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Subject:- Minutes of Meeting to discuss issues of NIPERs held on 3rd January, 2008 in the Chamber of Secretary(C&PC).

A copy of Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Committee for New - Nipers under the Chairmanship of Secretary (C&PC) held on 3.1.2008 is enclosed for information and necessary action.

It is requested that action taken in the matter may please be intimated to this Department.

  
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Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India


1. Dr.P. Rama Rao, Director,NIPER,SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab.
2. DrPradeep Das, Director, RMRIMS, Patna,( Mentor Institute for NIPER,Hajipur)
3. Dr. J.S.Yadav, Director,NIPER, ICT, Hyderabad.
4. Prof. Siddarth Roy, Director, NIPER, IICB, Kolkata.
5. Shri Ashish Kumar Banerjee, Project Director, NIPER, Kolkata
6. Shri P.V. Dewan, Project Director, NIPER, Hyderabad.
7. Shri Harish Padh, Director PERD,NIPER, Ahmedabad.
8. Principal Secretay,Industries, Govt. of West Bengal
9. IDC, Industries, Govt. of Bihar
10. Principal Secretary, Industries, Govt. of Gujarat
11. Principal Secretary, Industries, Govt. of A.P.

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Minutes of the Meeting to discuss issues of new NIPERs held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January,  
2008 in the chamber of Secretary(C&PC)  
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List of persons who attended the meeting is listed in the enclosed Annexure.

Secretary (C&PC) welcomed the members and briefed them about the policy guidelines and the framework under which the NIPERs would be functioning. He invited the Members to deliberate upon the Agenda items.

**Item No I**

Agenda item I refers to progress made in the new NIPERs.

**NIPER, Ahmedabad -**

Prof. Harish Padh Director, PERD & NIPER, Ahmedabad informed that the teaching programme was started on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007 and is going on well. The mid-term examinations were conducted in November, 2007 and the semester examination would be conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2008. Regarding hostel facility he informed that since PERD Centre does not have its hostel facility, the private buildings in the vicinity of the Institute have been taken on rent where the students are staying. A mess facility is being maintained by the students themselves. As per academic evaluation the performance of the students has been found very good.

Secretary, DCPC suggested that one local Coordinator should be identified to be in touch with the students to have a regular check on their problems, etc. He also desired that the Coordinator from NIPER, SAS Nagar should make a regular visit (at least twice during the semester) to advise on the method of teaching, examination system, evaluation, etc., so that high standards may be maintained.

### NIPER, Kolkata-

Dr. Ashish Banerjee Project Convenor, NIPER, Kolkata informed that courses were started on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 and the mid term examination had already been conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2007. It was intimated by Dr. Banerjee that classes are being held continuously without any holiday to overcome the late starting of the courses. Dr. Banerjee said that some students at NIPER, Kolkata needed coaching in mathematics. It was decided that some special classes may be arranged on mathematics to these students.

### NIPER, Hyderabad -

Dr. P.V. Diwan, Project Director, NIPER, Hyderabad intimated that classes were started on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 and these were in full swing. Mid-term examinations would be conducted in the middle of January 2008. Required faculty has been arranged. Regarding mess facility in the hostel it was intimated by him that there is lack of utensils and no contractor is available due to this and the small number of students. He also informed that on the matter of academics they have already conducted special classes on mathematics for the students. It was decided that the necessary utensils may be purchased and arrangement for running a mess in the campus may be made.

### NIPER, Hajipur-

Mr. Narender Kumar, Project Convenor, Hajipur informed that courses were started on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 and the teaching programme is well in progress. Mid-term examinations would be held in the middle of January, 2008. The girl students who were staying in the RMRIMS have now been shifted to CIPET campus and boys are staying in the hostel and some portion of the Administrative Block. NIPER Hajipur has already procured books as per standards of NIPER to the tune of Rs.8 lakhs and these are being made available to the students. Faculty has been arranged from BIT Mesra, Patna

Medical College and BHU. They were facing problem in conducting the Pharmacoinformatics classes due to shortage of faculty. For the students of Pharmacy Practice he wanted that PMCH/NMCH may be requested by the Department so that students may be allowed to use the facilities of these Hospitals.

Shri G.S. Sandhu, Joint Secretary, DCPC intimated that earlier in the meeting convened by Principal Secretary, Industries, Government of Bihar in which Principal, Patna Medical College Hospital was also present it was decided that PMCH would allow such programmes. He advised that the Mentor Institute should contact Principal, Patna Medical College Hospital. A letter from Department (DCPC) to Bihar Government should also be written in this regard. The Nodal Officer of NIPER, Mohali should assist in getting the MOUs signed between NIPER and the concerned medical institution. It was suggested that as computers are now available on the DGS&D rate contract list, these may be procured without delay.

#### **Item no II**

The issue of Budget for the new NIPERs was discussed. Shri G.S. Sandhu, Joint Secretary, intimated that a total of Rs.8.19 crores has already been released to these NIPERs which includes Rs.1 crore to APIIC and 0.19 crore to NIPER SAS Nagar, Mohali. On the budgetary details provided by each of these NIPERs it was found that there was lot of diversities on the quantum of fund as well as Heads of accounts. To ensure similarity it was decided that a Committee be constituted taking members from Administrative Division/Finance Division, NIPER, SAS Nagar and Members from respective NIPERs and budgets be prepared detailing proper Head of Account to have similarity of nomenclatures. The Budget would be decided based on their requirement and suggestions forwarded by this Committee within a months' time. On the matter of procuring new equipments it was suggested that limited small equipments may be purchased. For the purchase of the software and these equipments proposals may be forwarded with justification for taking a final decision.

Item no .III

On admissions of a new batch through the Joint Entrance Examination to be held by NIPER, SAS Nagar, it was decided after discussions that the courses and the strength of students presently admitted in each of the NIPERs may be retained for admissions to the batch of 2008-09. NIPER, Hajipur wanted to replace one course i.e. Pharmacoinformatics with Pharmacology and Toxicology and Secretary was particular that students who were already in the first year on Pharmacoinformatics do not face any hardships due to faculty issues. Director NIPER, Mohali was asked to suggest ways of ensuring them. It was also decided that for the purpose of holding JEE all the four places i.e. Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Patna should be considered as the Centres alongwith the other Examination Centres of NIPER schedule. This would enable more local students to participate in the process.

**Item no IV**

On the matter of setting up of State level Committees it was decided that these Committees may be set up under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary Department of Industries of the State concerned. These Committees would be advisory in nature and help in sorting out the local problems and smooth functioning of the new NIPERs. They would function as sub-Committees of the Steering Committee at the Apex level. They would meet at regular intervals to review the working of NIPERs. It was decided that the first meeting of each of the State level Committee should be held during the current financial year.

**Other Items -**

Apart from the above agenda items some other issues were also discussed which are as under-

a) Payment of Overhead Charges to Mentor Institutes - The Mentor Institutes need to be paid some overhead charges. It was decided that there is need to have uniformity in these charges as presently different norms are being followed by different Departments/ Agencies like DST, ICMR etc for the purpose of the charges. After discussions it was

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decided that a Committee of DS(NIPER), representative of IFD and NIPER , SAS Nagar, Mohali may be constituted to go into this issue in consultation with the Mentor Institutes . This Committee should give its report by 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

b) Payment of extra remuneration to the full-time personnel deployed by Mentor Institutes for NIPER work – There was a general suggestion from the Mentor Institutes that their full-time staff deployed for the NIPER work should be paid some extra-remuneration by way of incentive for working in NIPER. It was decided that this issue should be addressed by the Committee to be set up for working out the overhead charges for the Mentor Institutes.

c) Purchase of Equipments, Software by Mentor Institutes – it was decided that the purchase of equipments / software etc for the new NIPERs should be need-based. For the purchase of major items of this category an assessment needs to be made by NIPER, SAS Nagar, Mohali in consultation with the new NIPERs based on the needs of each Institute.

d) Nodal Officers- It was decided that nodal officers of NIPER, SAS Nagar, Mohali should regularly visit new NIPERS and send their report to Director NIPER, with a copy to the Mentor Institute and DCPC. Guidelines in this regard have already been issued by the Department.

The Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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