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Subject: Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Steering Committee for new NIPERs held on 27.02.2012 at 11.00AM in Department of Pharmaceuticals at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to enclose the minutes of the meeting (nine pages).

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Minutes of the XII Steering Committee meeting held on 27.2.2012

The XII meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) was held on 27.2.2012 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pharma) in the Conference Room, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. List of participants is at Annexure -I.

2. The minutes of the XI meeting of the Steering Committee were confirmed. The agenda items for the XII Meeting were discussed and decision taken are detailed below:

(i) **Approval of nomination of Chairman of the Selection Committee for making selection to the post of Director in new NIPERs**

The Committee approved nomination of Prof. Dr. Nagarajan Venkataraman, Senior Consultant, Neurologist, VN Neuro Care Centre, Madurai to be the Chairman of the Selection Committee for making selection to the post of Director of new NIPERs.

(ii) **Approval of panel of names for nomination to the the Selection Committee in case any member was not available for making selection to the post of Director in new NIPERs**

The Committee approved the panel comprising following for nomination to the Selection Committee for selection of Directors of new NIPERs in case any existing member was not available for the Selection Committee for any reason:

- (a) Prof. S.S. Kadam, VC, Bharti Vidya Peeth, Pune.
- (b) Prof G.N.Qazi, VC, Jamia Hamdard University.
- (c) Shri Mukul Joshi, Retd. IAS
- (d) Prof. V.V. Parasher, Nagpur.

(iii) **Broadening of the Steering Committee for new NIPERs.**

The Committee recommended for soliciting approval of the Minister (C&F) to the inclusion of Prof. Dr. Nagarajan Venkataraman, Senior Consultant, Neurologist, VN Neuro Care Centre, Madurai in the Steering Committee for new NIPERs.

(iv) Introduction of Ph.D in Pharmaceutical Analysis at NIPER, Hyderabad.

The Committee approved the proposal of NIPER, Hyderabad for introduction of Ph.D in Pharmaceutical Analysis. NIPER, Hyderabad will, however, ensure availability of adequate infrastructure and faculty before introduction of the Ph.D in Pharmaceutical Analysis.

The Committee also approved number of seats discipline wise for Ph.D programme in 2012, as follows:

a) Ph.D in Medicinal Chemistry	- 5
b) Ph.D in Pharmaceutics	-2
c) Ph.D in Pharmacology and Toxicology	-2
d) Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Analysis	-3

(v) Introduction of MS (Pharm) in Pharmaceutics at NIPER, Hajipur.

The Committee approved introduction of MS (Pharm) in Pharmaceutics as new subject with 10 seats at NIPER, Hajipur. Before the commencement of the course, NIPER would ensure availability of infrastructure and other facilities for the students. The Committee, however, did not approve reduction in the strength of MS (Pharm) in Pharmacoinformatics from 15 to 10.

(vi) Uniform mechanism of conferment of Degree and holding of convocation at new NIPERs.

The matter raised by NIPER Hyderabad was discussed and the Committee decided that the present practice may continue, till further arrangements.

(vii) Discontinuation of coordinators / nodal officers from NIPER, Mohali for new NIPERs.

The Committee decided that the present arrangements may continue as it was envisaged for ensuring academic standards / systems and allied matters for maintaining uniformity with the systems of NIPER, SAS Nagar,

The advertisement issued in April, 2011 provided for age limit for submitting applications as 55 years. It did not provide for relaxation in exceptional cases. Since advertisement for the post of Director, NIPER, Mohali, provided for relaxation in exceptional cases, it was decided that the same should be provided in the advertisement for the post of Director in New NIPERs.

It was further decided that the candidates who applied earlier, need not apply again, unless they have any new information to make available.

The Committee therefore approved re-advertisement of the post. The advertisement as approved by the Committee is enclosed at Annexure II. The Committee directed that before publication it should be shown to the Chairman of the Selection Committee.

(b) Construction of campus of New NIPERs

In the XIth Meeting of the Steering Committee, it was decided that construction work of campus of new NIPERs should be undertaken by the Board of Governors (BOGs) for each new NIPER as per GFRs etc. keeping in view their requirements. The Committee felt that the matter should not be kept pending till the constitution of the BOGs. It should therefore be ascertained the manner in which CSIR Labs had undertaken construction of its facilities and a decision taken accordingly for construction of NIPER Campus, where land is available.

(c) Commencement of new course of Medical Devices from 2012-13 at NIPER, Ahmedabad

Project Director, NIPER, Ahmedabad stated that a Committee has been constituted in terms of the decision of the XIth Meeting of the Steering Committee for introducing a new course on Medical Devices (M Tech(Pharm) Bio Medical Technology). The Chairman directed that the syllabus as prepared by NIPER, Ahmedabad, may be sent to all members of the Steering Committee for comments at the earliest. Project Director, NIPER, Ahmedabad, agreed to forward the same to all members of the Steering Committee by email.

Mohali. Further the nodal officers are merely supporting system rather than veto any proposal of new NIPERs.

(viii) New NIPERs should have their own Ph.D interview system.

It was decided that the existing practice may continue. NIPER, Mohali will, however, ensure that apart from Project Director of new NIPERs, a Specialist / Expert in the concerned discipline for which admission is sought to be made in new NIPERs would be members of the Interviewing Committee. The Interview committee will have equal representation of all new NIPERs.

(ix) Pending references from new NIPERs with NIPER, Mohali.

- a) The list was not readily available. Project Director, NIPER, Hyderabad, however, mentioned about some of the research projects sent to NIPER, Mohali for their comments. The Chairman directed that these be expeditiously disposed of.
- b) The representative from NIPER, Hajipur stated that they had sought details regarding structure of the examination from NIPER, Mohali. But this was not made available to them. The Chairman directed that this should be made available to NIPER, Hajipur as well as other new NIPERs without any delay.

(x) Any other item with the permission of the Chairman:

(a) Filling up of the post of Director in New NIPERs

A point was raised that advertisement for appointment to the post of Director in New NIPERs was advertised in April, 2011. More than ten months have elapsed since then. It is possible that some of the applicants may not now be available for appointment.

It was felt that by restricting the experience of working as a Professor or equivalent for at least 10 years as on the closing date of receipt of applications, mostly Professors in Private Institutions may apply. In order, therefore, to attract Professors with higher level of experience in scientific and R&D matters, at least 25 years of research experience should be prescribed as an additional qualification.

(d) **Conferment of degrees to successful students of NIPER, Kolkata**

The Committee approved conferment of degrees to successful students of 2010 & 2011 as proposed by NIPER Kolkata. The Committee also approved the proposal of NIPER Kolkata to award medals and prizes in the convocation. The Committee however did not approve the proposal for conferment of honorary degrees.

(e) **Conferment of degrees to successful students of NIPER, Ahmedabad**

The Committee approved the proposal of NIPER, Ahmedabad to award MS (Pharm.) degree to successful students of 2009-2011 batch.

The Meeting ended with a vote of Thanks to the Chair