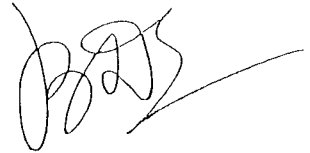


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Subject: Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 19th May 2008 at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi to discuss issues of new NIPERs.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the above meeting for information and necessary action.



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- ✓ 2. Chief Secretaries of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat & West Bengal
- ✓ 3. Director, NIPER, SAS Nagar
- ✓ 4. Director-IIT (Guwahati) – Mentor Institute for NIPER, Guwahati.
- ✓ 5. Director-CDRI (Lucknow) – Mentor Institute for NIPER, Rae Bareli.

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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 19th May 2008 at Shastri Bhavari, New Delhi to discuss issues of new NIPERS.

List of participants in the meeting is at Annexure.

At the outset Secretary (C&PC) welcomed all the participants and expressed his desire for implementation of the time schedule for early setting up of new NIPERS. Thereafter item wise agenda was discussed in the meeting as follows:-

Item No. I- Action taken on the 1st meeting held on 3.1.2008.

Shri G.S.Sandhu, Joint Secretary apprised the Committee about the action taken by the Department on the decisions taken earlier in the 1st meeting of the Committee. Some of the important developments were mentioned as below:-

- (a) On the matter of convening meeting of the State level Coordination Committee it was intimated that such meeting has only been convened for NIPER, Hajipur. It was intimated that Principal Secretary(IDC), Chairman of the Coordination Committee of NIPER, Hajipur assured full cooperation and due to his intervention the award of land of 100 acres could get materialized within a week's time of the meeting. Secretary, DCPC desired that such meetings be convened by other NIPERS at the earliest so that local problems could get resolved. On the matter of two members from industry/industry association in the said Coordination Committee, it was intimated that the Department has already initiated action. Wherever, there was delay in nomination of industry / association representative, it was decided that such NIPERS may go ahead with convening atleast of the 1st meeting without their nomination. It was intimated that Dr.Sabyasachi Sen, Principal Secretary, Govt.of West Bengal had written to the Department that Chief Secretary, Govt.of West Bengal might be made the Chairman of the Coordination Committee and other senior level officers of Govt.of West Bengal might also be included. Secretary, DCPC desired that the composition of such Committee should be kept uniform. However, they may call the officers concerned as special invitees in the meeting.
- (b) On the matter of allotment of land for NIPER in various States it was desired that all the Mentor Institutes/Nodal officers on this front should follow up and take required action. Representative of NIPER, Ahmedabad handed over a copy of draft lease agreement to be signed with State governments for the 60 acres of land allotted by them. He also mentioned that measurement demarcation of land is being expedited by the Gujarat Government. As regards Kolkata, State Government was earlier requested to allot 100 acres of land (in two plots of 50 acres each in Barmpin area. Though Chief Minister of West Bengal had given his consent , no response has so far been received from State Governments Secretary also desired that letter to Chief Secretaries of Govt. Of U.P. and Assam requesting an early action for allotment of land may be sent under his signatures.

Item No. II- Progress of teaching courses in each NIPER:-

Directors of Mentor Institute/Project Directors of all the NIPERS informed about the progress made so far. They informed that the schedule for 2nd year will start in time. On the matter of starting courses in Guwahati and Rae Bareli, Secretary desired that the identification of courses and faculty assessment may be done by CDRI Lucknow (for NIPER Rae Bareli) and IIT Guwahati/Medical College Guwahati for NIPER Guwahati. Secretary mentioned that Chief Secretary, Assam has been very positive and helpful in various matters and may be requested to resolve the issue.

Item No.III-Budget allocation/Utilisation for 2007-08:- All the Director of Mentor Institutes or their representatives informed about the budget released and utilised in 2007-08.The following position was indicated:-

Name of NIPER	Fund Released	Utilized up to 31.3.2008
Hyderabad	Rs.3.50 Crore	Rs.1.32 Crore
Ahmedabad	Rs.2.00 Crore	Rs.1.85 Crore
Kolkata	Rs.2.00 Crore	Rs.1.00 crore
Hajipur	Rs.2.00 Crore	Rs.1.00 crore

It was decided that the Budget indicated above may be taken as the Provisional budget.

Item No.IV-Budget requirement for 2008-09:-

Following requirement of fund was indicated by each new NIPER:-

Name of NIPER	Requirement	Equipment required	Equipment required Immediately
Hyderabad	Rs.7.60 Crore	Rs.4.90 Cr.	Rs.1.00 Crore
Ahmedabad	Rs.4.49 Crore	Rs.1.20 Cr.	Rs.0.80 Crore
Kolkata	Rs.3.30 Crore	Rs.0.50 Cr.	Rs.0.50 Crore
Hajipur	Rs.6.20 Crore	Rs.0.50 Cr.	Rs.0.50 Crore

Item No.V- Status of Joint Entrance Test 2008:- The representative of NIPER, SAS Nagar informed that the total number of applications received are 2131.The Entrance Examination will be held on 8th June, 2008. They have re-advertised for applications in regard to 9% reservation for OBC candidates. The total number of applications may vary accordingly.

Item No. VI- Implementation of 27% reservation for OBCs:- It was intimated that the total seats have been worked out so that 9% reservation may be implemented for OBC during 2008-09 and remaining 18% will be implemented during next two years @ 9%. on the matter of qualification criteria, etc. Secretary desired that the practice being followed in the HTs may be checked and implemented in all the NIPERs.

Item No. VII- Renovation and construction to teaching/hostel accommodation:-

Preparedness of NIPER, Hajipur, Kolkata and Hyderabad put forth the need for additional construction/renovation in the academic/hostel buildings being used for the NIPERs. Representative of NIPER, Ahmedabad indicated the need for hiring hostel for the students. It was decided that wherever additional constructions/renovations is required to be done, it may be taken up urgently so that it is ready well in time for the next batch of students.

Item No. VIII-Issue of overhead charges for Mentor Institutes:-

It was also decided that Over Head charges be fixed limited to 10% of recurring expenditure with a ceiling of Rs.25 lakhs per annum for each NIPER. NIPER SAS Nagar should organise a seminar for all Accounts officers and other Finance person from all NIPERs so that a common format be followed in accounts work. It will obviate Audit paras from the Office of C&AG.

Item No. IX - Issue of faculty or any other problem being faced by NIPERs

Secretary suggested that hybrid faculty from Guwahati Medical College/IIT/NIPER, SAS Nagar may form a core Committee to start courses at Guwahati. A team consisting Department's representatives, Director, NIPER, SAS Nagar, representative of ICMR should visit Guwahati to sort out such issues.

All NIPERs should have the facility of Video Conferencing facility. NIPER SAS Nagar should explore the possibility of its implementation. This would eliminate difficulty being faced on the matter of faculty.

Other Issues

Item No. X - Issue of Procurement of necessary laboratory and other equipment:-

Equipments should be purchased based on need and proper justification. It was decided that the Director-in-charge of each NIPER is authorised to purchase any equipment costing not more than Rs.7.5 lakh limited to a total of Rs.25 lakh in a year based on actual needs. For purchase of any equipment costing more than Rs.7.5 lakhs or for exceeding the limit of Rs.25.00 lakhs per annum the same may be purchased on the recommendation of Director, SAS Nagar, Mohali subject to the budget ceiling for the year.

Item No. XI - Draft MOU to be signed by the Department with the Mentor Institutes:-

It was decided that MOU would be signed by Department with each Mentor Institute for running of the NIPER courses till regular NIPERs are set up. A draft MOU would be circulated to Mentor Institutes for their comments and finalized thereafter in the Department.

Item No. XII - Issue of Gazette Notification for removal of difficulties:-

The New NIPERs are being run with the help of Mentor Institutes and there is no post of Director created for these NIPERs. Also no Board of Governors has been constituted for these NIPERs as a final decision of the Cabinet is yet to be taken about the future of these NIPERs. In order to oversee the working of the New NIPERs and to take policy decision, a Steering Committee headed by Secretary (C&PC) has been set up by the Department.

Section 34 of NIPER Act 1998 empowers the Central Government to issue order published in the official Gazette for removing the difficulties. Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament. This issue was discussed in the meeting and it was decided that the Steering Committee may be entrusted with the powers of the Board of Governors and the statutes / Ordinance of the NIPER, SAS Nagar should be adopted by all New NIPERs for day to day functioning and uniformity. Suitable Notification to this effect may be issued by the Department as required under relevant Section of the NIPER Act.

Item No. XIII - Electronic Library

The issue of sharing of library resources of NIPER, SAS Nagar Mohali with other NIPERs was discussed at length. There is need to have a multi-site licence and grid formation for this purpose for which NIPER, SAS Nagar should initiate necessary action. It was decided that NIPER, SAS Nagar should take short term password for sharing the library resources and in the long term adapt Grid technology.

ANNEXURE

List of Participants in the 2nd meeting of the Steering Committee held on Monday the 19th May 2008 at 11.30 AM in Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals:

1. Shri V.S. Sampath, Secretary Chairman
2. Shri Mathew C. Kunumakkal, AS & FA
3. Shri G.S. Sandhu, Joint Secretary
4. Shri R.C. Jha, Director
5. Shri B.D. Shivani, Under Secretary

Govt. of Andhra Pradesh

1. Shri R. Bhargava, Addl. Commissioner

NIPER – SAS Nagar

1. Prof. P. Ramarao, Director
2. Shri A.K. Chakraborty

NIPER – Hyderabad

1. Dr. Prakash V Diwan, Project Director
2. Prof. A.C. Kunwar, IICT

NIPER – Hajipur

1. Dr. P. Das, Director, RMRIMS

NIPER – Kolkata

1. Shri A.K. Banerjee, Project Director

NIPER – Ahmedabad

1. Prof. Harish Padh, Director, PERD

CDRI – Lucknow

1. Dr. S.B. Katti, Scientist

IIT – Guwahati

1. Prof. A.T. Khan