

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
KURUKSHETRA-136 119**

**Minutes of 13th meeting of the Finance Committee,
NIT, Kurukshetra held on 29.03.2008 at 12.00 noon in the
Board Room of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra-136119**

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| 1. | Sh. C. B. Mathur,
Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors
& Finance Committee,
NIT, Kurukshetra
B-35, Shyam Nagar,
Jaipur-302 019 (Rajasthan) | In Chair |
| 2. | Sh. R. C. Jindal,
Principal,
Govt. Polytechnic, Nilokheri
(Representative of the Commissioner
& Secretary to Govt. of Haryana)
Technical Education Department,
New Civil Sectt. Haryana,
Sector-17, Chandigarh. | Member |
| 3. | Sh. W. N. Massey,
Under Secretary,
(Representative of Director (Finance)
(Integrated Finance Division)
Govt. of India,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Deptt. of Higher Education ,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi- 110 001. | Member |
| 4. | Dr. M. N. Banyopadhyay,
Director,
NIT, Kurukshetra | Director-Member |
| 5. | Sh. R. P. S. Lohchab,
Registrar,
NIT, Kurukshetra | Member-Secretary |

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Prof. Surendra Prasad, Director, IIT, Delhi and Sh. Madan Mohan, Director(NITs), Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi showed their inability in attending the meeting.

The comments received from the Finance Department, Govt. of Haryana were circulated to the members of the Finance Committee.

Before the agenda was taken up, Sh. R. P. S. Lohchab, Registrar & Member-Secretary extended hearty welcome to the Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors & Finance Committee, Worthy Director and other members of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee made recommendations/took decisions as under:

Item 13.1 To confirm the minutes of 12th meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 15.10.2007.

The letter No.5988/2007-IFD dated 14.11.2007 received from the Deputy Secretary, Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi containing comments on the Finance Committee agenda item 12.7 was also placed before the Finance Committee at the time of confirming the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 15.10.2007.

The Finance Committee noted as under relating to the recommendations made under the agenda items 12.7 and 12.8: -

- i) Sh. S.N.Kaushik, a permanent Junior Engineer(Civil) in the Institute, had been working as Estate Officer on contract basis in the pay scale of Rs. 6500-10500 w.e.f. 29.5.2006 for a period of two years which could be further extended for another year. A permanent post of Estate Officer also exists in the Institute. The Board of Governors of the Institute long back had equated the post of Estate Officer of the Institute with that of the SDE, PWD (B&R), Haryana whose present pay scale is Rs. 8000-13500. Sh. Y.P.Kapoor and Sh. Maya Ram, Ex -



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Estate Officers of the Institute got the pay scale of the PWD's SDE with the intervention of the Hon'ble Courts. Hence, Sh. S.N.Kaushik requested that he should also be given the pay scale of Rs. 8000-13500 (FC agenda item 12.7).

- ii) Sh. D.K.Kaushik, a permanent Junior Engineer (Elect.) in the Institute, had been working as Asstt. Engineer(Elect.) w.e.f. 30.5.2006 on contract basis on consolidated salary of Rs. 15,000/- per month for initial period of one year which could be further extended for another year. His consolidated salary was increased to Rs. 17,000/- per month by the Board in its 12th meeting held on 25.4.2007. Earlier the Board in its 9th meeting held on 25.2.2006 also created a post of Asstt. Engineer(Elect.) in the pay scale of Rs. 8000-13500 with required qualifications as it was essential for manning the electrical sub-station in the Institute. The Board also decided that matter regarding creatin of the post of Asstt. Engineer(Elect.) in the pay scale of Rs. 8000-13500 may be referred to the MHRD for their concurrence and in the meantime salary of the incumbent may be drawn against any suitable post lying vacant in the Institute. Approval of the MHRD is still awaited.

- iii) The Finance Committee of the Institute in its 12th meeting held on 15.10.2007 (agenda items 12.7 and 12.8) recommended to the Board that both the existing posts of Jr. Engineer (Civil) and Jr.Engineer (Electrical) be upgraded to the posts of Asstt. Engineer (Civil) and Asstt. Engineer (Electrical) in the pay scale of Rs.8000-13500 temporarily by surrendering the said posts of Jr. Engineers and the temporary positions of Asstt. Engineers thus created should be filled up by promotion from the feeder cadre of Jr. Engineers. However, the representative of the Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi who attended



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the said Finance Committee Meeting held on 15.10.2007 vide his letter No 5988/2007-IFD dated 14.11.2007 communicated that decision taken by the Finance Committee in respect of the agenda item 12.7 may be kept on hold and may be reviewed in the light of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

iv) The said letter dated 14.11.2007 received from the Integrated Finance Division was placed before the Board of Governors in their 13th meeting held on 24.1.2008 when the recommendations made by the Finance Committee in its 12th meeting held on 15.10.2007 came up for ratification. The Board of Governors ratified decision taken by the Finance Committee in respect of the Finance Committee agenda item 12.7 subject to decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in terms of the MHRD letter no.5988/2007-IFD dated 14.11.2007. In the meantime the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgment of 7.2.2008 upheld the equation of the pay scale of the Estate Officer with the pay scale of Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD (B&R), Haryana.

v) Subsequently both Sh.S.N.Kaushik and Sh.D.K.Kaushik were appointed as Asstt. Engineers in the pay scale of Rs.8000-13500 as per decisions of the Finance Committee and the Board of Governors taken in their meetings held on 15.10.2007 and 24.1.2008 respectively. The Hon'ble supreme Court in their judgment of 5.3.2008 in some other case also delivered judgment in favour of Sh.S.N.Kaushik in connection with his appointment as J.E.(Civil).

After above discussion, the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 29.03.2008 confirmed the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 15.10.2007.

The Finance Committee, however, recommended to the Board that matter regarding upgradation of the posts of Jr. Engineer (Civil) and Jr. Engineer (Electrical) in the pay scale of Rs.8000-13500 and the promotion of Sh. S.N.Kaushik and that of Sh.D.K.Kaushik as Asstt. Engineers on the said upgraded posts of Jr. Engineers be referred to the Ministry of Human Resource Development with detailed background for ex-post facto approval.



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Item 13.2 To note follow up action taken on the 11th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30.6.2007.

The Finance Committee noted follow up action taken on some of the decisions taken by the Finance Committee in its 11th meeting held on 30.6.2007 as per details mentioned in the agenda item 13.2.

The Finance Committee, however, desired that final action taken in respect of the agenda items 11.7, 11.10 to 11.12, 11.14 to 11.19 and 11.21 to 11.22 may be intimated to the Finance Committee in its next meeting.

Item 13.3 To note follow up action taken on the 12th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 15.10.2007.

The FC noted action taken on its 12th meeting held on 15.10.2007.

Item 13.4 To consider re-appropriation of funds under Non-plan Grant for the year 2007-08.

The Finance Committee approved re-appropriation of funds under various heads of accounts under the Non-plan Budget for the year 2007-08 as per details furnished in the agenda item 13.4.

Item 13.5 To consider amendments in existing Stores & Purchase Rules of the National Institute Of Technology, Kurukshetra.

The Finance Committee noted that amendments proposed in the existing Stores & Purchase Rules of the Institute are in consonance with the General Financial Rules/Manual on Policies & Procedures for purchase of goods.

The FC recommended to the Board that the amendments in the existing Stores and Purchase Rules as per details furnished as in the agenda item 13.5 be approved.

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Item 13.6 To consider conducting Audit of the Institute by External Agency/Auditors Empanelled/Registered with the AG(Audit)/CAG.

The Finance Committee recommended to the Board that M/s Vikas Sanjeev & Associates, Kurukshetra be engaged Auditors to carry out internal audit quarterly for the last quarter of the current financial year i.e. 1st Jan., 2008 to 31st March, 2008 and for the next financial year i.e. 1st April 2008 to 31st March, 2009 on payment of Rs. 7150/- (Rupees seven thousand one hundred fifty only) per quarter. This arrangement will take place with immediate effect.

Item 13.7 To note action taken by the Chairman, BOC for re-allocation of TEQIP funds.

The FC noted action taken by the Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors in approving the Revised Programme Life Allocation under TEQIP as per details furnished in the agenda item 13.7.

Item 13.8 To consider interest free wheat loan of Rs. 5000/- to Class-III and Class-IV employees of our Institute during the Financial year 2008-09.

The FC recommended that the proposal for introduction of the wheat loan to Class-III and Class-IV employees of the Institute be referred to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for approval.

Item 13.9 To note outstanding audit objections appearing in the inspection report for the year 2006-07.

The FC noted the status of outstanding audit objections as per details furnished in the agenda item 13.9.

The FC expressed its satisfaction over the state of affairs of accounts in the Institute and desired to put its appreciation on record.



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Item 13.10 To consider enhancement of the fee under Students related activities.

The FC recommended to the Board that the Students Fund be charged @ Rs. 7000/- (Rupees seven thousand only) per annum from each UG and PG student from the coming academic year 2008-09 (in two installments).

Item 13.11 To consider enhancement in sitting allowance to the Hon'ble Members of BOG, Senate, FC, B&WC and External Experts of various Selection Committees.

The FC did not agree to increase sitting allowance for Members of the Board of Governors, Senate, Finance Committee, Building & Works Committee and External Experts of various Selection Committees.

Item 13.12 To consider transfer of New Pension Fund to the Central Recordkeeping Agency (CRA) for managing the accounting, recordkeeping, database and other operational aspects.

The FC recommended to the Board that the accumulation under the New Pension Scheme duly reconciled be transferred to the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) as per guidelines received from the Govt. of India. In case of any clarification, the Integrated Finance Division of the MHRD may be consulted.

Tabled Items:

Item 13.13 To consider & ratify the minutes of 9th meeting of the Building & Works Committee of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 17.03.2008.

The FC ratified the minutes of the 9th meeting of the Building & Works Committee held on 17.3.2008 as per details furnished in the agenda item 13.13.

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Item 13.14 To consider engagement of Senior Medical Officer and Lady Medical Officer in the Health Centre of the Institute on contract basis.

The FC desired that Dr. D S Saini be engaged as Senior Medical Officer at consolidated salary of Rs. 41,000/- p.m. for 6 months w.e.f. 1.3.2008 to 31.8.2008 or till further orders whichever may be earlier and in the meantime efforts be made to have a Doctor with M.D. Medicines qualifications on deputation from the Health Department, Govt. of Haryana .

The FC further desired that services of Dr. Sushma Saini may also be requisitioned from the Health Department, State Govt. of Haryana on deputation basis.

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

RPS/7/4/2008

(R P S Lohchab)
Registrar & Member-Secretary

Item 14.8 To consider and ratify minutes of 14th meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 24.6.2008

The minutes of the 14th meeting of the Finance Committee of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 24.6.2008 under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, Board of Governors & Finance Committee at Kurukshetra are enclosed at Appendix IV (pages **45** to **49**). The agenda of the Finance Committee is enclosed as Annexure to Item **14.8** with the main agenda of the Board meeting.

The Board of Governors may ratify the minutes of the 14th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24.6.2008.