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Subject: -Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee for new NIPERs held on 13<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30 AM in Deptt. 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 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee (5 pages).

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**Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee held on 13.06.2012 at 11.00 AM.**

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13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee was held on 13.06.2012 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pharma) in the Conference Room, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The list of participants is at Annexure –I.

2. The minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee were confirmed. It was decided that Action Taken Notes should invariably be made available to the Committee as regards minutes of the earlier Steering Committee. As such, all NIPERs should send Action Taken Notes on the decisions arrived at in the meeting of the Steering Committee concerning them so that the position could be placed before the Committee at the time of the next meeting.

3. The Agenda items for the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were discussed and decisions taken are detailed below:

**1) Initiation of construction work at NIPER, Guwahati and Gandhinagar, where land is available:**

At the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee, it was decided that construction work should be undertaken by the respective Board of Governors (BoG) of each new NIPER, as per the provisions of GFRs etc. keeping in view their requirements. However, in the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee, it was felt that the matter should not be kept pending till the constitution of BoG for each new NIPER.

While granting In principle approval for setting up of new NIPERs Cabinet inter-alia also approved constitution of an Apex Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (C&PC) to oversee the functioning of the new NIPERs. This arrangement was to continue till the constitution of BoG in terms of the provisions of the NIPER Act, 1998. The Cabinet further directed that proficient governing bodies be put in place for ensuring the requisite technical standards in the institutes. The proposal with regard to constitution of BoG for each NIPER is already under submission for quite some time. As such, Steering Committee for new NIPERs under the Chairmanship of Secretary (P) can take all the decisions which are mandated to be taken by BoG of each NIPER under the NIPER Act, 1998.

The Committee, therefore, proceeded to consider the issue of construction of NIPER Campus at (i) Gandhinagar (Gujarat), where 60 acre of land has already been allotted by the State Government of Gujarat, and (ii) Guwahati (Assam) where 100 acre of land has already been allotted by the State Government of Assam.

The provisions of GFR 126 as amended by the Ministry of Finance vide its OM No.15(1)/E.II(A)/2010 dated 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 were made available to the Steering Committee for taking decision, as appropriate. Having regard to the provisions of amended GFR 126(2), the Committee decided that EOI may be issued inviting applications from the

organizations / institutions referred to in GFR 126(2) for construction of NIPER Campus at Gandhinagar and Guwahati. Any organization selected as such would work as Project Management organization.

A committee under the chairmanship of JS(RSV), with Project Director, NIPER Guwahati, and Project Director, NIPER, Ahmedabad and Director, NIPER Division in the Ministry as Convener of the committee was constituted. The Committee would make available its recommendations to the Steering Committee in this regard for approval. The entire exercise should be over by 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.

**2) Payment of stipend to students of NIPER, Hajipur during their absence on strike:**

The Committee was informed that the students of NIPER, Hajipur were on strike from 02.04.2012 to 11.04.2012 in support of their demands. Having considered the matter in detail it was decided that stipend should not be paid to students during their absence on strike.

**3) Relocation money, research initiation grant, medical facility for self and family and accommodation facility to newly selected lecturer on contract basis at NIPER, Hajipur.**

The facilities asked for by Dr. Palash Mandal are not admissible. As such the Committee did not approve grant of facilities as aforesaid.

**4) Maintenance of financial records in prescribed format and laying of statement separately in the Parliament as per the provisions of NIPER Act, 1998.**

NIPERs were requested to make available their audited accounts for each year without any further delay in accordance with provisions of Section 23 of the NIPER Act, 1998, for laying in Parliament.

**Proposals suggested by NIPER, Hyderabad.**

**5) Approval of Budget for 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of NIPER, Hyderabad.**

The committee approved the proposal.

**6) Equivalence of MS(Pharm).**

The matter was discussed in detail. It was mentioned that the NIPERs have power to grant degrees in terms of NIPER Act, 1998 notwithstanding the provisions of UGC Act. Considering the difficulties experienced by MS(Pharm) students of NIPERs in securing teaching assignments in Pharma colleges affiliated to PCI, the matter has already been taken up at the level of Minister (C&F) with Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Minister

for HRD. The issue is likely to be discussed shortly at the level of Secretary (P) with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**7) Medical Claim for Faculty and staff.**

The facility of grant of medical facilities to Faculty and other staff appointed on contract basis for short duration is not admissible. As such, the Committee did not agree with the proposal.

**8) Requirement of Major Equipments for Ph.D Programme.**

The committee approved purchase of major equipments by NIPER, Hyderabad for its Ph.D Programme:

**9) Formulation of Sports Promotion Board of NIPERs and Sports Activities.**

The Steering Committee approved in principle the proposal of NIPER, Hyderabad to take a lead role in holding the first sports meet. However, the extent of expected expenditure for this event may be examined and decision taken communicated to NIPER, Hyderabad by the Department.

**10) New Space for NIPER, Kolkata.**

It was decided that a letter be sent to Jadavpur University, Kolkata with regard to ascertaining availability of accommodation of National Instruments Institute, Kolkata, at present under possession of Jadavpur University, for NIPER Kolkata. Thereafter, NIPER, Kolkata would pursue the matter with Jadavpur University in this regard.

**Other Items:**

**11) Commencement of new Course on Medical Devices at NIPER, Ahmedabad from 2012.**

The Steering Committee for new NIPERs at its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 2.3.2010 approved commencement of Masters Course on Medical Devices at NIPER, Ahmedabad. The Committee at its 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 15.12.2011 decided that the course should be introduced from Academic year 2012-13. A committee was constituted to finalise the syllabus for the course. It was decided that NIPER, Ahmedabad could include specialists in Medical Devices in the Committee.

The said Committee has since approved the syllabus of MS(Pharm) on Medical Devices.

Project Director, NIPER, Ahmedabad, therefore, sought approval of the Steering Committee to the commencement of the course from the academic year 2012.

Director NIPER, Mohali stated that this course would be included in the Ordinance with the approval of APDC. The Steering Committee for new NIPERs, therefore, approved introduction of MS(Pharm) in Medical Devices in NIPER, Ahmedabad (now Gandhinagar) from the academic year 2012.

**12) Appointment of Faculty on Contract basis.**

A point was raised about the difficulties being experienced by new NIPERs in the appointment of Faculty on contract basis for a period not exceeding one year, as provided for in the MOU entered into by the Department with the mentor institutes of new NIPERs. It was stated that competent Faculty was not available for such short duration. Even if someone joined, he leaves for better assignment in other institutions. Having regard to the difficulties faced by new NIPERs, it was decided that the Faculty could be initially engaged by new NIPERs for a period of three years on contract basis. The contract period could be extended by another two years.

**13) Revision of MS(Pharm) Curriculum.**

NIPER, Kolkata expressed a view that curriculum for MS (Pharm) needed revision. It was decided to constitute a committee comprising the following to look into the matter and make available its recommendations to the Steering Committee.

- (i) Joint Secretary(RSV) - Chairman
- (ii) Director, NIPER, Mohali - Member
- (iii) Project Director, NIPER, Guwahati - Member
- (iv) Project Director, NIPER Hajipur - Member
- (v) Project Director, NIPER Kolkata - Member
- (vi) Project Director, NIPER Hyderabad - Member
- (vii) Project Director, NIPER Raebareli - Member
- (viii) Project Director, NIPER, Ahmedabad - Member
- (ix) Registrar, NIPER, Mohali - Member
- (x) Director, NIPER Division - Convener.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.