

**Minutes of the
FIFTIETH MEETING
of the
Board of Management
held on
March 28, 1997**



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI
NEW DELHI - 110 068**

MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF
THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 28, 1997, AT 10.30 HOURS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM,
BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof R.G. Takwale, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Dr S.K. Gandhe
3. Prof Habibur Rahman
4. Dr (Ms) Shakuntala Varma
5. Shri J.P. Javali
6. Prof Suhash Chakravorty
7. Prof M.M. Pant
8. Dr A.R. Khan
9. Dr D.D. Kaushik

Dr Tilak R. Kem, Registrar - Secretary

Shri P.R. Dasgupta, Shri N.P. Nawani and Dr. A.C. Muthaiah could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Rakesh Khurana and Prof. Janardan Jha, Pro Vice-Chancellors, Ms. Urmila Sharma, Finance Officer, Ms. Jai Chandiram, Director (EMPC) and Shri C.R. Pillai, Adviser to the Vice-Chancellor on Planning and Development, attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Shri K.D. Sharma, Section Officer, was present to assist the Secretary.

Before the items of agenda were taken up, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the following new members on the Board:

1. Prof. Habibur Rahman
2. Shri J.P. Javali
3. Dr.(Ms.) Shakuntala Varma
4. Prof. Suhash Chakravorty
5. Prof. M.M. Pant
6. Dr. A.R. Khan
7. Dr. D.D. Kaushik

The Vice-Chancellor while welcoming the new members, gave a brief account of University's activities, programmes and achievements.

The Vice-Chancellor informed that Prof. Kapil Kumar and Dr. P.K. Mehta had completed their term of membership of the Board. The Board placed on record its deep appreciation of the

contributions made by these members to the deliberations of the Board.

The Secretary informed the Board about the comments received on various items of agenda from the Education Secretary. It was decided to take up the comments on each agenda item when the item is taken up for discussion.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 49TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1996 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**

BM 50.1.1 The comments received from the Education Secretary, a Member of the Board of Management, on the Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Board were tabled for consideration. The Vice-Chancellor explained that the University had already explained its position on the issues raised in the letter and that a suitable reply will again be sent to the Education Secretary clarifying the points.

BM 50.1.2 The Board took note of the following correction in Item No.18:

"The year '1996' appearing in the subject of Item No.18 be read as '1993'."

BM 50.1.3 With the above observations and correction, the Board confirmed the Minutes of the 49th Meeting held on November 8, 1996.

BM 50.1.4 The Board also noted the action taken on the Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2 **TO CONSIDER THE GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN THE UNIVERSITY.**

BM 50.2.1 The comments received from the Education Secretary on this item were placed before the Board. The Vice-Chancellor explained briefly the salient features of the proposal. The Vice-Chancellor assured the Members that the points raised in the letter of the Education Secretary have been noted and that care will be taken and proper accounting procedures in the implementation of all the Projects would be followed.

- BM 50.2.2 The Board approved the Guidelines for implementation of Projects in the University. The Board further decided that the Project Directors of all the projects in the University shall be fully responsible for managing the funds earmarked for the project and will operate a joint account with the Finance Officer of the University and that this decision be incorporated in the Guidelines. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Board that University officials who strived to develop the project proposals and who interacted with the Ministries/agencies sanctioning the projects, would be given a chance to work as Project Director atleast in the initial stage. A copy of the Guidelines incorporating the above decision is placed at **Appendix - 1**.
- BM 50.2.3 It was agreed that the academic issues such as, nature and priorities of projects, project areas, faculty association with projects implementation, sharing academic credits, etc., could be discussed with academia and officers and submitted as an academic policy supplementing the project implementation guidelines.
- ITEM NO. 3 **TO CONSIDER A NOTE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIP WITH INSTITUTIONS FOR THE DELIVERY OF IGNOU PROGRAMMES.**
- BM 50.3.1 The comments of the Education Secretary on the item were read out. The Vice-Chancellor explained the salient features of the proposal on the establishment of partnership with institutions for the delivery of IGNOU programmes.
- BM 50.3.2 During the discussion, it was suggested that the University must adopt a cautious approach while selecting the institutions for the partnership and that IGNOU should ensure its control over the admission, evaluation, certification, etc. that ensures quality and standard of the students admitted by the partner institutions.
- BM 50.3.3 The Board approved the proposal on "Delivery of IGNOU Programmes through Partner Institutions" a copy of which is placed at **Appendix - 2**.
- ITEM NO. 4 **TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF THREE PERSONS ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 6A.**
- BM 50.4.1 The Board co-opted the following persons as its members in terms of the provisions of Clause

(1) (vi) of Statute 6A for a period of three years:

Under Clause 6A(1)(vi)(a)

Vice-Chancellor,
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open
University.

Under Clause 6A(1)(vi)(b)

Prof. R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao,
Former Vice-Chancellor,
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University.

Under Clause 6A(1)(vi)(c)

Shri Kiran Karnik,
Vice-President,
Discovery Channel.

ITEM NO. 5

**TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF PERSONS ON THE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-
CLAUSES (iv), (vi) AND (ix) OF STATUTE 9(1).**

BM 50.5.1

The Board considered the matter. In so far as its nomination of three Professors, three Readers and three Lecturers under Sub-Clause (iv) of Statute 9(1) is concerned, the Board laid down the criteria for the nominations (placed at **Appendix - 3**) and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to make the nominations on its behalf.

BM 50.5.2

The Board, on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor, nominated the following as members of the Academic Council under Sub-Clauses (vi) and (ix) of Statute 9(1):

Clause (1)(vi) of Statute 9

Director,
Student Registration and Evaluation Division

Director,
Regional Services Division

Director,
Electronic Media Production Centre

Clause (1)(ix) of Statute 9

Dr. C.K. Ghosh
Regional Director
IGNOU Regional Centre
Calcutta.

Shri Asad Nizam
Producer
Electronic Media Production Centre
IGNOU.

ITEM NO. 6

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF PERSONS ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-CLAUSES (v) AND (vii) OF STATUTE 28(3).

BM 50.6.1

The Board nominated the following two of its members on the Distance Education Council under the provisions of Clause (3)(a)(v) of Statute 28 of the Statutes of the University:

Sub-Clause (v)

Prof. Habibur Rahman
Prof. Suhash Chakravorty

BM 50.6.2

The Board also authorised the Vice-Chancellor to make the nomination of a Member on its behalf under Sub-Clause (vii) in consultation with the Director, Distance Education Council and report to the Board in the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 7

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF PERSONS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-CLAUSES (iv) AND (v) OF STATUTE 11(1).

BM 50.7.1

The Board nominated the following persons as members on the Finance Committee under the provisions of Sub-Clauses (iv) and (v) of Statute 11(1) of the Statutes of the University:

Sub-Clause (iv)

Shri J.P. Javali
Member
Board of Management

Sub-Clause (v)

Shri J.D. Agarwal
Director
National Institute of
Financial Management.

BM 50.7.2

The Board further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to nominate another person, in case Shri Agarwal is not available.

ITEM NO. 8

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF ITS MEMBERS ON THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD: ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE, STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE, PURCHASE COMMITTEE AND WORKS COMMITTEE.

BM 50.8.1

The Board nominated the following from among its members on the Standing Committees:

A. Establishment Committee

1. Dr. A.R. Khan
2. Prof. Habibur Rahman

B. Purchase Committee

1. Prof. M.M. Pant

C. Students Services Committee

1. Ms. Shakuntala Varma
2. Dr. D.D. Kaushik

D. Works Committee

1. Vice-Chancellor, Dr.BRAOU
2. Dr. A.R. Khan

BM 50.8.2

The Board also nominated to the Works Committee the following persons under the Provisions of Para (iv) of the Constitution of the Works Committee:

1. Sh.M.L.Sareen, Former Engineer in Chief, Muncial Corporation of Delhi.
2. Dr. S.A. Reddi, Dy. Managing Director, Gammon India Ltd.
3. Sh. V.S. Moorthy, Ex.-Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation of Delhi.
4. Sh. Y.P. Minocha, Addl Chief Engineer, DESU. (D) South.

ITEM NO. 9

TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE TRIBUNAL OF ARBITRATION.

BM 50.9.1

The Board considered the matter and nominated Dr. S.K. Agrawala, former Secretary, Association of Indian Universities, as its nominee on the Tribunal of Arbitration as per Section 31 of the IGNOU Act in the case of Shri B.Selvaraj, Joint Registrar, Material Production and Distribution Division.

BM 50.9.2

The Board further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take action for nomination of Dr. S.C. Gupte, former Vice-Chancellor of Poona University in case Dr. S.K. Agarwala is not available.

ITEM NO. 10

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR DECLARING THE POSITION OF LIBRARIAN & INFORMATION OFFICER AS AN OFFICER OF THE UNIVERSITY UNDER SECTION 9(6) OF THE IGNOU ACT.

BM 50.10.1

The Board considered and approved the proposal for declaring the position of the "Librarian and Information Officer" as an Officer of the University under the provisions of Section 9(6) of the IGNOU Act.

BM 50.10.2

Consequent to the above, the Board approved the addition of following new Statute, namely, Statute 6.1, in the Second Schedule to the IGNOU Act to be added between Statute 6 and Statute 6A:

"6.1 Librarian and Information Officer

- (1) The Librarian and Information Officer shall be appointed by the Board of Management on the recommendation of a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose under Statute 12(2)(i) and he shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University.
- (2) The emoluments and other conditions of service of the Librarian and Information Officer shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

Provided that the Librarian and Information Officer shall retire on attaining the age of sixty years."

ITEM NO. 11

TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR IGNOU'S NETWORK AND APPLICATION SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FROM THE COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CORPORATION.

BM 50.11.1

The comments of the Education Secretary on this item were read out. The Vice-Chancellor explained briefly about the proposal on Computerisation of IGNOU. The Board noted that a Committee of experts was appointed in 1993 to make out a plan and a feasibility study for setting up an Integrated Computerisation System, and that the Board, in July 1995, approved the above Committee's recommendation which envisaged an investment of Rs.10.25 Crores in a phased manner spread over a period of 3 to 5 years for setting up an Integrated Computerisation System. At its meeting held on February 6, 1996, the Board approved the appointment of CMC Ltd. as System Integrator. The CMC Ltd., in its consultancy report, had suggested an approximate investment of around Rs.12 crores for a period covering 30 months for full Information Technology implementation. In the scenario of advancement of information technology, it was considered necessary that the University should take steps for the implementation of computerisation programmes and the development of integrated infrastructure to meet the demand.

BM 50.11.2

The Board considered the proposal and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor and approved the following:

- a) Purchase of Computer Equipment worth Rs.280.76 Lakhs in the year 1995-96;
- b) Purchase of Computer Equipment worth Rs.352.81 Lakhs in the year 1996-97; and
- c) Develop application software worth Rs.90.00 Lakhs in the year 1996-97.

ITEM NO. 12

TO CONSIDER LIBERALISATION OF MEDICAL ATTENDANCE RULES.

BM 50.12.1

The comments of the Education Secretary were noted. The Vice-Chancellor explained the need for the proposed liberalisation of the Medical Attendance Rules. The Board approved the proposal for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on treatment, laboratory and other tests, consultations, etc. as outpatient at par with that of inpatient treatment. Such parity, however,

would be restricted to recognised hospitals run by charitable bodies/institutions on no profit no loss basis and the hospitals of repute as approved by the Govt. of India for treatment of Central Govt. staff, including those recognised by the Director General, Health Services (CGHS), and would not be applicable for private hospitals and nursing homes except treatment taken in extreme emergency, when the reimbursement will be as per the existing rules. A list of such recognised hospitals is placed at **Appendix - 4**. The reimbursement of the cost of medicine, etc. shall, however, be restricted to the admissible medicines only as notified by the Govt. of India from time to time.

ITEM NO. 13

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 1996.

BM 50.13.1

The Board considered and approved the minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Distance Education Council held on December 18, 1996. The Board also approved the release of development assistance of Rs.98.20 Lakhs for the three Universities of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Open University, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University and Kota Open University for the financial year 1996-97.

ITEM NO. 14

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 30TH & 31ST MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 1996 AND FEBRUARY 27, 1997 RESPECTIVELY AND APPROVAL ON SPECIFIC ITEMS.

BM 50.14.1

The Board considered the Minutes of the two meetings of the Finance Committee held on 2-12-1996 and 27-2-1997. During the discussion that followed, it was generally agreed that the proposed Personnel Policy for the production/engineering/ technical/research staff in the Electronic Media Production Centre, requires explaining it to all concerned. In this connection it was suggested that a note be placed before the Board for its consideration after discussing it with concerned groups of EMPC.

BM 50.14.2

Subject to the above observation, the Board specifically approved the following decisions of the Finance Committee:

1. Upgradation of six posts of Personal Assistant Grade II to the level of Sr. Personal Assistant.

2. Annual Accounts 1995-96.
3. Financial Estimates 1997-98 and Revised Estimates 1996-97.
4. Revision of Pay Scale of Computer Operator Grade II.
5. Creation of six posts of Security Supervisor in the pay scale of Rs.1640-2900/-.
6. Revision of pay scale for the post of Electrician from Rs.975-1540/- to Rs.1200-2040/-.
7. Audit Report of Director General Audit, Central Revenues to the Accounts for the year 1994-95 and the replies of the University thereon.
8. Transfer of amount under Development Fund to Resource Renewal Fund and allocation from internal resources.

BM 50.14.3 The Board approved the Minutes of the 30th and 31st Meetings of the Finance Committee held on December 2, 1996 and February 27, 1997 respectively. A copy of the Minutes is placed at **Appendix - 5 & 6.**

BM 50.14.4 So far as the Personnel Policy for the staff of Electronic Media Production Centre is concerned, the Board decided that a note to be placed before the Board for its consideration after discussing the policy implementation with relevant concerned persons.

ITEM NO. 15 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 1997.

BM 50.15.1 The Board noted the Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Academic Council held on February 28, 1997.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 1997.

BM 50.16.1 The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Works Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board of Management, held on February 14, 1997 (**Appendix - 7**).

ITEM NO. 17

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE IGNOU EMPLOYEES' WELFARE FUND.

BM 50.17.1

The Board considered the proposal.

BM 50.17.2

The Board approved the proposed modification to Rule 9(b) of the Rules for the Management of IGNOU Employees' Welfare Fund. The modified Rule 9(b) will read as follows:

"The Managing Committee shall appoint one of the Deputy Registrars (Finance & Accounts) as Treasurer, who on such appointment, will become a Member of the Managing Committee."

BM 50.17.3

The Board also approved the appointment of the Deputy Registrar (General Administration) as Member-Secretary of the Management Committee. It was noted that the Registrar (Admn.) and Finance Officer will continue to be the members of the Management Committee.

ITEM NO. 18

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED REGULATIONS FOR CONVOCATIONS AT HEADQUARTERS FORMULATED BY THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL.

BM 50.18.1

The Board considered and approved the revised Regulations for Convocations at Headquarters as approved by the Academic Council at its 19th Meeting held on February 28, 1997. A copy of the Revised Regulations is placed at **Appendix - 8**.

ITEM NO. 19

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD FOR PLACEMENT OF LECTURERS/ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN SENIOR SCALE.

BM 50.19.1

The profiles of candidates were circulated to members at the meeting. The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the following Selection Committee Meetings and Minutes of the Meetings held for placement of Lecturers/Assistant Regional

Directors in the senior scale:

1. Selection Committees

Name of the Post	Date of Meeting
Professor of Library Science	10-03-1997
Professor of Life Sciences	10-03-1997
Professor of Mechanical Engineering	11-03-1997
Lecturer of Mechanical Engineering	11-03-1997
Professor of Education (UNESCO Chair)	11-03-1997
Professor of Distance Education	27-03-1997
Professor of Programme Evaluation	27-03-1997

2. Meetings of the Committees for placement of Lecturers/Assistant Regional Directors in the Senior Scale.

Name of the Post	Date of Meeting
1. Lecturer in Education	19-11-1996
2. Lecturer in Political Science	19-11-1996
3. Lecturer in Public Administration	19-11-1996
4. Lecturer in Economics	19-11-1996
5. Lecturer in History	19-11-1996
6. Lecturer in Hindi	19-11-1996
7. Lecturer in Library Science (ARD)	19-11-1996
8. Lecturer in Chemistry	27-12-1996
9. Lecturer in Life Sciences	10-01-1997
10. Lecturer in Commerce	03-02-1997
11. Lecturer in Distance Education	26-02-1997

ITEM NO. 20

TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF PANELS OF SELECTION COMMITTEES IN CERTAIN DISCIPLINES.

BM 50.20.1

The Board considered and approved the validity of panels of Selection Committees for a further period of six months with effect from April 16, 1997 for the following positions:

1. Reader in Chemistry
2. Reader in Women's Education
3. Joint Director, RSD
4. Regional Director/Deputy Director, RSD

BM 50.20.2

The Board also ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in extending the validity of panels for the following positions for a period of

one year with effect from 19-03-1997:

1. Lecturer in Distance Education
2. Lecturer in Communication
3. Reader in Hindi
4. Reader in Nursing
5. Reader in Computer Science

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER THE CONFIRMATION OF TEACHERS/OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF.

BM 50.21.1 The Board considered and approved the confirmation of the teachers/other academic staff listed in the statement placed at **Appendix - 9**.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON EXTENSION OF BENEFIT OF REVISION OF PAY SCALE IN RESPECT OF PROOF READERS FROM THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT.

BM 50.22.1 The Board considered and approved the proposal on extension of benefit of revision of pay scale from Rs.1200-2040 to Rs.1400-2300 in respect of Proof Readers from the date of their appointment.

ITEM NO. 23 TO REPORT THE DETAILS OF TEACHERS/OTHER ACADEMICS WHO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED ON CONTRACT BASIS AFTER SUPERANNUATION.

BM 50.23.1 The Board noted and approved the engagement of the following teachers/other academic staff on contract basis after superannuation:

Name and Designation	Period of Contract	
	From	To
Prof S P Mullick Professor of Distance Edn.	01-11-96	30-11-97
Prof M L Bhatia Professor of Mgt Studies	01-11-95	31-10-97
Prof (Col.) P K Dutta Professor of Health Sciences	01-03-96	28-02-98
Prof R Satyanarayana Professor of Library Science	01-04-96	31-03-98
Shri C R Pillai Director, P&D	01-10-96 (now Adviser to VC)	03-09-98
Mrs Uma Handa Reader in Nursing	01-06-96	10-07-96

- ITEM NO. 24** **TO REPORT THE DETAILS OF TEACHERS/OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF WHO JOINED/LEFT THE UNIVERSITY.**
- BM 50.24.1 The Board noted the details of teachers/other academic staff who joined/left the University since the last report made at its meeting held on July 18, 1995.
- ITEM NO. 25** **TO REPORT ABOUT THE NON-APPROVAL OF STATUTE 3(A) ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.**
- BM 50.25.1 The Board noted that the Visitor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 25 of the IGNOU Act, has not approved the proposed new Statute 3(A) on Executive Directors as intimated vide Ministry of Human Resource Development letter No.F.5-3/96-U1 (Desk)/Desk (U) (A) dt. 8-11-1996.
- ITEM NO. 26** **TO REPORT ON THE 8TH CONVOCATION HELD ON MARCH 8, 1997.**
- BM 50.26.1 The Board noted that the 8th Convocation of the University was held on March 8, 1997 and that Prof. Madhu Dandavate, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission was the Chief Guest at the Convocation. It was noted that the Convocation was held at Headquarters and simultaneously at its 16 Regional Centres through tele-conferencing mode and that over 14,000 students were awarded degrees/diplomas and 22 students were awarded gold medals.
- ITEM NO. 27** **TO REPORT THE EXTENSION OF ENGAGEMENT OF SHRI R.T. PANDEY ON CONTRACT.**
- BM 50.27.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under the provisions of Clause (9)(iii) of Statute 2 of the IGNOU Act and Statutes, in extending the term of appointment of Shri R.T. Pandey by another six months i.e., with effect from February 1, 1997 to July 31, 1997 on the existing terms and conditions on a purely contract basis.
- ITEM NO. 28** **TO REPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF PROF RAM TAKWALE, VICE-CHANCELLOR, AT THE ICDE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING.**
- BM 50.28.1 The Board noted and ratified the participation of Prof. Ram Takwale, Vice-Chancellor at the Administrative Meeting of International Council for Distance Education (ICDE) held at Franchhoek,

Cape Town, South Africa from March 17-21, 1997. The Board also noted that the Ministry of HRD had also approved the above visit and that the expected expenditure about Rs.60,000/- is to be met by the ICDE.

ITEM NO. 29 TO REPORT THE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR UNDER STATUTE 2(9)(iii).

BM 50.29.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under Statute 2(9)(iii) of the Statutes of the University in appointing Shri Pankaj Khare, Lecturer (SOET) as Deputy Director (Project Control) initially for a period of six months with effect from 21-11-1996. The Board approved the proposal to continue the appointment for the duration of the Study Leave of Shri Ajay Gupta.

BM 50.29.2 The Board also ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, under Statute 2(9)(iii) in appointing Dr. S.V.S. Choudhary as Joint Director (Education, Research & Training) in the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC) with effect from 13-11-1996 purely on a temporary and ad-hoc basis for a period of six months.

ITEM NO. 30 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN IN THE APPOINTMENT OF A LEGAL ADVISER ON RETAINERSHIP BASIS.

BM 50.30.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Shri W.C. Chopra, Advocate, as Legal Adviser of the University for a period of one year with effect from 1-10-1996 on a retainership fee of Rs.2,500/- + Rs.300 per month for secretarial assistance.

ITEM NO. 31 TO CONSIDER FOR INFORMATION THE PROGRESS REPORT OF DISTANCE EDUCATION PROJECT (DEP) UNDER DISTRICT PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME-II (DPEP-II).

BM 50.31.1 The Board noted for record the Progress Report of the Distance Education Project (DEP) under District Primary Education Programme-II (DPEP-II).

ITEM NO. 32 TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE (3)(a) OF STATUTE 28 TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (NAAC).

BM 50.32.1 The Board considered and approved the amendment to Clause (3)(a) of Statute 28 to provide for the

membership of Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). A Statement showing the existing provision, proposed amendment and the provision after amendment is placed at **Appendix - 10.**

ITEM NO. 33

TO CONSIDER REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER, DEVELOPMENT OF CAMPUS AND OTHER ITEMS DURING 1996-97.

BM 50.33.1

The Finance Officer explained the details of the reappropriation of funds for purchase and installation of computer, development of campus and other items during 1996-97. Responding to the observation about making such proposal at the fag end of the financial year, the Vice-Chancellor clarified that such measure became inevitable owing to certain unavoidable reasons.

BM 50.33.2

The Board, taking into the clarifications given by the Vice-Chancellor, approved the following reappropriation of the funds during 1996-97:

(Rs. in Crore)

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| 1. Payment to CPWD | Rs.4.50 |
| 2. Immediate release to M/S CMC for hardware and UPS | Rs.2.00 |
| 3. Amount proposed to be transferred to project "Computerisation" | Rs.2.00 |
| 4. Uplinking facilities-payment to ISRO | Rs.1.25 |
| 5. Purchase of Coloured Xerox machines | Rs.0.40 |

Total	Rs.10.15
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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(R.G. TAKWALE)
Vice-Chancellor