

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT MEETING (53rd) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1997 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068.

The following were present:

1. Prof Ram Takwale, V-C, IGNOU -- Chairman
2. Dr. S.K. Gandhe
3. Prof Habibur Rehman
4. Prof Suhash Chakravorty
5. Prof Afzal Mohammad
6. Prof RVR Chandrasekhar Rao
7. Shri Kiran Karnik
8. Professor MM Pant
9. Dr. D.D. Kaushik
10. Dr. A.R. Khan

Shri P.R. Dasgupta, Shri J.P. Javali, Dr. A.C. Muthaiah and Dr.(Ms) Shakuntala Varma could not attend the meeting.

BM53.1.1 The emergent meeting was called to consider a Note and Report submitted by the Vice-Chancellor on the roles of Professor Rakesh Khurana, PVC in outsourcing of entrance tests for management programmes to the CMC for the year 1996. The agenda item was circulated to all the members. The V-C also circulated a note at the meeting, which is annexed as Annexure-A.

BM53.1.2 After a detailed discussion on various aspects of the agenda item, the Board took the following decisions:-

- (1) Professor Rakesh Khurana, Pro Vice-Chancellor, had informed the members present at the meeting of his proposal to withdraw from the responsibility as Pro Vice-Chancellor, and the Board unanimously resolved that he be relieved of the position of PVC of the University with immediate effect. Accordingly Professor Rakesh Khurana ceases to be PVC of the University with effect from the afternoon of 18th October 1997.
- (2) The Board further decided that an inquiry should be conducted into the matter of outsourcing the entrance test for management programmes for the year 1996 to the CMC. The inquiry should be conducted by a retired judge not below the rank of a High Court

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Judge and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to appoint a retired Judge for this purpose and report the matter to the Board at the next meeting. The inquiry should, in particular, deal with the assignment of INDOMAT 1996 to CMC and whether or not there was any impropriety and/or misuse of the office by any person in securing any benefits from this assignment to any institutions/organisations/individuals with which/whom he/she is associated.

- (3) Taking a serious view of the accusations made by Prof Khurana and others in the papers circulated by them to the members of the Board and also the reports appearing in the newspapers in the last two days, the Board decided that :
- (i) a Committee may be appointed by the Board to look into those allegations which have been owned by them;
 - (ii) if the Committee finds that *prima facie* there has been any violation of the statutory provisions or established procedures, recommend appropriate action to be taken on them; and
 - (iii) if the allegations are baseless and/or frivolous on the basis of direct or circumstantial evidence recommend appropriate action against the persons making such allegations.

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


(R.G. TAKWALE)
Vice-Chancellor