

राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान सिक्किम NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

(An Institute of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Finance Committee

The 31st Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 01st October 2024 from 11:00 AM onwards under the Chairmanship of Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi, Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Sikkim at Bharat chamber of Commerce, Kolkata, West Bengal. The following members were present in the meeting:

Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi Director, SUPL, Kolkata, West Bengal	Chairperson
Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil Director, NIT Sikkim	Ex – Officio Member
Shri G. P. Upadhyaya Advisor, Mines & Geology Dept., Govt. of Sikkim	Member
Prof. V. K. Paul Director, SPA, New Delhi	Invitee Member
Shri Harihara Sundaram S. Under Secretary, IFD, Ministry of Education	Member
Dr. Anindya Biswas Associate Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Shri Sahil Minda Assistant Registrar (Finance & Accounts), NIT Sikkim	Invitee Member
Dr. Ranjan Basak Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Member Secretary

At the outset, the Director extended heartiest welcome to the Chairperson, BoG and to the members present in the 31st Meeting of the Finance Committee for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. With the permission of the Chairperson, the Agenda items were presented, and the following decisions were taken after due deliberations:

Item No.31.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24th June 2024.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No.31.02: To report the action taken on the decisions taken in the 30th Meeting of the Finance Committee held 24th June 2024.

The FC noted and appreciated the action taken by the Institute.

Item No.31.03: To consider and approve the transfer of the equipment procured under TEQIP-III head to Institute Fixed Assets head.

The agenda was approved as proposed. The fixed assets shall be transferred from TEQIP-III books of accounts to Institute accounts as per the rule.

The FC recommended the same to the BoG for the approval.

Item No.31.04: To consider and adopt the amendment in the GFR 2017 vide OM No.: F.1/3/2024-PPD, Dated: 10.07.2024 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

The agenda was approved for adopting the amendment as above.

The FC recommended the same to the BoG for the approval.

Item No.31.05: To consider and approve the revision in the EPC Mode from Mode-III to Mode-II for the construction of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim at Dung Dung, Khamdong.

The agenda item was discussed in detail and the representative of the Ministry was of the opinion that with the change in the mode of execution of contract from EPC Mode-III to EPC Mode II, the price differential will have to be worked out holistically and therefore, the item may not be approved in its present form.

Therefore, it was decided that the PMC will be advised to continue the work under the EPC Mode-III as per the MoU until any further decision is made in this regard.

The FC recommended the same to the BoG for approval.

Item No.31.06: To ratify the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA), Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Environment Clearance of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.

The permanent campus of NIT Sikkim is to be established at Dungdung, Khamdong, Gangtok District and Navratna PSU NBCC (India) Ltd. is working as the Project Management Consultancy (PMC) for the construction of the campus.

The Environment Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan are essential prerequisite before commencement of large infrastructure projects. Realizing the importance of the timely completion of above and getting environment clearance from the concerned Departments, the work of EIA and EMP was awarded to IIT Kanpur well in time and the **work order for the same was issued on 7th July 2022** for a total consultancy fee of ₹28,32,000/- **with a work completion period of 4 months.**

However, the work has not even commenced till **July 2024** after repeated requests and reminders. Looking at the poor response by the PI (Prof. P. Bose, IIT Kanpur), a letter was sent to the Director, IIT Kanpur on vide Ref.

No.: NITS/Dir.Office/2024/53, Dated: 27th July 2024. In response of the letter, a meeting was convened on 25th Aug. 2024 at 03:00 PM with the Director, IIT Kanpur, Dean R&D (Prof. Tarun Gupta) and PI (Prof. P. Bose). The matter was discussed in detail, and it was amicably decided that the work order shall stand cancelled, and consultancy fee as mentioned above shall be refunded to NIT Sikkim excluding statutory levies.

Considering the urgency of the report of EIA, EMP and EC for the construction of the permanent campus of the Institute, the work was entrusted to the PMC (NBCC India Ltd.) with a consultancy fee of Rs. 7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Only) vide Letter No.: NITS/2024/RO/471, Dated: 26th August 2024. The same was ratified by the 28th BWC of the Institute held on 27th August 2024. The PMC has commenced the execution of above and Form-1 and Form-1A have been submitted to the Ministry of Environmental, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India (PARIVESH) on 30th August 2024.

The letters of reminders for refund of the project cost have been sent to IIT Kanpur, however, the response is still awaited.

The agenda was discussed at length and FC ratified the decision of the Institute and recommended the same to the BoG for approval.

Item No.31.07: To consider and accord in-principle approval to the Master Plan, Building Floor Plans, etc. and to note the status of the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.

The agenda was discussed at length with the hon'ble members thoroughly reviewed the master plan, building floor plans, etc. and also noted the status of the construction of the permanent campus.

As NIT Sikkim is in its nascent stage and senior faculty in the Dept. of Civil Engineering and experienced engineering staff in Estate section are not available. To ensure the proper monitoring and guidance, an Internal Monitoring Committee is proposed having following members -

- 1) Shri R. K. Mittal, Retd. Jt. DG. MES (Member on the BWC)
- 2) Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Dept. of Civil Engg., NIT Patna
- 3) Prof. Rajan Choudhary, Dept. of Civil Engg., IIT Guwahati (Member on the BWC)
- 4) Dean, Planning & Development, NIT Sikkim
- 5) Executive Engineer (Civil), NIT Sikkim
- 6) Any other member nominated by the Director as per the need.

The committee shall monitor the progress of the construction project of the permanent campus, provide the necessary advices/ guidance to the Institute, ensure quality of construction and any other tasks as per the requirements.

The FC recommended the same to the BoG for the approval.

Item No.31.08: To report the Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) held on 27th August 2024.

The FC noted the same.

Item No.31.09: To report the Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) scheduled on 20th Sept. 2024.

The FC noted the same and recommended to the BoG for the approval.

Item No.31.10.01: To consider and adopt the order F. No.1/27(3)/2024-LS-II, dated: 25.09.2024 issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India related to the revision of minimum wages due to change of VDA payable to manpower hired through Manpower Agencies.

The FC recommended the same to the BoG for the approval.

Item No.31.10.02: To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts and Separate Audit Report for the FY 2023-24.

The FC noted that no comments or audit paras have been raised on the annual accounts of the Institute for the Financial Year 2023 - 24. The FC appreciated the efforts of the Finance and Accounts Section for the same. The agenda was approved as proposed.

The FC recommended the same to the BoG for approval.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Director



Chairperson



Registrar (I/c)