

MINUTES OF THE 33RD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF INDIAN
INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY (IITs) HELD ON 11.12.1995

The 33rd meeting of the Council of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) was held on 11.12.1995 in the Conference Room, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Dehi. A list of members who attended the meeting is given in Annexure I. Kumari Selja - Minister of State for Education & Culture also attended the meeting as a special invitee.

The meeting was chaired by Shri Madhavrao Scindia, Minister of Human Resource Development and Chairman of the Council.

At the outset, the Chairman informed the Council about the sad and untimely demise of (Late) Shri B.K.Gudadinni, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and a Member of the Council of IITs and stated that he had already sent a condolence message to the bereaved family on behalf of the Council of IITs. The members of the Council stood in silence for two minutes to pay their homage to the departed soul.

After this, the Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting especially the Hon. Governors of Assam, Bihar and West Bengal and all other new Members attending the meeting for the first time. In his brief remarks, the Chairman appreciated the contributions made by the IIT system so far and noted the healthy respect which has grown in the country for the manpower produced by the IITs. He also informed the Council about the meeting of the Synergy Group on IITs held in the morning of 11th December 1995.

The items on the agenda were then taken up for discussion.

**ITEM 1 : TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 32ND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF IITs
HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1993**

The minutes were confirmed by noting the comment of Prof. R.C.Malhotra, Director, IIT Kanpur raised by him on the Minutes of the previous meeting with regard to the suggestion of empowering the Chairmen of the Boards of Governors of the IITs to approve the proposals of IIT Directors for visits abroad in the interest of the Institutes.

ITEM 2 : TO REPORT CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

While noting the changes taken place in the membership of the Council since its last meeting, the Council placed on record its appreciation for the services rendered by the outgoing members and welcomed the new members.

ITEM 3 : TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE 32ND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF IITs HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993

The Council noted the actions taken on all the decisions of the last meeting.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

ITEM 4.1 TO CONSIDER A NOTE FROM IITs ON THE ISSUE OF AUTONOMY COUPLED WITH ACCOUNTABILITY

The proposal of IITs to get academic, administrative and financial autonomy coupled with accountability as a significant measure to achieve excellence was discussed in detail. While the concept and the underlying principles in achieving this through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) approach was broadly appreciated, some members expressed reservations on the need of adopting the MoU pattern. According to them, the autonomy coupled with accountability could be better achieved by making suitable amendments in the Act and Statutes. One of the Members also felt that given the relationship between the Ministry and the IITs, MoU approach may not be desirable. With regard to a point concerning the ways to ensure and measure accountability, His Excellency, the Governor of Bihar highlighted the system obtaining in the foreign Universities and premier institutions where there are well laid procedures and mechanisms for assessing the overall performance of the institutions in terms of the teaching, research, extension, public service and the interactions with industry for which the institutions themselves decide the necessary criteria. He felt that the Ministry of H.R.D. can give broad guidelines and policy frame work and the individual institutions can formulate the detailed bench marks for performance appraisal. His Excellency, the Governor of Assam emphasised the need for accountability of the institutions as well as the head.

Taking into account the mixed response from the Members to the proposal, the Council decided that the proposal may first be referred to the Synergy Sub Group on IITs, to be subsequently considered by the Executive Committee of the Council which is being constituted.

ITEM 4.2 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF IITs

The Council while appreciating the need for constituting an Executive Committee as a Standing Sub-Committee of the Council approved its formation with the Chairman, Council of IITs as its Chairman and one Chairman of the Board of Governors of the IITs on a rotational basis as the Vice-Chairman. The Council also recommended that the terms of reference and other operational details including establishment of a full-fledged Secretariat may be finalised so that the first meeting of the Executive Committee could be held preferably in a month's time.

ITEM 4.3 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL REGARDING CHANGE OF PROMOTION/RECRUITMENT POLICY OF IITs

The Council deliberated on the proposal at length. A few Members felt that the proposal needs to be made more explicit and clearer so as to bring out the salient features of the scheme operated in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. The Council also desired that it is necessary to clarify as to how the proposed policy would ensure that fresh talent from outside can join the IIT system at various levels so as to avoid any possible inbreeding. The Chairperson, UGC hinted at the the possible repercussions in the University system.

Finally, the Council decided that the proposal may be referred to the Executive Committee of the Council.

ITEM 4.4 TO CONSIDER THE REVISION OF FEE PAYABLE BY VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS OF IITs

The Council noted that (most) of the Directors of IIT were in favour of a fee revision in the IITs. It was also brought to the notice of the

Council that the Synergy Group on IITs have also made some important recommendations on the fee revision including issues like increase in the intake of IITs and admission of NRI category students. In view of this, the Council decided that the proposal for revision of fees by various categories of students in the IITs may be examined by the Government in consultation with the Synergy Group and the Executive Committee. This could be brought back to the Council thereafter.

ITEM 4.5 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF FEES PAYABLE BY FOREIGN STUDENTS ADMITTED THROUGH INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS (ICCR)

In the background of the deliberations under Item 4.4, the Council decided that this matter may also be finalised in consultation with the Synergy Group.

ITEM 4.6 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF FORMULATION OF POLICY ON STIPENDS/EMOLUMENTS PAYABLE TO POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS/RESEARCH SCHOLARS UNDER RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

The Council while realising the need for enhancement of stipends and fellowships for the post-graduate students and research scholars in the IITs recommended that the enhancements as given by the CSIR/UGC may be made applicable to the post-graduate students/research scholars in the IITs with effect from 1.1.1996. The Council also recommended that in future, it would be desirable to have a unified decision by the concerned Ministries, Departments and UGC.

ITEM 4.7 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP OF PAY COMMITTEE FOR FACULTY/STAFF IN IITs

The Council decided to appoint a Pay Committee for considering revision of pay scales for the faculty and scientific/design staff in the IITs with the approval of the Chairman of the Council. The Council recommended that the other non-academic Group A Officers and the Group B, C, D employees may be governed by the Pay Commission of the Government of India.

ITEM 4.8 TO CONSIDER DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RECRUITMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR NON-ACADEMIC STAFF (GROUP B,C,D) IN IITs.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Executive Committee.

ITEMS FOR REPORT

ITEM 5.1 TO REPORT THE PLAN & NON PLAN BUDGET ESTIMATES APPROVED FOR IITs FOR THE YEAR 1995-96

The Council noted the Plan and Non Plan Budget Estimates of IITs for 1995-96.

ITEM 5.2 TO REPORT THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IIT GUWAHATI.

The Council noted the progress made in the establishment of IIT Guwahati. His Excellency the Governor of Assam (Chairman, BoG, IIT Guwahati) suggested that collaboration with countries like France or Japan may be explored for the IIT Guwahati. The Council also recommended that the IITs may extend their full support and services to the new IIT so as to ensure its expeditious development.

ITEM 5.3 TO REPORT THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME OF REVISED PATTERN OF FUNDING IN THE IITs

The Council noted the progress and recommended that the pending issues under the Force Majeure may be finalised urgently.

ITEM 5.4 TO REPORT THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE SCHEME OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS

The Council noted the present status and recommended that a report on the specific achievements so far may be circulated to the Members of the Council.

ITEM 5.5 TO REPORT THE POSITION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE COUNCIL OF IITs FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF IITs

The Council noted the present status.

ITEM 5.6 TO CONSIDER ADMISSION OF LEPROSY/CURED PERSONS INTO UNDER-GRADUATE/POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMME OF IITs WITHOUT ANY WRITTEN TEST OR INTERVIEW.

The Council noted the present position and recommended that necessary actions as per the Government policy and procedures may be taken.

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

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ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE 33RD MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF INDIAN INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY
HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 1995.

1. Shri Madhavrao Scindia - In the Chair.
Minister of Human Resource
Development.
2. Km. Selja, Minister of State - Special
for Education & Culture Invitee
3. Shri Lok Nath Misra - Member
4. Shri K.V. Raghunath Reddy - Member
5. Dr. A.R. Kidwai - Member
6. Capt. J.V.S. Drona - Member
7. Dr. D. Swaminadan - Member
8. Dr. R. Chidambaram - Member
9. Prof. Armaitey Desai - Member
10. Prof. S.K. Khanna - Member
11. Shri G.H. Singhania - Member
12. Shri P.R. Dasgupta - Member
13. Shri S. Satyamoorthy - Member
14. Prof. V.S. Raju - Member
15. Prof. R.C. Malhotra - Member
16. Prof. K.L. Chopra - Member
17. Prof. S.P. Sukhatme - Member
18. Prof. D.N. Buragohain - Member
19. Prof. R. Natarajan - Member
20. Shri S.D. Awale - Secretary.

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Dear Prof. Chopra,

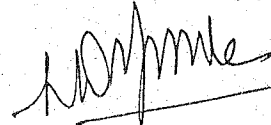
The 34th Meeting of the Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) was held on Thursday, the 7th November, 1996 at 10.30 a.m. in Shastri Bhavan, Dr Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi 110 001, under the chairmanship of Shri S.R. Bommai, Minister of Human Resource Development.

2. I am enclosing Minutes of the meeting for your kind perusal.

3. Comments, if any, may kindly be communicated to us.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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