn)

Under Secretary to Govt. of India

Copy for kind information to

1. PS to Secretary (Pharma)
2. PS to JS(AJ)
3. DS(SCS)



MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
29.6.10

The eighth Meeting of the Steering Committee was held on 29-06-2010 at 11:30 AM, under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Pharma) in the chamber of Secretary (Pharma). Agenda for the meeting may please be seen in Annexure I. The list of participants may please be seen in Annexure II.

2. At the outset Secretary welcomed the members of the Steering Committee and kindly permitted the beginning of the proceedings. JS (AJ) began the proceedings by welcoming the members and explaining the background with reference to the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Steering Committee. The Agenda items listed in Annexure I were taken up one by one.

1. **Operationalisation of decision taken during 7th meeting of Steering Committee regarding introduction of Ph. D. courses in new NIPERs**

Ph. D. Courses in the streams being taught at new NIPERs were to be introduced as follows:-

i)	Ahmedabad	9
ii)	Guwahati	4
iii)	Hajipur	6
iv)	Hyderabad	9

At the meeting NIPER, Kolkata also expressed its willingness to start Ph D Courses. It was decided with the consent of Dr. K.K. Bhutani NIPER, Mohali that NIPER, Mohali will organize entrance examination for admission to Ph D in new NIPERs at Mohali. For the purpose Dr. Bhutani advised that the following information may be sent by new NIPERs to him immediately :-

- i) Names of faculty identified for the Ph D Courses – 6 names.
- ii) Design of the course content.
- iii) Entrance examination and counseling may be organized on 14.8.2010.
- iv) Ph D Course to commence w.e.f 1.9.2010
- v) 6 students for each new NIPER to be admitted to Ph D Courses.
- vi) Stipend to be paid at the rates paid by NIPER, Mohali.
- vii) Mentor Institutes would be paid Rs. 2.5 lakhs per student for 3 years for using their Laboratory, Consumables etc.
- viii) Rs. 10.00 lakhs is to be given to NIPER, Mohali for organizing the entrance examination, expenditure on account of TA/DA etc.

Director, NIPER, Mohali stated that he will obtain approval of the APDC at an appropriate time in such a manner that it does not lead to any delay in organizing the entrance examination for admission to Ph D Courses in new NIPERs.

The requisite information would be made available to NIPER, Mohali by new NIPERs quickly. To finalize the arrangement for the examination, there would be a

meeting on 14.7.2010 at 11:00 AM in NIPER, Mohali under the chairmanship of Dr. K.K. Bhutani. Project Directors of new NIPERs would attend the meeting with requisite information.

In order to supervise and ensure uniformity of standards, there would be an Oversight Committee comprising the following:-

- i) Dr. K.K. Bhutani, Officiating Director, NIPER, Mohali.
- ii) Project Director of the concerned new NIPERs where Ph D Courses are being commenced.
- iii) Convener to be nominated by Dr. K.K. Bhutani, Officiating Director, NIPER, Mohali.

The entrance exam would be restricted to only students of NIPERs.

For training of teachers of new NIPERs on the various aspects of conducting the Ph D programmes, Director NIPER, Mohali stated that the NIPER, Mohali would arrange an orientation programme.

2. Payment of fees of Rs. 5.00 lakhs per student per annum for PhD courses demanded by Mentor Institute of NIPER, Hyderabad viz. ICT, Hyderabad

As stated in 1(vii), Mentor Institutes would be paid Rs. 2.5 lakhs per student for 3 years for using their Laboratories, Consumables etc.

3. Proposal of NIPER, Kolkata for inserting full page advertisement about their activities

All new NIPERs may release a quarter page advertisement on 15th August, 2010 to be published in one National English Daily in Delhi and two local newspapers (one in English and one in vernacular language). The advertisements should highlight the strengths and achievements of new NIPERs. These should be released at DAVP rates. The draft advertisements should be sent to DoP for vetting before release.

4. Appointment of consultancy firms for placements of Students

This proposal mooted by NIPER, Kolkata was withdrawn by NIPER, Kolkata.

5. Financial support for students appearing in interview

This proposal mooted by NIPER, Kolkata was withdrawn by NIPER, Kolkata.

6. Promotion of Campus Interview

This proposal mooted by NIPER, Kolkata was withdrawn by NIPER, Kolkata.

7. Better and speedy communication between Department and NIPERs

Secretary directed that necessary steps may be taken by DoP as well as NIPERs, to ensure better and speedy communication with each other.

8. Organisation of Convocations

Secretary directed that all new NIPERs will follow Mohali pattern of holding convocation once in two years.

9. Enhancements of Pay scale of regular and contract faculty

Shri A.K. Gupta, Course Coordinator, Hajipur raised the issue saying that it was pending for quite sometime. It was pointed out that the Sixth Pay Commission scales are not applicable to contract employees. However, the competent authority is free to raise the remuneration paid to contract faculty members so as to make it attractive enough to attract talent and overcome the possibility of loss of talented faculty due to low remuneration.

10. Organizing one National Seminar in the new NIPER annually on rotation basis

Dr P K Sengupta, Registrar, NIPER, Kolkata proposed that one national seminar be held annually in each of the NIPERs on rotation basis. He also mooted the proposal to hold Pharma Fest every year. Secretary directed that the matter may be examined by two Committees. For annual seminars the committee may consist of Dr. K.K. Bhutani, Officiating Director, NIPER, Dr. D.K. Dikshit, Project Director, NIPER, Rae Bareilly and Dr. Harish Padh, Project Director, NIPER, Ahmedabad, while for the Pharma Fest issue, the committee may consist of Dr. K.K. Bhutani, Officiating Director, NIPER, Mohali, Dr. P Das, Project Director NIPER, Hajipur and Dr Ahmed Kamal, Project Director, NIPER, Hyderabad.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.