

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

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

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Finance Committee

The 22nd Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held at Ministry of Education, New Delhi on 22nd June 2022 at 03:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director & Chairman (I/C). The following members were present in the meeting:

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil Director & Chairman (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Chairperson
Shri G. P. Upadhyaya Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim	Member
Mrs. Darshana M. Dabral, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE, Govt. of India	Member
Mrs. Saumya Gupta Joint Secretary (NIT), MoE, Govt. of India	Member
Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Shri Sahil Minda Assistant Registrar, NIT Sikkim	Invitee Member
Dr. Ranjan Basak Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Secretary

At the outset, the Chairperson extended heartiest welcome to the members present in the 22nd Meeting of the Finance Committee for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. The Director also apprised the Finance Committee with the progress and issues of the Institute. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairperson, the Agenda items were presented and the following decisions were taken after due deliberations:

Item No.22.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 9th April 2022.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No.22.02: To report the action taken on agenda/decisions taken in the 20th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the meeting is as follows:

Agenda item	Decision	Action
21.03	To consider the proposal for collaboration (MoU) with IIT Hyderabad and setting up of an IIT Hyderabad extension centre at NIT Sikkim to foster academic, research, administrative reforms and benefit from the expertise of IIT Hyderabad.	Implemented
21.04	To consider and approve the procedure for Medical Reimbursement.	Implemented
21.05	To consider and approve the enhancement of the Institute fees per semester for various UG, PG and Ph.D. programs.	Implemented

Item No.22.03: To consider the allocation of grant from Ministry of Education for the FY 2022-2023.

The members were apprised of the insufficient budget allocation for the Institute for FY 2022-23. The ministry has allocated a total of ₹ 21.43 crore as grant in aid to NIT Sikkim for FY 2022-23. The Institute, till the Financial Year 2021-22 had TEQIP-III project to fund various academic and Infrastructural needs. Further, the IRG collection of the Institute has also gradually decreased over the years owing to fees waiver and remission schemes of the Ministry. The Institute is expected to achieve the objectives of NEP 2020 and accordingly, proper infrastructure needs to be developed. The academic reforms, research and development need adequate measures and improvements. Keeping all these in consideration, the members representing the MoE were requested to kindly look into the matter and allocate more budget/grant to the Institute for its smooth functioning and implementation of the objectives of NEP 2020. The Institute needs a minimum of Rs. 35.00 crores to meet its expenditure and show adequate progress.

The JS, MoE advised that a proposal with complete details of budget allocation and requirement along with expenditure and grant position for the previous year may be sent to the Ministry for consideration and revision of the budget.

The FC recommended the same to the BoG for necessary actions.

Item No.22.04: To consider and approve the Annual Accounts for the FY 2021-2022.

The various elements of the annual accounts were discussed in detail in the FC. The FC recommended the Annual Accounts for the FY 2021-2022 to the BoG for approval and subsequent submission to AG Sikkim for audit.

Item No.22.05: To consider and approve the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) by IIT Kanpur and the expenditure against the same.

The FC considered the preliminary estimate of Rs. 24.0 Lakhs plus GST to carry out the EIA work by IIT Kanpur and the same is recommended to the BoG for approval.

Item No.22.06: To adopt the order (F.No.1/4(3)/2022-LS-II dated 31-03-2022 issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India regarding the revised rates of Variable Dearness Allowance.


The members of the FC recommended the order (F.No.1/4(3)/2022-LS-II dated 31-03-2022) issued by the Ministry of Labour & employment, Govt. of India regarding the revised rates of Variable Dearness Allowance to the BoG for adoption.

Item No. 22.07: To deliberate and discuss on the proposed draft DPR and Proposed Estimate prepared by CPWD for the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim at Khamdong.

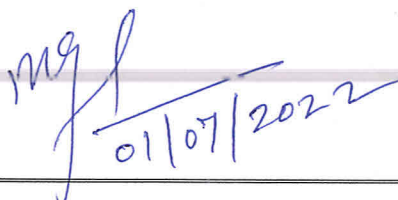
As directed previously by the FC and BoG, the DPR is prepared by the CPWD as per the requirements and directions given by the NIT. The draft of the DPR is prepared after due deliberations and considering various guidelines/master circular issued by the Ministry. The DPR consists of Master Plan, Preliminary Estimate (PE), Soil Investigation Report etc. The members appreciated the efforts made by the Institute and CPWD for a well-prepared draft DPR.

The CPWD officials were invited to attend the BoG and make the detailed presentation of DPR in front of the FC and BoG members. The presentation was given by the Chief Architect, CPWD and detailed discussions on the various aspects of DPR were made. The members noted that the cost per square meter of construction for some buildings was found to be relatively on the higher side and is varying. CPWD was also asked to prepare PE separately for construction work, developmental work and other needs such as networking, wiring, etc. CPWD was asked to reassess the Master plan and PE after incorporating the suggestions made by the members regarding size, location, aesthetic look, front view, earthquake, etc. and make the proposal cost-effective. The members also asked to ensure barrier free environment, green building, basic amenities like shopping center, central food court, etc. The hostels were also discussed and it was suggested to create transit/single seater hostel for Ph.D. students. The buildings should be designed in sync with Sikkim's culture specially Admin Building may be planned as signature building. It was also suggested to take the guidance of IIT Guwahati while designing the various buildings. CPWD was asked to reduce/remove the contingency charges while preparing the PE. The final DPR shall be prepared in consultation with the MoE and will be submitted as per the directions. The compliance of various requirements will also be ensured as per master circular and other.

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


Registrar (I/c)

Director & Chairman (I/c)


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