

MINUTES OF THE 108TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON MAY 09, 2011 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK NO.8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

The following were present:

1	Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2	Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro-Vice-Chancellor	- Member
3	Sh. Anant Kumar Singh, Jt. Secretary(HE), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
4	Dr. S. B. Singh Bhadauria	- Member
5	Prof. P. Purushotam Rao	- Member
6	Prof. A. Kalyani	- Member
7	Prof. Darvesh Gopal	- Member
8	Prof. B.K. Pattanaik	- Member
9	Shri Abdul Samad Ibrahim	- Member
	Shri Udai S. Tolia, Registrar (Admn)	- Secretary

The Secretary (S&HE), MHRD, the Secretary, Ministry of I&B, Advocate Shri Pravin Parekh, Prof. B.S. Sharma, Dr. Veena Vinayakrao Thakare, Sh. Arun Chacko & Prof. G. Sundar, Members could not attend the meeting. It was also informed that Shri Arun Chacko is yet to confirm his consent to be a Member of the BOM.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 108th Meeting of the Board of Management. He informed the Board that he has nominated Prof. G. Sundar, Dy. Director, BITS, Pilani, as an expert in Distance Education and Shri Arun Chacko, as the Media Expert, on the Board of Management of the University under Clause (vi) (b) & (c) of Statute 6A(1) of IGNOU Act, as authorized by the Board vide Res. No. BM 107.15.1. The confirmation from the Members was awaited. Thereafter, the Chairman presented a proposal for nomination of two Members by the Board on the Search Committee for selection of the Vice-Chancellor in fulfillment of the provisions under Clause (2) & (3) of Statute 1 of IGNOU Act, as a Special Item. The Board considered the proposal and resolved as under:

SPECIAL ITEM TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE POSITION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

BM Resolution

The Board of Management was informed that Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai assumed the charge of the office of the Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU on 21.10.2006. He is due to complete his term of five years as Vice-Chancellor on 20.10.2011. As per Statute 1(2) of the Statutes of the University, the Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from out of a panel of not less than three persons recommended by a Committee constituted under Clause (3) of the Statute *ibid*.

As per Clause (3) of the said Statute, the Committee referred to in Clause (2) shall consist of three members, of whom, two members shall be nominated by the Board of Management and one by the Visitor; and the person nominated by the Visitor shall be the Convenor of the Committee.

The relevant provisions under the Statute 1 of IGNOU Act are as under:

Clause (2) & (3) of Statute 1

“(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from out of a panel of not less than three persons recommended (the names being arranged in the alphabetical order) by a Committee constituted under clause (3):

Provided that if the Visitor does not approve of any of the persons so recommended he may call for fresh recommendations.

(3) The Committee referred to in clause (2) shall consist of three members of whom two shall be nominated by the Board of Management and one by the Visitor, and the person nominated by the Visitor shall be the Convener of the committee:

Provided that no person who is an employee of the University or of any affiliated College or a member of any authority of the University shall be nominated to be a member of the Committee.”

BM Resolution

The Board further decided to nominate the following as the nominees on the above Committee under Clause (3) of Statute 1 of the Statutes of the University.

1. Padma Vibhushan Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Hon'ble Member of the Rajya Sabha & Member, National Advisory Committee (NAC)
2. Padma Bhushan Shri Rajendra S. Pawar, Chairman & Co-Founder, NIIT Group

A brief CV in respect of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan and Shri Rajendra S. Pawar is given below:

M.S. Swaminathan:

Prof. M S Swaminathan has been acclaimed by TIME magazine as one of the twenty most influential Asians of the 20th century and one of the only three from India, the other two being Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. He has been described by the United Nations Environment Programme as "the Father of Economic Ecology" and by Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations, as "a living legend who will go into the annals of history as a world scientist of rare distinction". He was Chairman of the UN Science Advisory Committee set up in 1980 to take follow-up action on the Vienna Plan of Action. He has also served as Independent Chairman of the FAO Council and President of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. He also served as President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (2002-07) and President of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (2005-07).

A plant geneticist by training, Professor Swaminathan's contributions to the agricultural renaissance of India have led to his being widely referred to as the scientific leader of the green revolution movement. His advocacy of sustainable agriculture leading to an ever-green revolution makes him an acknowledged world leader in the field of sustainable food security. The International Association of Women and Development conferred on him the first international award for significant contributions to promoting the knowledge, skill, and technological empowerment of women in agriculture and for his pioneering role in mainstreaming gender considerations in agriculture and rural development. Professor Swaminathan was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1971, the Albert Einstein World Science Award in 1986, the first World Food Prize in 1987, and Volvo and Tyler Prize for Environment, the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development in 2000 and the Franklin D Roosevelt Four Freedoms Medal and the Mahatma Gandhi Prize of UNESCO in 2000.

Professor Swaminathan is a Fellow of many of the leading scientific

academies of India and the world, including the Royal Society of London and the U S National Academy of Sciences. He has received 58 honorary doctorate degrees from universities around the world. He currently holds the UNESCO Chair in Eco-technology at the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai (Madras), India and formerly Chairman of the National Commission on Farmers, Government of India. He is currently a Member of the Parliament of India (Rajya Sabha), to which position he was nominated in May, 2007 by the Government of India in recognition of his contributions in the field of agricultural research and development. He was awarded by the President of India the Padma Shri (1966), Padma Bhushan (1972) and the Padma Vibhushan (1989).

Prof Swaminathan has served as Director of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi (1966-72), Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (1972-79), Principal Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture (1979-80), Acting Deputy Chairman and later Member, Union Planning Commission (1980-82), Director General of the International Rice Research Institute, the Philippines (1982-88). Currently he holds the UNESCO Chair in Eco-technology and is Chairman of the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai. *(from: www.seedtest.org)*

Rajendra S. Pawar:

Shri Rajendra S. Pawar is Chairman and co-founder of the NIIT Group, that encompasses two businesses—NIIT Technologies Limited, the software and services arm and NIIT Limited, the leading Global Talent Development Corporation.

Set up in 1981, NIIT pioneered the computer education market in India, creating a completely new industry segment and taking it to consolidation and maturity. Mr. Pawar has played a leadership role in nurturing NIIT and building it into a leading Global Talent Development Corporation.

By pioneering NIIT's innovative franchising model, he enabled the company to unleash a wave of entrepreneurship across the globe, providing young people with the opportunity to create viable businesses centred on IT learning. Mr. Pawar led NIIT's foray into the software and services market, creating NIIT Technologies, a global IT Solutions organization. Assessed at SEI-CMMi Level 5, NIIT Technologies served clients across North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Mr. Pawar is a member of Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development, a council chaired by the Prime Minister of India.

He is a member of the Planning Commission's Task Force on Skill Development and has also served on the Prime Minister's National Task force, which aimed at making India an IT Superpower by 2008. He is also helping the Government of South Africa develop a growth strategy

for its ICT industry.

Actively involved in India's key Chambers of Commerce, Mr. Pawar has led several ICT industry initiatives, giving voice to the sector's aspirations and goals. He has been a Founder Member of NASSCOM (the National Association of Software & Service Companies). He is currently a member of the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum.

Global Business Intelligence firm, Ernst & Young conferred on Mr. Pawar its prestigious Master Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 1999. He has also been named the IT man of the Year by IT industry journal, Dataquest. Pawar has been awarded 'The Global India Splendor Award' on the occasion of 60th year of India's independence, for his work on developing human resource potential.

Known for promoting industry-academia alliances, Mr. Pawar has been working closely with the country's well-known educational institutions. He is on the Board of Governors of India's premier engineering institution, IIT Delhi; country's first global business school, the Indian School of Business; and the Scindia School. Mr Pawar also serves on the Board of Management of world's largest distance learning university, Indira Gandhi National Open University.

Mr. Pawar studied at the Scindia School, Gwalior and graduated from the country's prestigious engineering institution, the IIT, Delhi in 1972 where he pursued the B.Tech programme in electrical engineering and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award of IIT in 1995. He has also been awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree by the Rajiv Gandhi Technical University in 2005. Mr. Pawar is an avid reader, writer and music buff. *(from: www.nasscom.in)*

BM Resolution The Board resolved to request the MHRD to initiate the procedure for appointing the Vice-Chancellor.

The Chairman then requested the Registrar/Secretary, BOM to present the items on the Agenda.

The following items were taken up for consideration:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 107TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON APRIL 11, 2011

BM 108.1.1 The Registrar informed that the Minutes of the 107th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 11.4.2011 were circulated to the members. However, no comments have been received. He, therefore, proposed that the Minutes of the previous meeting may

be confirmed by the Board.

BM 108.1.2

The Minutes of the 107th Meeting were taken up for confirmation. Referring to Resolution No. 107.1.1, Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary (HE), MHRD noted that the issue of continuance of Technical programmes by the IGNOU through distance mode was discussed in detail in the previous meeting. The Board had decided that the University should await the recommendations of Prof. Madhav Menon Committee appointed by the MHRD in respect of offering of technical & professional programmes by the IGNOU.

He further recalled the presentation made by Prof. Ajit Kumar, Director (SOET) before the 107th meeting of the Board. The Board had noted that the technical programmes are being offered through the Programme Study Centres who have excellent lab and other infrastructure facilities. It was also noted that the technical programmes offered by IGNOU through partner institutes were only in on-campus mode making use of the necessary infrastructure facilities available with the recognized technical institutions. It was well appreciated that lab work and the project work formed important components of the IGNOU technical programmes which are at par with programmes being offered by the technical institutes. However, since a tripartite Committee has been constituted by the Ministry to evolve proper mechanism for recognition of the technical programmes offered by the IGNOU, it was worthwhile to await its recommendations.

The Joint Secretary further suggested that Res. No.107.1.2 may be shifted and placed under para No.3 to Res. No.107.1.1 being related to the issue.

BM 108.1.3

As regards the offering of Ph.D programme by IGNOU, it was clarified that under sub-para (h) of para 1 of the First Schedule to the IGNOU Act, it is very clearly mentioned that the **University shall provide suitable Post-Graduate courses of study and promote research.** Further, under Statute 9A, a Research Council has been constituted, as an authority of the University for proper coordination of the research work. The IGNOU Act mandates that the University shall endeavour through education, research, training & extension to play a positive role in the development of the country. It was further clarified that for development of the course material for research work, the University draws eminent faculty from various universities/

institutes besides the faculty in the various disciplines in the University. Thus, the research degree programmes offered by the University were at par with such programmes offered in any other University/Institute in the country. The Ph.D regulations are much more rigorous than the recently stipulated regulations by the UGC.

The Board noted that the quality & standard of course material produced by the University was well recognized. The University was already offering Post Graduate degrees in various streams and it is only logical to provide further opportunities to the students for research work leading to award of M.Phil & Ph.D degrees in their chosen streams. It was further noted that the proposals for offering the research degrees are first deliberated in the School Boards and the Academic Council which are the competent bodies in the academic matters. Moreover, the IGNOU Act provides for promotion of Research as one of the mandates of the University and there was no ambiguity in this regard.

The Joint Secretary shared the views expressed by the members and suggested that the University should approach the UGC for making appropriate provisions in the UGC Act for enlisting the research degree programmes offered by IGNOU in various disciplines.

BM 108.1.4 Referring to the Resolution No.107.1.3 dealing with the case of Dr. S.S. Dubey, ex Lecturer, the Joint Secretary, MHRD opined that the Board is the appointing authority for the post of Teachers, as per the IGNOU Act. As such, the Board is the ‘disciplinary authority’ as well as the ‘reviewing authority’ in the case of Dr. S.S. Dubey, ex-Lecturer, while the ‘Visitor’ is the ‘appellate authority’. The Board agreed to the views of the Jt. Secretary in the matter.

BM 108.1.5 Referring to the types of proposals being placed before the Board, the Jt. Secretary suggested that there is a need to restrict the number of papers to be placed before the Board. For this each proposal should be examined administratively, to ensure that only the issues where approval of the Board was necessary as per the provisions of the Act & Statutes, etc. should be placed before it and that only the policy matters are placed before the Board and the rest be dealt with by the concerned units, administratively. Further, the agenda papers should be self-

contained and in speaking order, so that the Board is not constrained to examine the issues, etc., which ought to be done beforehand by the concerned Units. The Board appreciated the suggestions and directed that the same be followed.

BM 108.1.6 As regards the Item Nos.10 & 13 of the 107th meeting of the BOM, the Board decided to make following additions under the respective resolutions:

‘**BM 107.10.2:** As directed by the BOM, a detailed worksheet of the pensionary liability in the case is placed as Appendix...’

(Revised by the Board in its 110th Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.26.8.2011)

‘**BM 107.13.2:** The Board decided that a self-contained Note on the various recommendations of the Establishment Committee/ other standing committees, highlighting the proposals where the specific approval of the Board is called for, be placed before the Board for **approval**.

BM 108.1.7 Referring to the resolution No.107.16.1, the Joint Secretary, MHRD recalled that the Board had resolved that the University shall offer the Associate Degree programme under the Community College Scheme with nomenclature as the ‘Associate Degree (Advanced Diploma)’ programme.

The Board considered the matter and decided that the following Resolution may be added below **para 3 under Resolution No.BM 107.16.1:**

‘The Board after detailed discussion decided that the University shall offer ‘Associate Degree (Advanced Diploma)’ programme under the Community College Scheme.’

BM 108.1.8 The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 107th Meeting held on 11.4.2011 with the above observations & amendments to the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2 TO NOTE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL MADE AT ITS 37TH & 38TH MEETINGS HELD ON 28.10.2010 & 24.12.2010 RESPECTIVELY

BM 108.2.1 The Board considered the decisions taken by the Distance Education Council at its 37th & 38th meetings held on 28.10.2011 & 24.12.2010 respectively. With regard to DEC Res. No. 38.2,

the Joint Secretary, MHRD pointed out that two universities namely, (i) Jyoti Vidyapeeth Womens University and (ii) Hyderabad University did not figure in the agenda papers circulated to the Members, initially. The Secretary, DEC clarified that these universities were subsequently added in the agenda for the DEC meeting, as the proposals were of similar nature and the decision as applicable to the other universities was applicable in these two cases, equally.

BM 108.2.2

Referring to the DEC Res. No.38.4, the Board desired that the details of the number of cases of failures of remittance transactions of grant to open universities and distance education institutes through the RTG Scheme as well as through cheques during the year may be given in the Minutes. It was further suggested that the DEC may consider transfer of funds/grants to the state open universities and distance education institutes through electronic transfer system to eliminate the cases of failures.

Referring to the issue of approval of the programmes offered by various universities under distance mode, the Board was of unanimous view that policy to accord post-facto approvals in any case is a bad practice in law and should be withdrawn forthwith. Further, the programmes to be offered in distance mode should be first approved by the academic bodies of the universities as a pre-requisite for approval by the Distance Education Council and the DEC letter should clearly indicate this condition in future.

BM 108.2.3

**(Added by the Board
in its 110th Meeting)**

The Board was informed by the Chairman that the recognition of the above two institutes would be taken up in the next meeting of the DEC. Normally, DEC issues grants through RTGS only but it will be reiterated so that only in exceptional cases when RTGS fails money will be transferred through cheque.

ITEM NO. 3

TO REPORT THE MATTER RELATING TO THE CREDIT TRANSFER POLICY FOR THE STUDENTS OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME WHO HAVE COMPLETED MAXIMUM PERIOD

BM 108.3.1

The Board approved the proposal. The Board decided that the policy of credit transfer should be available across all the programmes of the University.

ITEM NO. 4

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ENGAGEMENT OF PROF. NASEER

AHMAD KHAN, SENIOR CONSULTANT BEYOND 24 MONTHS

- BM 108.4.1** The Item was withdrawn.
- ITEM NO. 5** **TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ABOLITION OF CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT UNIT (CDU) AND MERGER OF THE ACTIVITIES WITH CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION (CMD)**
- BM 108.5.1** The Board approved the proposal for abolition of the Campus Development Unit (CDU) and the merger of the activities of the Unit with the Construction and Maintenance Division (CMD).
- ITEM NO. 6** **TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ANOMALIES COMMITTEE**
- BM 108.6.1** The Item was deferred.
- ITEM NO. 7** **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL REGARDING CHANGE IN THE MODE OF RECRUITMENT FOR THE POSTS OF ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (LEGAL) & SR. ASSISTANT (LEGAL) THROUGH OPEN RECRUITMENT AND / OR ON DEPUTATION BASIS**
- BM 108.7.1** The Board approved the proposed change in the mode of recruitment for the post of Asstt. Registrar (Legal) and Sr. Assistant (Legal) through open recruitment and/or on deputation basis.
- ITEM NO. 8** **TO CONSIDER THE FACTS CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. V. S. P. SRIVASTAVA, HEAD COMPUTER DIVISION VIS-A-VIS INQUIRY REPORT OF THE CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION (CVC), GOVT. OF INDIA AND DECISION OF THE BOM TAKEN IN ITS 105TH MEETING HELD ON 28.7.2010**
- BM 108.8.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the facts of appointment/absorption of Dr. V.S.P. Srivastava in the University. The Board further noted the clarifications given by Dr. Srivastva in his letter dt. 16.10.2010 placed before the Board. It was observed that there were serious irregularities in his

appointment. There is clear cut evidence of serious failures on the part of the Administration in dealing with his case at different stages as per the Govt. of India Rules owing to which Dr. Srivastava eventually became the beneficiary. There are also lapses on the part of the individual who as a Govt. servant, was well aware of the Govt. of India rules on deputation, lien, absorption, etc. and, therefore, cannot claim ignorance. He should have ensured that the proper procedures were followed in his absorption, soon after he joined the University.

BM 108.8.2 The Board, after detailed discussion, decided that:

- (i) Dr. Srivastava may be served with a show-cause notice to explain as to why his absorption *ab initio* in the University should not be reviewed by the Board.
- (ii) He may also be given opportunity to present his case, personally, before the next Board, for a final decision.

ITEM NO. 9 **TO REVIEW THE BOARD'S APPROVAL IN CREATING THE POSTS OF ONE PROFESSOR AND ONE DY. LIBRARIAN VICE 'PROJECT COORDINATOR' AND 'LIBRARIAN' AT MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRE OF SOCIAL WORK (MGCSW), NAGALAND**

BM 108.9.1 The proposal was deferred.

(Revised by the Board in its 110th Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.26.8.11)

ITEM NO. 10 **TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION OF PROF. KAPIL KUMAR, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY ADDRESSED TO THE MHRD FOR ANNULMENT OF APPLICATION OF CCS (CCA) RULES ON TEACHERS**

BM 108.10.1 The Board considered the matter. The Board did not agree to the contention of Prof. Kapil Kumar that the CCS (CCA) Conduct Rules, 1965 are not applicable to teachers. Every service whether administrative or academic is to be governed under the Rules of Conduct and there can be no immunity to any class of public service in this regard. In fact, in several cases in the University, penalties under CCS (CCA) Conduct Rules, 1965 have been imposed on teachers in the past and the teachers have also been removed from the service. As to the specific case of

Prof. Kapil Kumar, the Board noted that there were certain procedural lapses in issuance of the Chargesheet, particularly the first level opinion from the CVC, which was not followed in this case. The Board noted that Prof. Kapil Kumar is a teacher and not a technical person. The damage to the underground Cables on the part of the labourers may be inadvertent while digging the earth for plantation purposes. The charge-sheet issued to Prof. Kapil Kumar under Section 14 of the CCS (CCA) Conduct Rules which tantamount to a major penalty was not in order. The loss of Rs.60,000/- or so, due to the damage to the Cable system was also not directly attributed to Prof. Kumar.

(Revised para, approved by the Board in its 110th Meeting, as per the MHRD letter dt.26.8.11)

The Board after detailed discussion directed that full facts regarding the case, viz. the charges and the consequences of not taking the first stage advice of the CVC before initiating the departmental proceedings may be put up in the next meeting for appropriate decision regarding continuance of departmental proceedings under Rule 14.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE DIRECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES IN THE CASE OF SH. RAJAMANNAR, PRODUCER (SELECTION GRADE) REGARDING THE DATE OF HIS PLACEMENT IN SELECTION GRADE

BM 108.11.1

The Item was taken up for consideration. Elaborating on the issue, the Chairman informed the Board that Sh. Rajamannar, Producer (Selection Grade) had approached the National Commission for Scheduled Castes for his placement in selection grade w.e.f. 6.3.2005, the date of his initial eligibility. It was informed that his grievance was that the University violated the reservation policy of the Govt. of India by not including any SC/ST representative in the Selection Committee held on 5.10.2005. Based on the MHRD directions vide letter dt. 7.3.2006, the University conducted another Selection Committee meeting dt. 26.9.2006 with an SC/ST representative. However, Sh. Rajamannar was not selected by this Selection Committee as well. His case was further considered on 27.6.2007 by a Selection Committee and he was placed in Selection Grade from 2.7.2007, the date on which the Board approved the Minutes of the Selection Committee held on 27.6.2007. The Board went through the various documents/report of the Committee constituted by the Competent Authority to examine the issue and was of the view that there is no provision in the Ordinance on

CAS for reviewing the recommendations of the Selection Committees. However, owing to non-availability of complete facts of his case, the Board could not take a final decision in the matter. The Chairman informed that as per the instructions of the NCSC, he visited their office and briefed them about the grievance. The NCSC after detailed discussion on the issue directed that his promotion should be effected from the date of his initial eligibility i.e. 6.3.2005.

BM 108.11.2 After detailed discussion on the issue, the Board decided to defer the matter with the direction to prepare a self-contained note mentioning the complete facts of the case.

ITEM NO.29 PROCUREMENT OF 1000 MT 80 GSM MAPLITHO PRINTING PAPER FROM M/S HINDUSTAN PAPER CORPORATION LTD. (HPCL)

BM 108.29.1 The Board considered the matter. The Board noted that the stock of printing papers in the University for printing of the course material has almost depleted/exhausted and there was a need for immediate procurement. Registrar, MPDD explained that the tenders were invited & the bid of M/s HPCL @ Rs.8,59.950/- (inclusive of rates/taxes) per thousand reams of 500 sheets had emerged as L-1 firm after evaluation of bids. However, the firm has demanded additional excise duty of 1.03 per cent over & above the bid price.

Registrar, MPDD further informed the Board that another firm M/s JK Paper which supplied the Art Card paper at the quoted rates without the additional excise duty of 1.03 per cent, has also demanded the payment of additional excise duty of 1.03 per cent.

The matter was discussed in detail. The Board noted that the application of cess of 1.03 per cent over the 'all inclusive rates' was not in order. The firm should, therefore, quote the basic rate giving the break up of the taxes & levies separately. The additional excise duty of 1.03 per cent claimed by the firm can be paid only on the basic price and not on the price which already included the taxes, levies etc. The Board, therefore, directed that the basic rates may be ascertained immediately from the firm and then the levies & taxes added thereto separately for correct assessment of the amount of the additional excise duty of 1.03 per cent demanded by the L-1 firm, and placed the same before the Finance Division/Finance Committee

for concurrence. The matter may also be reported to the Board at the next meeting.

ITEM NO.33 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE (DPCs) HELD ON 09.11.2010 & 10.4.2011 FOR GROUP-A POSITIONS (NON-ACADEMIC)

BM 108.33.1 The Item was placed before the Board. The Board directed that a clear statement giving case-wise and cadre-wise details may be placed before the next Board. The statements shall also indicate clearly the position of vacancies/anticipated vacancies & the dates on which each employee has become eligible for promotion to the higher post.

As regards the issue concerning the post of Joint Registrar & equivalent cadres in the University (vide Agenda Item No.20 – being the DPC related issue), the Board directed that a comprehensive note detailing the facts of the matter, the position obtaining in other central universities, the recommendations of the Central Pay Commissions, etc., & also the provisions under the R&P Rules adopted in the University, may be placed before the Board for consideration.

ITEM NO.34 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

BM 108.34.1 The recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting held on 29.4.2011 for appointment of Regional Directors in the Regional Services Division were placed before the Board. The Board considered and approved the recommendations, as per details given below.

Dates of Meeting	Positions	Name of the Candidate	Remarks
29.4.2011	Appointment to the posts of Regional Director (in the pay band of Rs.37400-67000, PB-IV with AGP 10,000), RSD	1. Dr.Ravi Prakash Singh 2. Dr. Dhruv Bhagat Negi 3. Dr.K.S. Divakaran Nair 4. Dr. Ananya Sankar Guba 5. Dr. M.Shanmugham 6. Dr. Sujith Kumar Ghosh 7. Dr. Manorama Singh 8. Dr. Suresh Kumar Tripathi	Appointments shall be made against existing vacancies or ensuing vacancies within one year

	9. Dr. Anil K. Dimri 10. Dr. P. Sivaswarup	
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The following items in the Agenda placed before the Board could not be taken up due to paucity of time

Item No.12	To consider the issue of offering the post of Director, DEC vacated by Dr. R.R. Rausaria to the next person in the Panel
Item No.13	To consider the re-employment of Prof. B.S. Hansra, Professor of Agriculture
Item No.14	To consider the proposal to collect additional 5% Programme Fees from the collaborating clients, who sign MOUs with the Centre for Corporate Education, Training & Consultancy (CCETC), IGNOU
Item No.15	To consider the recommendation of the Inquiry Committee constituted to enquire into the complaints/representations received from the staff members of Regional Centre, Ahmedabad, against the Regional Director, RC Ahmedabad
Item No.16	To consider the proposal for construction of building for IGNOU Regional Centre at Patna
Item No.17	To consider the adoption of UGC guidelines on minimum qualification etc. for Teachers
Item No.18	To consider and approve assigning of additional charge of Chairman, Campus Development Unit (CDU) to Chief Project Officer (CPO) w.e.f. the date of his appointment to regularise the financial duties discharged by the CPO on behalf of CDU
Item No.19	To consider the Recruitment of Principal Project Consultant at the Planning & Development Division to assist the Project Coordinator in time bounded Project
Item No.20	The matter of continuance of the posts of the Joint Registrar & equivalent cadres in the University
Item No.21	To consider Ex-post facto approval of the action taken by the Director, School of Social Work (SOSW), in signing the MOU for offer of On-campus programmes
Item No.22	To consider Launch of On-campus programme by the Regional Centres, as a matter of Policy
Item No.23	To report the matters in regard to (i) engagement of Consultants, beyond the age of 62 years; and (ii) extension of term of engagement of Consultants in the Legal Cell of Administration Division, beyond a period of 2 years
Item No.24	To report the status in the matter of the UIDAI 'AADHAAR' Project
Item No.25	To consider the proposal for engaging M/s Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a Govt. of India Enterprise for

	providing the catering services in the University
Item No.26	To consider and approve the request of Regional Institute for Vocational Education & Training (RIVET) to operate from IGNOU Headquarters
Item No.27	Restructuring of Computer Cadre and Rationalization of Existing Cadre Structure
Item No.28	To consider and approve the revised scheme of Travel Grant to Teachers, the Academic Staff and Group 'A' Officers (Non-Academic) of the University
Item No.30	To consider the report of the Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to examine the issue of re-designation of certain categories of Academics
Item No. 31	To consider the proposal for the creation of Centre for Education and Research in Aircraft Maintenance and Systems at IGNOU Regional Centre, Bangalore Campus and creation of Laboratory infrastructure and positions of faculty of staff
Item No.32	To consider and approve the recommendations of the Advisory Committee of DEP-SSA made at its 7 th meeting held on 21.3.2011

The meeting of the Board of Management was adjourned with the resolution to meet shortly to decide the remaining items, on the Agenda.

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

(V.N. RAJASEKHARAN PILLAI)
Chairman