

## IGNOU

### MINUTES OF THE EIGHTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JULY 09, 2004 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068

The following were present:

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| (1) | Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor  | - | Chairman |
| (2) | Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member   |
| (3) | Prof. (Mrs.) Surabhi Banerjee        | - | Member   |
| (4) | Prof. C.L. Anand                     | - | Member   |
| (5) | Shri Y.N. Chaturvedi                 | - | Member   |
| (6) | Prof. B.S. Saraswat                  | - | Member   |
| (7) | Prof. S.S. Hasan                     | - | Member   |
| (8) | Prof. Swaraj Basu                    | - | Member   |

Prof. A.S. Narang, Registrar - Secretary

Shri R.D. Sahay, Deputy Secretary, MHRD attended the meeting on behalf of the Secretary, MHRD, Government of India. Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting could not attend the meeting.

Mrs. Meenakshi Mishra, Finance Officer attended the meeting as a Special Invitee.

Dr. Sanjeev Pandey, Deputy Director (VCO) and Shri T.K. Kaul, Assistant Registrar (VCO) were present to assist the Chairman. Shri R.P.D. Singh, Assistant Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 80<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management. The Chairman specially welcomed Prof. S.S. Hasan as the new member of the Board of Management. The Chairman on behalf of the Board of Management also placed on record the valuable contributions made by Prof. Kapil Kumar as the member of the Board of Management. The proceedings of the meeting commenced with the presentation of the **PREAMBLE** by the Chairman.

### **Chairman's Preamble:**

We have pleasure in reporting that the following programmes, which are pioneering initiatives in our country, are ready for launch from July 2004:

1. Post Graduate Diploma Programme on Intellectual Property Rights developed jointly with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva.
2. An Online Training Programme for mid level Indian Diplomats developed in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
3. B.Sc. (Nautical Sciences) in collaboration with the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India.
4. Integrated Doctoral Programme in Mathematics and Physics in collaboration with Harish Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad under the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India.

In changing global scenario, there is considerable increase in demand for Commerce Programmes and the conventional system is not able to meet the contemporary educational requirements in this area. As a result a large number of students, who are keen to study such programmes, are deprived admissions and are forced to opt out for some other programmes. In order to meet this important requirement, we are launching Masters Degree Programme in Commerce with effect from July 2004.

We are also launching Masters Degree Programmes in Political Science and History and Bachelor Degree Programme in Social Works (BSW) from July 2004. An important and major programme in computer education at Masters level, MCA, is under thorough revision and it is expected that the Revised Programme contents would be available by January 2005.

The MHRD is giving greater focus to the development of education in the states of the North East and Sikkim. In this context the Hon'ble HRM had convened a meeting of all the Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Education Ministers, Education Secretaries and educationists in the region at Shillong from June 13-15, 2004. He emphasized the importance, relevance and usefulness of the Distance Education mode especially in the region. He also laid due emphasis on the important requirement of training of all in-service untrained teachers in the schools and desired that all such teachers should be trained through the Teacher Training Distance Education Programme of IGNOU during the next 2-3 years. Several participants in the meeting like the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Assam and Meghalaya mentioned about the success of quality distance education programmes of IGNOU in the region. In fact, there has been tremendous growth in number of our students in the region during the last one year. All the participants agreed to make greater efforts to accomplish the target of training of all in-service untrained teachers in the respective states. The Vice-Chancellor informed that IGNOU has already developed the course material for Teachers

Training Programme in English, Hindi, Assamese, Bangla and that translation in Garo and Khasi languages will be available from January 2005. He also informed that in Sikkim the teachers training programme has picked up faster but in several other states greater interest and commitment on the part of the State Govts. was necessary for training all the teachers within the next 2-3 years. Since DIETS are not functional in several states, the Secretary (EE&L) after a discussion with me and the Chairman NCTE mentioned that to meet the requirement of the large target group of untrained teachers, it would be necessary to activate all Block Resource Centres (BRCs) for providing training. It was proposed that Master Trainers, one each from every BRC will be trained who in their turn will act as resource persons for BRCs.

As IGNOU's further initiatives in the region, it was informed that an FM radio station at Gauhati is being setup and it was expected of the Govt. of Assam to provide nearly 8000 sq ft built in area for the purpose. Similarly for a second FM radio station in Shillong, an equivalent built-in area was required. On a suggestion of the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, the Hon'ble CMs of Assam and Meghalaya assured to provide the required space. We have started further action in this direction. The Hon'ble CM of Assam also had a separate meeting with me to discuss the pending matter of setting up of an Open University for Assam. It is expected that the follow up action on the lines discussed will be taken soon by the Govt. of Assam. The Ministers and officials of some more states including Sikkim appealed to Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development for making arrangements for learning of functional Hindi, which they considered was also important link language to facilitate mobility of students and others. We are taking steps in consultation with the State Govts. to design and develop a programme on functional Hindi.

We are also making special efforts to provide education to the marginalized, minority groups and people living in distant and less-developed areas. We look forward to some successful interventions through the Sub-Regional Centres at Jabalpur in MP and Koraput in Orissa. Both these Centres are substantially focusing their activity for the education of the tribal people in and around their respective locations. In this connection, I had a teleconferencing session with the Chief Secretary, Education Secretaries, Tribal Welfare Secretary and Collectors of eight districts under KBK region in Orissa on July 6, 2004. The Orissa Govt. officials have assured me to extend all support in identifying centers with greater concentration of tribal population. The State Govt. also agreed to facilitate us in establishing five more Centres for B.Ed. Programme in the state. The issue of setting up a new State Open University was also discussed and the Chief Secretary assured that the Govt. had taken necessary steps for setting up of a State Open University.

The Student Support Committee in its meeting held on July 8, 2004 has recommended setting up of some Special Study Centres for Women in areas with greater concentration of minority communities. It is proposed to add one-hour daily transmission in Urdu along with other languages in Bhasha Mandakini

Programme under Gyan Darshan. We also intend to develop a teacher training programme for teachers of minority institutions.

The Vice-Chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) had a meeting with the senior officials of IGNOU regarding launch of some collaborative programmes of IGNOU and MANUU. The proposal is being further developed for some major initiatives in this direction.

The Chairman then requested the members to offer their valuable suggestions and comments on the various proposals and issues dealt in the Preamble.

The Board considered the main highlights of the Preamble and appreciated the initiatives of the University, particularly for introducing some innovative and need based new programmes and for increasing access to higher education to educationally backward, marginalized and socially deprived sections of our people/regions through special centres/collaborations. The Board acknowledged the encouragement, cooperation and support extended by the State Governments in the North-East region. The Board appreciated the encouragement being extended to IGNOU by the MHRD towards the development of educational opportunities in the North-East. The Board noted that the Distance Education was particularly relevant to the North-East where the infrastructural facilities were virtually non-existent. The Board also appreciated the University's efforts in designing customized programmes/ courses for these regions, like, teacher education programme in Assamese, Bengali, Manipuri, Garo and Khasi languages, apart from mainstream languages like, English and Hindi. The Board noted the efforts of the University in setting up FM Radio Stations in the States of Assam and Meghalaya, which could go a long way in expansion of the educational opportunities in the region. Similarly, the initiative of the University to set up special study centres for women in the areas with greater concentration of minority communities was considered a positive step in the right direction. The Board also appreciated the proposal of the University to start transmissions in Urdu language and the teacher training programmes for the minority institutions and desired that efforts should be further accelerated.

The Board further advised that –

- (i) a course in functional Hindi for all North Eastern States and other non-Hindi speaking States of the country may be designed, developed and offered.
- (ii) particular emphasis may be given to improving access to science education in the North-East region at all levels. At School level, joint efforts could be made with NGOs, Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas.
- (iii) PG Diplomas in Intellectual Property Law, Human Rights Law and Arbitration Law may also be developed in a phased manner through the proposed School of Law.



The Chairman then requested Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor to present the items on the Agenda.

**ITEM NO. 1**                    **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 79<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON APRIL 30, 2004 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON**

**BM 80.1.1**                    Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that the Minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management were circulated to the Members and that no comments have been received on the Minutes.

**BM 80.1.2**                    The Board confirmed the Minutes of its 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The Board noted the action taken by the University on various resolutions. With regard to the rationalization of cadres in the Translation and Hindi Cells in the University, it was explained that the proposal has been pending for long with Ministry of Human Resource Development. It was resolved that Ministry of Human Resource Development be approached for the decision in the matter to be expedited. The Board also decided that suspension of Dr.M V Laxmi Reddy be extended for a further period of 90 days.

**ITEM NO. 2**                    **TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER CLAUSE (1) (VI) (b), (c) OF STATUTE 6A**

**BM 80.2.1**                    The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that the term of 3 years as members on the University's Board of Management in respect of Prof. C.L. Anand and Shri Y.N. Chaturvedi will expire on 5-8-2004. The Board may, therefore, co-opt two members for a term of 3 years with effect from 6-8-2004.

**BM 80.2.2**                    The Board co-opted the following as members with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 under Sub-Clauses (b) and (c), Statute 6A (1)(vi) for a period of 3 years:

- (i) Dr. N.S. Rame Gowda, Former, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore {under Sub Clause (b)}
- (ii) Shri Pawan Chopra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India. {under Sub Clause (c)}

**ITEM NO. 3**                    **TO DESIGNATE A REGISTRAR AS MEMBER (EX-OFFICIO) OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD UNDER PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 9(1) (X) AND STATUTE 10(1) (V), RESPECTIVELY**

**BM 80.3.1**                    The item was taken up for consideration. The Board decided that Registrar (SR&E) shall be a Member (Ex-officio) of the Academic Council, and Registrar (Admn.) shall be Member (Ex-officio) of the Planning Board.

**ITEM NO. 4**                    **TO RATIFY ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN NOMINATING A DIRECTOR OF A SCHOOL AS MEMBER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY UNDER CLAUSE (1) (iii) OF STATUTE 11**

**BM 80.4.1**                    The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that a vacancy had arisen in the Finance Committee of the University with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2004 under Clause (1)(iii) of Statute 11 of the Statutes of the University and the Vice-Chancellor has nominated Prof. P.N. Pandit, Director, School of Humanities, as a member on the Finance Committee for a term of three years or till he holds the position of the Director of the School, whichever is earlier.

**BM 80.4.2**                    The Board ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in nominating Prof. P.N. Pandit as a member of the Finance Committee of the University in terms of the provisions under Clause (1)(iii) of Statute 11.

**ITEM NO. 5**                    **TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION OF DR. M.V. LAKSHMI REDDY IN THE DEPARTMENTAL PROCEEDINGS INITIATED AGAINST HIM**

**BM 80.5.1**                    The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that Board of Management considered the case of Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy at its 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting and decided that disciplinary proceedings be initiated against the official as per CCS (CCA) Rules. To implement this decision, Charge Sheet was issued to him and an Inquiry Officer was appointed by the Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as the Disciplinary Authority. However, the Inquiry Officer suspended the inquiry proceedings due to allegation of bias made by Dr. Reddy against the Inquiry

Officer. Dr. Reddy had also contended that the Board of Management was the Appointing Authority in his case and the Vice-Chancellor could not issue a Charge Sheet to him. It was explained that the Charge Sheet was issued and Inquiry Officer was appointed by the Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as the Disciplinary Authority as per the provisions of Clause (5) of the Statute 2 of the Statutes of the University. Thus, the action of the Vice-Chancellor of issuing the Charge Sheet and in appointing the Inquiry Officer was within the provisions of the Statute 2 and the CCS (CCA) Rules.

**BM 80.5.2**

The Board considered the representation of Dr. Reddy on merit and decided that (i) the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor was within the statutory provisions and as per its directions, (ii) there is no substance in the allegation of bias against the Inquiry Officer, and (iii) the objections raised by Dr. Reddy in the above matter were only aimed at delaying the inquiry proceedings against him.

**BM 80.5.3**

While disposing the representation of Dr. Reddy on merit, the Board directed that the inquiry may be resumed. The Board further directed that any further attempt on the part of the Charged Officer on any pretext to stall or delay the process of lawful inquiry in future may be dealt with administratively.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNDER CLAUSE (1) (V) AND (IV) OF STATUTE 11**

**BM 80.6.1**

Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that the term of two members of the Board of Management nominated by it on the Finance Committee of the University was due to expire on 5-8-2004. The Board nominated Shri M.P. Gupta, Additional Secretary (Retd.), Ministry of Finance, Government of India as a member on the Finance Committee with effect from 6-8-2004 under Clause (1)(v) of Statute 11 for a period of 3 years. As regards the nomination under Sub-Clause (1)(iv) of the Statute *ibid.*, the Board authorized the Chairman to make nomination on behalf of the BOM after nominations of the Visitor to the BOM are obtained.

**ITEM NO. 7                      TO      CONSIDER      AND      APPROVE      THE  
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR,  
COMPUTER DIVISION**

**BM 80.7.1**                      The proposal was considered. The Board approved the qualifications and experience proposed for the post of Director, Computer Division, as recommended by the Committee with the modification that a Doctoral degree should be an additional Essential Qualification (Appendix-1).

**ITEM NO. 8                      TO      CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENT OF  
IGNOU EMPLOYEES WELFARE FUND RULES**

**BM 80.8.1**                      The proposal was considered. The Board approved the amendment to the Clause 3(i) of the IGNOU Employees Welfare Fund, to the effect that the amount of Rs.25,000/- shall be replaced by Rs.35,000/- as financial assistance to the spouse or his dependents from the fund in the case of death of the employee and from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.20,000/-, as financial assistance to the employee, in the case of death of the spouse.

**ITEM NO. 9                      TO      REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-  
CHANCELLOR IN IMPOSING A PENALTY ON SH.  
K.K. BHAT, DY. DIRECTOR, RSD AND TO  
CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF SH. K.K. BHAT  
AGAINST THE PENALTY IMPOSED ON HIM**

**BM 80.9.1**                      The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that an inquiry into the charges framed against Shri K.K. Bhat was entrusted to a duly appointed Inquiry Officer. in terms of CCS (CCA) Rules. The Inquiry Officer concluded the inquiry proceedings and certain Articles of Charge have been proved. Having regard to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the Statement of defense against the articles of charge and the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission for imposition of major penalties as per the CCS (CCA) Rules, the Disciplinary Authority viz., the Vice-Chancellor, had imposed the major penalty on Shri K.K. Bhat, Deputy Director, by reduction of his pay to two lower stages, in the time scale of pay, for a period of 5 years, without earning increments during this period and on expiry of this period, such reduction not having effect of postponing future

increments of his pay. Shri Bhat has, now, represented to the Appellate Authority, viz., the Board of Management, against this order of the Disciplinary Authority imposing major penalty on him.

**BM 80.9.2**

The Board resolved to reject the appeal of Shri K.K. Bhat, Deputy Director on merit as no new evidence or information was provided by him.

**ITEM NO. 10**

**TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION OF SH. N. SUNDARAM, JOINT REGISTRAR**

**BM 80.10.1**

The matter was considered by the Board. The Board noted and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the technical resignation of Shri N. Sundaram, Joint Registrar and waiving the shortfall in the notice period to enable him to join as Registrar, Banaras Hindu University.

**ITEM NO. 11**

**TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**BM 80.11.1**

The item was taken up for consideration. The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Prof. Pardeep Sahni, as Director, School of Social Sciences with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2004 for a period of three years or till he holds the post of a Professor in the School of Social Sciences, whichever is earlier.

**ITEM NO. 12**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

**BM 80.12.1**

Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that Prof. S.V.S. Chaudhary, Professor of Education was appointed Director, School of Education on 1-8-2001 for a period of 3 years, and that Prof. Chaudhary shall be completing his term of three years as Director of the School of Education on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2004. The Board may, therefore, consider appointing the Director of School of Education to fill up the vacancy.

**BM 80.12.2**

The Board considered the proposal and appointed Prof. M.C. Sharma, Professor of Education as the Director of the School of Education with effect from 1-8-2004 for a period of 3 years or till he holds the post of Professor in the School of Education, whichever is earlier.

**ITEM NO. 13**

**TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ASSIGNING THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE DUTIES OF THE LIBRARIAN TO PROF. (MRS.) UMA KANJILAL, PROFESSOR OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES**

**BM 80.13.1**

The item was taken up for consideration. The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in assigning the additional charge of the Librarian to Prof. (Mrs.) Uma Kanjilal, Professor in Library & Information Sciences with effect from 1-6-2004 till further orders.

**ITEM NO. 14**

**TO REPORT PROCUREMENT OF PAPER AND ART CARD FOR PRINTING OF UNIVERSITY COURSE MATERIAL, ETC.**

**BM 80.14.1**

The Board was informed that the University procures paper and Art card on DGS&D contract for which an MOU was signed in 2002. The Board noted the quantity of Printing Paper/Art Card required by the University for printing of IGNOU course material, during the Financial Year 2003-04, for the total value of Rs.4,17,63,398/- (Rupees Four crore seventeen lakh sixty-three thousand three hundred ninety-eight only) and Rs.94,75,928/-, (Rupees Ninety-four lakh seventy-five thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight only) respectively. The Board ratified the procurement of Art card by the University till 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 amounting to Rs1,40,72,005/- (Rupees One crore forty lakh seventy-two thousand five only) and placement of orders for supply of 1200 MT Offset Printing Papers worth Rs.3,82,51,200/- (Rupees Three crore eighty-two lakh fifty-one thousand and two hundred only) as recommended by the Technical Advisory and Paper Purchase Committee (TAPPC) of the University to the Vice-Chancellor.



## ITEM NO. 15

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TEACHERS/  
ACADEMICS / NON-ACADEMIC POSTS**

BM 80.15.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings as per the dates/details given below:

**(1) Teachers/ Academic Posts**

Date of the Meeting	Positions	Name of the persons recommended/ not-recommended
12-05-2004	(i) Recruitment for the post of <b>Documentation Officer</b>	No one was found suitable
20-05-2004	(i) Promotion to the post of <b>Professor in Chemistry</b> under the Career Advancement Scheme  (ii) Promotion to the post of <b>Professor in Hindi</b> under the Career Advancement Scheme	Dr. Sunita Malhotra Recommended  Dr. Satyakam Recommended
30-6-2004	(i) Recruitment to the post of <b>Programme Officer, DEP-SSA.</b>	(i) Dr. Kiran Mathur (ii) Dr. Lal Singh (iii) Dr. Sanjay Kant Prasad All recommended
01-07-2004	(i) Promotion to the post of <b>Professor in Sociology</b> under the Career Advancement Scheme  (ii) Promotion to the post of <b>Reader in Sociology</b> under the Career Advancement Scheme  (iii) Promotion to the post of <b>Reader in Library &amp; Information Science</b> under the Career Advancement Scheme	Dr. Tribhuvan Kapur (Not recommended for promotion as Professor)  Dr. Archana Singh Recommended  Dr. Pravakar Rath Recommended
08-07-2004	(i) Recruitment to the post of <b>Project Director, DEP-SSA</b>	Prof. S.V.S. Chaudhary Recommended

(2) Non- Academic Posts

Date of the Meeting	Positions	Name of the persons recommended
27-05-2004 and 28-05-2004	(i) Recruitment to the post of <b>Assistant Registrar</b>	1. Shri Satyanarain Gulia (Gen) 2. Shri Banmali Singh (Gen) 3. Shri Ved Ambarish Kumar (Gen) 4. Shri Divitiay Kumar (PH)(GEN) 5. Shri Tejinder Pal Singh (OBC) 6. Shri Ravinder Kumar Soni (OBC)  <u>Waiting List for Gen Category</u>  (1) Shri Vivek Srivastava  (2) Shri Anshuman Upadhyay

**ITEM NO. 16**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 39<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2004**

**BM 80.16.1**

The Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Establishment Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board of Management, held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004 were taken up for consideration. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that the Establishment Committee has made specific recommendations vide Resolution No. EC 39.2.3 and EC 39.3.1, which relate to completion of the PGDDE Programme/Refresher Courses by the teachers/academics in the University and the manner of counting past services rendered by officials before joining IGNOU respectively.

**BM 80.16.2**

After detailed discussion, the Board directed that the issues deliberated under PGDDE Programme need to be examined in further detail and be brought back in the next meeting.

**BM 80.16.3**

On the recommendation of the Establishment Committee regarding counting of past service, the Board noted that in both cases (Dr. R.C. Sharma, Regional Director, RC Karnal and Dr. Ram Chandra, Joint Director, RSD) the pro-rata benefit in respect of gratuity have not been paid by the concerned departments/ organizations. The Board endorsed the recommendations of the Establishment Committee that by allowing to count the past services rendered by the officials

in other departments/organizations before their joining IGNOU, the University undertakes the liability to pay full amount of DCRG, etc. and other retirement dues on superannuation/ retirement of an employee, including the period of the service not rendered by the official in this University. Therefore, while considering the cases for counting past services rendered by the staff elsewhere subject to fulfillment of other provisions/conditions the University should ensure that the pro-rata retirement dues are received from the previous employers together with interest and in cases where the previous employer(s) does not discharge its pro rata liability, in respect of the service rendered by the official in that department, for any reason, the individual concerned should make it good subject to provisions of IGNOU Act and Statutes/Ordinances so that the University is not put to any undue financial pressure. The Board further directed that to safeguard the financial interests of the University, proper guidelines be evolved, and if necessary provisions be also made in the relevant Statutes.

**ITEM NO. 17**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 38<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2004**

**BM 80.17.1**

The Board considered and approved the recommendations made by the Works Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board of Management, made at its 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004. The Board accorded specific approval to the following recommendations of the Works Committee:

- (i) The Sub-Committee formed by the Works Committee should examine various issues and submit its recommendations for consideration and decision by the Chairperson.
- (ii) Construction of boundary wall on the land allotted for Regional Centre, Agartala, Tripura at an estimated cost of Rs.31,04,900/- (Rupees Thirty-one lakh four thousand nine hundred only) subject to confirmation of the estimates by the CPWD.

**ITEM NO. 18**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2004**

**BM 80.18.1**

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Student Support Service Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board of Management, made in its 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2004. The Board gave specific approval for:

- (i) Hiring of 12000 sq.ft. built up area @ Rs.6/- per sq.ft. for IGNOU Regional Centre, Patna at BISCOUMAN Tower.
- (ii) Sub-Committee of SSC with Pro Vice-Chancellor in Chair and Director (RSD) as convener should meet fortnightly and consider all pending cases and submit its recommendation for consideration of the Vice-Chancellor for decision. The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor shall be reported to Board of Management through SSC.
- (iii) The support staff at Sub-Regional Centres be provided expeditiously.

**ITEM NO. 19**

**TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF THE FACILITY OF MOBILE PHONES TO THE ENTITLED CATEGORY OF THE OFFICERS IN THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 80.19.1**

Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that vide DOPT Letter No. F.7(3)-E(Coord)/2003 dated 14-1-2004, there is a provision of reimbursing a maximum of Rs.500/- per month on phone calls on mobiles to officials in the pay scale of Rs.18400-22400. The University has received a representation for implementing the provisions of the decision to eligible officials.

**BM 80.19.2**

The Board approved the proposal with the direction that in future the proposals having financial implications of recurring nature should be first put-up to the Finance Committee and its recommendations be placed before the Board.

**ITEM NO. 20**

**TO REPORT THE MATTER REGARDING THE STATUS OF POSTS OF TEACHERS / ACADEMICS ADVERTISED AND FILLED BY THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 80.20.1**

The Board noted with satisfaction the action taken by the University in filling the posts. The Board also reiterated its earlier decision to issue fresh advertisements for vacant post(s), which were advertised 18 months ago and could not be filled.

**ITEM NO. 21**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) ENABLED EDUCATION**

**BM 80.21.1**

Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that the Department of Literacy and Elementary Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, has taken several definite measures for promoting ICT-enabled education in schools during the past two years. Experts from IGNOU and MP Bhoj (Open) University were invited in competition with private providers, to develop CD-ROMs and train teachers in developing ICT capabilities. Subsequently, several State Governments have approached us for providing training to in-service teachers and also IT Enabled Software requirements. Orders have also been received for supply of such software from the Government of Harayana. To meet massive emerging demand for IT Enabled Educational material development and IT training of school teachers, the University proposes to undertake the responsibility in collaboration with MP Bhoj (Open) University, which has produced a large number of CDs in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission. They have an active group, which has been specializing in the area for the last several years. He also pointed out that in the Xth Plan document, the University highlighted a major national role for ODL System for development of IT Enabled and Empowered Training/Learning Software Packages for use in different institutions, States under Inter-University Consortium for Technology Enabled Education for Development (IUC-TEFED). These activities shall be under a National Resource Centre, which shall use the ICT facilities of MP Bhoj (Open) University till such time that the proposal for IUC-TEFED is approved by MHRD and becomes fully functional. The funds generated out of the activities of the Centre shall be

handled and managed by IGNOU as per its financial code under an MOC with different collaborating institution(s).

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The Board approved the proposal with the direction that it should be treated as a prelude to the development of IUC-TEFED and should become a part of IUC-TEFED in due course of time. Further, the Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to identify a senior faculty from IGNOU with relevant experience, who should be given the additional responsibility of managing and coordinating the activities of the Centre. In view of very heavy requirement of software for schools and future massive requirement due to launch of EduSat, the Board also directed that the Centre should take initiative to contact other national organizations and MHRD to take up the work of identifying quality software and recommend their use in schools and other institutions.

**ITEM NO. 22**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE ISSUE OF AUTONOMY GRANTED TO VARIOUS DIVISIONS**

**BM 80.22.1**

The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor explained that while considering the proposal of IUC-TEFED, the Board of Management at its 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting decided to review the issue of autonomy and bring in uniformity in the functioning of various Schools/Divisions in the University. The matter has been examined by a Committee appointed by the Board at its 77<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee considered the whole gamut of issues involved, including the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Committee and the objections raised by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Board observed that major deviation in degree of functional autonomy has led to anomalous situation and it has not led to fulfillment of desired objectives.

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The Board, therefore, decided that

- (i) in terms of functional autonomy, the EMPC as well as the STRIDE should henceforth function as any other Division, and
- (ii) in view of multi-dimensional growth of the University, there is a need to restructure different Schools through wider consultation with University fraternity in a time bound manner.