

## IGNOU

### MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JUNE 22, 2006 AT 4.30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK NO. 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. Shri Pawan Chopra                   | - Member    |
| 4. Prof. C.L.Anand                     | - Member    |
| 5. Dr. K.Vishwanathan                  | - Member    |
| 6. Prof. Pardeep Sahni                 | - Member    |
| 7. Shri V.K. Arora                     | - Member    |
| 8. Smt. Poonam Bhushan                 | - Member    |
| 9. Shri Dalip Kumar Tetri, Registrar   | - Secretary |

Shri Sudeep Banerjee, Secretary (S&HE), MHRD, Shri S.K.Arora, Secretary, Ministry of I & B, Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Dr. N.S. Ramegowda, Shri Rajendra Singh Pawar, Dr. Devi Shetty and Prof. (Mrs.) Surabhi Banerjee could not attend the meeting.

Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Director, Academic Co-ordination Division and Shri R. Chauhan, Finance Officer attended the meeting as special invitees.

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

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the 87<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management and requested Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor to present the items on the agenda, which he did as under:

**ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 86<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON APRIL 01, 2006 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON**

**BM 87.1.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that the Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting were circulated to the members of the Board and no comments have been received on these minutes. He, therefore, proposed that the Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting be confirmed.

**BM 87.1.2** Prof. Garg further informed that in respect of Item No. 16 of the 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board, Registrar, MPDD has pointed out that the rate of Maplitho Printing Paper as given in the proposal was Rs.33311.51 Per MT. However, in the agenda placed before the 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board as also the Minutes of the Meeting in respect of this item, the amount has been recorded erroneously as Rs.33,31,151/- in figures and also in words. It was, therefore, proposed to adopt the correct rate of Rs.33,311.51 (Rupees thirty three thousand three hundred eleven and paise fifty-one) only.

**BM 87.1.3** The Board considered the matter regarding the error in reporting the Item No. 16 of the Minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting, and directed that the correct amount of Rs.33,311.51 (Rupees thirty three thousand three hundred eleven and paise fifty-one) only be notified for adoption by all concerned.

**BM 87.1.4** The Board noted that no comments have been received on the Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The Board also noted the action taken report on the Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting and confirmed the Minutes.

**ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 2005-2006**

**BM 87.2.1** The Board considered the draft Annual Report of the University for the year 2005-2006 and noted with appreciation the impressive all round growth of the University in terms of the programmes on offer, the enrollments, the revision of course-ware, besides enlargement of Student Support Services network through the Regional Centres, Study Centres and Programme Study Centres, etc., and setting up of FM Radio Stations. The Board approved the Annual Report of the University for the year 2005-2006 and directed that the Annual Report may be forwarded to the MHRD for onward submission to the Visitor and also for placing before both the Houses of the Parliament as required under Section 28 (2) and (3) of the IGNOU Act read with further provisions under Statute 25 of the Statutes of the University.

**ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROVISIONS UNDER SUB-CLAUSES (7) (B), (C) & (D) OF STATUTE 5 OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 87.3.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg, informed that the Board at its 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28-2-2003 had made amendments to the Statute 5(6)(ii), (iii), 9(vii) and 10(1)(v) & (vi) concerning the position of the Registrar in the composition of the following authorities:

- (i) The Academic Council
- (ii) The Planning Board

These amendments were approved by the Visitor and

reported to the Board of Management. Prof. Garg further explained that these amendments have necessitated changes in the Sub-Clauses (b),(c) and (d) of the Statute (5)(7) as the activities assigned to the Registrar under these Sub-Clauses were now assigned to the Director, Academic Coordination Division and Director, Planning & Development Division respectively and, therefore, could not be performed by the Registrar (Administration). These duties relate mainly to the issue of notification and convening the meetings of both these authorities. It is, therefore, proposed to amend the provisions of existing Sub-Clauses (b) and (d) of Statute 5(7) to conform to the amended provisions under the Statute 5 ibid.

**BM 87.3.2** The Board considered the matter and approved the proposed amendments to the Sub-Clauses (b) and (d) of Statute 5(7) as per details given below:

<b>Existing provision</b>	<b>Proposed amendment</b>	<b>Provision after amendment</b>
<p><b>Statute 5(7)(b)&amp;(d):</b></p> <p>(b) issue notices and convene meetings of the Board of Management, the Academic Council and the Planning Board and of the committees appointed by those authorities:</p> <p>(d) conduct the official proceedings and correspondence of the Board of Management, the Academic Council and the Planning Board.</p>	<p>Delete the words <b>‘the Academic Council’</b> and <b>‘the Planning Board’</b> under sub-clauses (b);</p> <p>Delete the words <b>‘the Academic Council’</b> and <b>‘the Planning Board’</b> under sub-clause (d).</p>	<p><b>Statute 5(7)(b)&amp;(d):</b></p> <p>(b) issue notices and convene meetings of the Board of Management and of the committees appointed by the Board.</p> <p>(d) conduct the official proceedings and correspondence of the Board of Management.</p>

**ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT MOUs/MOCs/AGREEMENTS SIGNED/TO BE SIGNED BY THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 87.4.1** The Board considered and approved the draft MOUs/MOCs/Agreements signed/to be signed by the University as detailed below:

1. MOU with Telecommunications Consultants of India Ltd. for Pan African E-Network Project.
2. Agreement with St. Mary's University College (SMUC), Ethiopia.
3. License Agreement with Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada.
4. MOU with Dental Council of India (DCI), Kotla Road, New Delhi.
5. MOC with Mitraniketan, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. MOC with Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi.
7. Agreement with Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
8. MOU with the Government of Bihar for professional development of its teachers.

**ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL IN TERMS OF PROVISIONS OF STATUTE 9(1)(IX) OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 87.5.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered the proposal and nominated Dr. O.P. Dewal, Dy. Director, EMPC on the Academic Council for the residual term of the membership of Prof. M.K. Salooja, i.e., till 5-8-2007 in terms of the provisions of Statute 9(1)(ix) of the Statutes of the University.

**ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 9 – ORDINANCE ON EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN VIEW OF THE DECISIONS RELATING TO ASSIGNMENTS IN IGNOU PROGRAMMES**

**BM 87.6.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg, explained that the assignments in the University have been a compulsory component in respect of the programmes offered by the University with the weightage of 25% to 35% in the overall evaluation. These were expected to encourage continuous learning and interactive teaching through empathy between the counselors and the students for pacing their studies. As a result the basic purpose is not being served, particularly in respect of the Certificate/ Diploma programmes of 6 months/one year duration. Further, though the assignment submission is a prerequisite for appearing in a term-end examination, in many cases the dates of assignment submission fall after the due dates of submission of the examination forms it becomes very difficult to detect and prevent the defaulters from appearing in the term-end examinations.

**BM 87.6.2** The matter was considered by the Academic Council at its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23-6-2003. The Council while considering the recommendations of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) noted that assignments in respect of the Certificate Programmes did not serve the desired purpose and approved the proposal to withdraw the assignments from the certificate courses. Prof. Garg also informed that the matter was further considered by a Sub-Committee of the Task Force on Student Support Services. The Sub-Committee submitted its report to the Task Force on the Student Support Services, which considered the recommendations at its Meeting held on 4-1-2006. The recommendations of the Task Force

Meeting were considered by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council which recommended abolition of assignments in all the undergraduate diploma programmes of one year duration also with effect from July, 2006 admission cycle of the University. The Standing Committee further decided that there would be only one assignment for each course in all other programmes. As a sequel to the above decision necessary changes in the Ordinance were placed before the Academic Council at its 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 15-05-2006. The Academic Council approved the proposed amendments to Sub-Clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Clause (2) of the Ordinance 9 on Conduct of Examinations, etc.

**BM 87.6.3** The Board considered the amendments made by the Academic Council to Ordinance 9 on Conduct of Examinations and Evaluation of Student's Performance and approved the amendments in terms of provisions under Section 26(1) of IGNOU Act with the specific direction that the decision may be implemented from January 2007.

**ITEM NO. 7 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE 35<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 15, 2006**

**BM 87.7.1** The Board noted the decisions of the Academic Council made in its 35<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. A copy of the Minutes is placed at **Appendix - 1.**

**ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 46<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON MAY 16, 2006**

**BM 87.8.1** Prof. Garg briefly explained the recommendations of the Works Committee made in its 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on May 16, 2006. A copy of the recommendations is placed as **Appendix – 2**.

**BM 87.8.2** The Board considered the recommendations of the Works Committee and approved the Minutes. The Board accorded specific approval to its following recommendations:

- (i) To impose penalty, in terms of the provisions of the contract, for delay in completion of the work of the Convention Centre by the Contractor while making the final payment.
- (ii) Approval of the estimate submitted by the UP Housing Board amounting to Rs.12,33,371/- (Rupees twelve lakh thirty three thousand three hundred seventy one) only inclusive of 12.5% Charges for construction of the boundary wall on the plot for Regional Centre building and EduSat and FM Radio Studios at Lucknow and the provision of drilling a bore well at the site either through the agency of UP Jal Nigam or UP Housing Board.
- (iii) Approval of the new premises for Regional Centre II, Delhi offered by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and execution of the electrical works/modifications in the structure at the cost of Rs.10,97,000/- (Rupees ten lakh ninety seven thousand) only.



(iv) Approval of the provision of funds of Rs. 7,00,000/- (Rupees seven lakh) only for procurement of good earth for use by the Campus Development Unit.

(v) Approval of payment of Rs.1,25,000/- (Rupees one lakh twenty five thousand) only to M/s. Om Prakash in connection with the work on raising of part of the boundary wall in the Campus which the firm had completed.

**ITEM NO. 9 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATIONS OF DR. ELA KUMAR, READER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SHRI PAWAN KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, LECTURER, SCHOOL OF LAW**

**BM 87.9.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the resignations tendered by Dr. Ela Kumar, Reader in Computer Science and Shri Pawan Kumar Srivastava, Lecturer in Law with effect from 1-5-2006(FN) and 8-6-2006 (AN) respectively.

**ITEM NO. 10 TO REPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE OPEN UNIVERSITIES AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSE INSTITUTIONS/ DISTANCE EDUCATION INSTITUTES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2006-2007**

**BM 87.10.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg, explained that a meeting of the Committee, constituted by the Chairman, Distance Education Council for recommending the allocation of Grants to State Open Universities (SOUs) and Correspondence Course Institutes (CCIs) for the financial year

2006-2007, was held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. A copy of the recommendations of the Committee is placed at **Appendix – 3**. Prof. Garg informed that the DEC is likely to receive Rs. 60 crore as Development grant for the financial year 2006-07. The Committee recommended that 50%, 25% and 25% of the total grants received from MHRD for DEC be earmarked for SOUs, CCIs and DEC. Based on this principle and the parameters such as enrolment, faculty strength, relevance of programmes, use of technology in delivery of education, past utilization pattern etc., the Committee earmarked Rs.30,00,00,000/- (Rupees thirty crore) only as Developmental grant and Rs.52,50,000/- (Rupees fifty two lakh fifty thousand) only as Unassigned Grants to State Open Universities and a Development Grant of Rs.14,00,00,000/- (Rupees fourteen crore) only to Correspondence Course Institutes/Distance Education Institutes in the country. The Committee, however, advised that these allocations could be changed proportionately depending on the quantum of the grant actually received.

**BM 87.10.2** The Board considered and approved the allocation of the grants amounting to Rs.44,52,50,000/- (Rupees forty four crore fifty two lakh fifty thousand) only to the State Open Universities, the Correspondence Course Institutes and Distance Education Institutes and Rs.15,00,00,000/- (Rupees fifteen crore) only for DEC.

**ITEM NO. 11 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN EXTENDING THE TERM OF DR. JAGBANDHU SAMAL, CONSULTANT FOR SIX MONTHS BEYOND TWO YEARS**

**BM 87.11.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in extending the term of Dr. Jagbandhu Samal working as a Consultant (Full-time) at IGNOU

Regional Centre, Koraput for a further term of six months with effect from 01.5.2006.

**ITEM NO. 12 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN EXTENDING THE TERM OF DEPUTATION OF DR. JAYASHREE MENON KURUP, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE FORTH YEAR**

**BM 87.12.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in extending the term of deputation of Dr. Jayashree Menon Kurup working as Assistant Regional Director, NEP for a further period of one year with effect from 06.01.2006.

**ITEM NO. 13 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ENTRUSTING CHARGE OF POST OF DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL OF LAW TO PROF. B.S. SARASWAT, DIRECTOR, ACADEMIC COORDINATION DIVISION**

**BM 87.13.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in entrusting the additional charge of Director, School of Law to Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Director, Academic Coordination Division with effect from 17-5-2006.

**ITEM NO. 14 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTING PROF. B.S. HANSRA, PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURE AS DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE**

**BM 87.14.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Prof. B.S. Hansra as Director, School of Agriculture for a period of three years with effect from 15-5-2006 or till he holds the post of

Professor in the School of Agriculture or till he attains the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier, under the provisions of Statute 4(1)(ii)(a) of the Statutes of the University and the decision of the Board of Management taken at its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30-7-1996.

**ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO STATUTE 12(2) OF THE STATUTES OF IGNOU ACT**

**BM 87.15.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg, explained that the University Grants Commission vide their Notification No.F3-1/94(PS) dated 24-12-1998 circulated certain guidelines relating to the composition of the Selection Committees to be followed by the University's Colleges, which *inter alia* included a provision that the Selection Committees shall have a representative of SC, ST, Women and Physically Handicapped, wherever a candidate from any of these categories appeared for the interview. These guidelines were modified by the UGC vide their Letter No.F3-1/2000 (PS) dated 4-4-2000. The University modified the provisions under Statute 12(2), accordingly which were also approved by the Visitor.

**BM 87.15.2** Prof. Garg further informed that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, while considering representations received from a few teachers and academics, advised the University vide their D.O. Letter No.5-3/2005-Desk(U)(A)-DL dated 26-4-2006 (copy placed at **Appendix – 4**) to amend the relevant Statutes on appointments to co-opt a member belonging to SC/ST/Women, Physically Handicapped category in the Selection Committees for teachers and the academics. It is, therefore, proposed to make amendments to the Statute 12(2) for inclusion of a representative of the SC/ST, Women and Physically Handicapped persons in the Selection Committees,

whenever a candidate of these categories appears for an interview.

**BM 87.15.3** The Board considered the proposal and advised that the Statute should be in line with the Govt. policy. However, the Board directed that while processing the proposal for approval of the Visitor, the Ministry may be requested to consider clarifying the following points for smooth implementation:

- (i) Whether one expert/representative has to be nominated for each category, particularly for open recruitment where candidate of each of the above reserved categories may be appearing in interview; and
- (ii) What would be the status of these nominees? Whether they have to be subject experts?

**ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH M/S. GODREJ FOR SUPPLY OF FURNITURE ITEMS/ EQUIPMENTS TO THE REGIONAL/STUDY CENTRES**

**BM 87.16.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for extension of agreement with M/s. Godrej for supply of furniture items / equipments to the Regional/Study Centres of the University, for a further period of six months from the date of approval, with the directive that fresh tenders for procurement of furniture be invited and the process completed in the meantime.

**ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE SPONSORING OF A SESSION ON “USE OF ICT IN CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE ODL SYSTEM” AT THE FOURTH PAN-COMMONWEALTH FORUM (PCF4), JAMAICA**

**BM 87.17.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg explained that the University has received an invitation from the President and the Chief Executive Officer of Commonwealth of Learning (COL) to consider sponsoring a theme or to support the participation of delegates from IGNOU to the Fourth PAN-Commonwealth Forum (PCF4) scheduled to be held at Ocho Rios, Jamaica between 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 and 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006. In particular the COL has requested IGNOU to sponsor one full session of PCF4 by contributing to the Forum and obtain the rights of placing the IGNOU’s logo on the Conference Literature.

The Vice-Chancellor constituted a Committee to examine the issues involved and make suitable recommendations in the matter. The Committee has recommended IGNOU’s sponsorship of one full session of PCF4 by contributing upto CDN\$ 16,000/- to the Forum for the theme “Use of ICT in Capacity Building in the ODL System” and four strands. The Committee also recommended involvement of State Open Universities in the country and the Open Universities in SAARC Member States to draw 4 panelists and speakers.

**BM 87.17.2** The Board approved the contribution of CDN\$ 16,000/- (C\$ Sixteen Thousand) only to be made by the University to the Forum.

**ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL UNDER CLAUSE (3)(A)(VII) OF STATUTE 28**

**BM 87.18.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board decided to nominate the present incumbent of the office of Director, Distance Education, Kurukshetra University as a member on the Distance Education Council in place of Dr. L.C. Gupta for the residual period of his membership ending 05.10.2007, in terms of the provisions under Clause (3)(a)(vii) of Statute 28 of the IGNOU Act.

**ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER REGARDING COUNTING OF PAST SERVICE(S) RENDERED BY UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES IN STATE GOVERNMENT / STATE AUTONOMOUS BODIES / INSTITUTIONS FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS IN THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 87.19.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg explained the Codal and Statutory provisions in the matter.

**BM 87.19.2** The item was discussed in detail. The Board decided that the matter may be examined by the Finance & Accounts Division of the University bringing out the rule position in this regard clearly and a comprehensive proposal be placed before the Board for a decision.

**ITEM NO. 20 TO REPORT THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR JUNE 2006 TERM-END EXAMINATION**

**BM 87.20.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg informed that the June, 2006 Term-end examinations of the University commenced from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2006 and

2,84,123 students are scheduled to appear at 500 Examination Centers in India and 31 Centres overseas. The Board was informed that the exams. of the University so far have gone smoothly with no complaints, whatsoever. He further explained that to ensure fair and smooth conduct of the examinations and further enhance the credibility of the examination system, the University has deputed local observers under different Regions and sent flying squads from the headquarters. The University, however, is likely to incur an expenditure of Rs.73,50,000/- (Rupees seventy three lakh fifty thousand) only on this process, with Rs.36,60,000/- (Rupees thirty six lakh sixty thousand) only for honorarium to be paid to Observers @ Rs.500/- per day, payment of Conveyance Charges of Rs.21,90,000/- (Rupees twenty one lakh ninety thousand) only to the Observers @ Rs.300/- per Observer per day and Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees fifteen lakh) only on TA/DA/hiring of taxies for the Flying Squads/ delivery of question paper packets, etc. on daily basis.

**BM 87.20.2** The Board appreciated the arrangement and approved the expenditure of Rs.73,50,000/- (Rupees seventy three lakh fifty thousand) only likely to be incurred on the special arrangements made for smooth conduct of the examinations of the University.

**ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR TAKING POLICY DECISION IN THE MATTER OF WITHDRAWAL OF RESIGNATION BY THE EMPLOYEES OF IGNOU**

**BM 87.21.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal as a special case not to be quoted as reference for future.



**ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF SHRI K.K. BHAT AGAINST THE PENALTY IMPOSED ON HIM**

(Before the item was taken up for consideration, the Vice-Chancellor withdrew from the meeting)

**BM 87.22.1**

The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg informed the Board of the various charges against Shri K.K. Bhat, Deputy Director, RSD and the outcome of the Inquiry Committee in the matter. Prof. Garg further informed that as per the recommendations of the Inquiry Committee and in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission, a major penalty of reduction to a lower stage in the time scale of pay for a period of five years without earning increments during the period, and on expiry of this period such reduction not having the effect of postponing future increments of his pay was proposed on him by the competent authority and the matter was reported to the Board. Shri Bhat then appealed to the Board for reconsideration of the penalty. The Board considered the request and rejected it on merit in its meeting held on 09-07-2004. Shri K.K. Bhat, thereafter, approached the Hon'ble Delhi High Court requesting it to quash the above Order of penalty. The Hon'ble High Court heard the writ on 3-5-2006 observing that the Appellate Order dated 9-9-2004 passed against the petitioner Shri K.K. Bhat by the Vice-Chancellor, the Disciplinary Authority had been vitiated by reason of the presence of the Vice-Chancellor himself in his capacity as the ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Management, i.e., the Appellate Authority. The Hon'ble Court has directed that the Order dated 9-9-2004 be withdrawn forthwith and the matter be placed before the Board of Management sans the Vice-Chancellor, for fresh consideration of the appeal. The Hon'ble High Court further ordered that fresh order shall be issued after

considering the petitioner's appeal by the Board as expeditiously as possible and not later than three months from the date of the order of the Court.

**BM 87.22.2** The Board considered the appeal of Shri K.K. Bhat in the light of the direction of the Hon'ble High Court and decided to appoint a Committee consisting of the following to look into the matter in totality and submit its report within a month or so:

- (i) Shri Pawan Chopra - Chairman
- (ii) Prof. C.L. Anand - Member
- (iii) Smt. Poonam Bhushan - Member
- (iv) Registrar (Administration) – Convener

The Board further directed that the Hon'ble court may be informed of the action taken by the Board on its directions and seek extension of time in case it becomes necessary.

**ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF SHRI V.K. ARORA, FOR FIXING HIS PAY AT A HIGHER STAGE IN THE SCALE OF PAY OF RS.16400-22400 ATTACHED TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR, EMPC**

**BM 87.23.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg explained that Shri V.K. Arora, Director, EMPC has requested for re-fixing his pay at a higher stage in the scale of pay of Rs.16400-22400 as indicated in his application for the said post. Prof. Garg further informed the Board that in the past the University has allowed the benefit of higher pay in some cases, depending on the merit of each case.

**BM 87.23.2** The Board discussed the matter in detail and decided that the case may be examined by the Establishment Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board of

Management, and the recommendations of the Committee be placed before the Board for a decision.

**ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER THE LIFTING OF PROBATION AND CONFIRMATION OF PROF. ANJILA GUPTA, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, SOSS**

**BM 87.24.1** The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for lifting the probation period of Prof. Anjila Gupta, and her confirmation in the post of Professor of Economics w.e.f. 4-08-2006 (FN).

**ITEM NO. 25 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL OF LAUNCHING THE B.SC.(NURSING) PROGRAMME WITH THE NARAYANA HRUDAYALAYA INSTITUTE OF CARDIAC SCIENCES**

**BM 87.25.1** The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Garg informed that a suggestion has been made by Dr. Devi Shetty, Chairman, Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Cardiac Sciences, Bangalore and a Member, Board of Management for collaboration and launching B.Sc. (Nursing) Degree programme by the University. The letter of Dr. Shetty was also circulated to the members.

**BM 87.25.2** The members pointed out that the University had launched a Post Basic B.Sc (Nursing) programme in INC approved colleges and the same is receiving tremendous response.

**BM 87.25.3** The Board directed that modalities for collaboration be worked out to enhance its reach and bring benefits of quality healthcare to all and improve future prospects of prospective learners.

**ITEM NO. 26 TO REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. AJAY KUMAR GUPTA AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RAJIV GANDHI EDUSAT SUPPORTED EDUCATION PROJECT AT JABALPUR**

**BM 87.26.1** The item was considered. In view of the fact that the parent organisation, i.e., Rani Durgavati Vishwavidhyala, Jabalpur did not agree to lend the services of Dr. Ajay Kumar Gupta on deputation terms, the Board decided that the services of Dr. Ajay Kumar Gupta be retained on lien terms by the University.

**ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF PROF. PARVIN SINCLAIR TO RELINQUISH THE DUTIES OF DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES**

**BM 87.27.1** The Item was taken for consideration. The Board was informed that Prof. Parvin Sinclair, School of Sciences, was entrusted with the charge of the post of the Director, School of Computer & Information Sciences w.e.f. 19.01.2004. Later, with the approval of the Board of Management, she was appointed Director, School of Sciences w.e.f. 06.8.2005 for a period of three years or till such time she remains in the service of the University as per the provisions of Statute 4(1) (ii) concerning Directors in the University. It was further informed that Prof. Parvin Sinclair has now requested vide her letter dated 20.6.2006 to be relieved of the additional charge of the Director of School of Computer & Information Sciences owing to personal reasons and the academic activities of the School of Sciences. It was further informed that presently the said School has only one Professor on its strength, who is under the penalty period till 31-7-2007.

**BM 87.27.2** The Chairman briefly praised the excellent work done by Prof. Parvin Sinclair in the School of Computer & Information Sciences.

**BM 87.27.3** The Board considered the matter and on the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor decided that the charge of the post of Director, School of Computer & Information Sciences be assigned to Prof. S.C. Garg, with immediate effect.

**ITEM NO. 28 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 2005-2006 AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2006**

**BM 87.28.1** The Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22-6-2006 were taken up for consideration. The Finance Officer apprised the Board of the status of the finalization of the Annual Accounts of the University for the financial year 2005-2006, which are likely to be finalized within a week's time. The Board considered the position and directed that in view of the deadline fixed by the MHRD for submission of the Annual Accounts, the same when ready, may be considered for approval by circulation by the Finance Committee and the Board.

**BM 87.28.2** The Board considered the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting and noted that the Accounts of the University are being finalized by 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Board appreciated the contributions of Prof. B.S. Saraswat Acting Finance Officer, and the present Finance Officer, Shri R. Chauhan, who accelerated the process by motivating his colleagues. The Board approved the Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee placed at **Appendix – 5**.

**ITEM NO. 29 TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE THE ARRANGEMENTS TO LOOK AFTER THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR WITH EFFECT FROM 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2006 AFTERNOON**

**BM 87.29.1** The Chairman mentioned that he was completing his term as Vice-Chancellor of the University on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006 afternoon. Registrar (Administration) informed the Board that a reference was made to the MHRD to suggest the arrangements for looking after the work of the office of the Vice-Chancellor of the University with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006, afternoon. Since no response was received from the Ministry, two reminders were also sent. It was, therefore, proposed that the Board may decide the arrangement to look after the work of the office of the Vice-Chancellor in the University with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006 afternoon.

**BM 87.29.2** The Board considered the matter. The Board noted the provisions of Statute 1(6) read with Statute 3(2) of the Statutes of the University for arrangements in the eventuality of the post of the Vice-Chancellor falling vacant. In the absence of any response from the MHRD, the Board decided that Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor shall perform the functions of the Vice-Chancellor with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006 afternoon.

**ITEM NO. 30 TO CONSIDER THE SUGGESTIONS EMERGING FROM THE APEX CORE GROUP MEETING OF THE RAJIV GANDHI EDUSAT SUPPORTED ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (RGESEE) HELD ON JUNE 9, 2006 AT SHASTRI BHAVAN UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY HIGHER AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, MHRD, GOVT. OF INDIA**

**BM 87.30.1**

It was reported that the first meeting of the Apex Core Group constituted in the 83<sup>rd</sup> - 84<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Board for monitoring and coordination of the project was presided over by the Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development in September 2005. As per decisions taken in that meeting the project was inaugurated on December 17, 2005 with a Hub and nearly 100 Receive Only Terminals (ROTs). Since then following activities have been undertaken.

- A series of teacher training programmes for sensitising them.
- Participative Training of selected teachers from schools identified under the project for capacity building locally in content development both at the IGNOU studio in Delhi and the Project studio at Jabalpur. It may be mentioned that ISRO has communicated its appreciation for the quality of content which is being monitored at ISRO Headquarters in Bangalore.
- Coordination and management of the project work in cooperation with the Officials of the State Govts. of the participating states.
- 2 hour live with 2 hour repeat daily transmission of educational programmes from studio at Jabalpur.

- Expansion in installation of ROTs and approval of additional ROTs by ISRO for students.

**BM 87.30.2**

The second meeting of the Apex Core Group was held on June 9, 2006 at Shastri Bhawan under the Chairmanship of Shri Sudeep Banerjee, Secretary Higher and Secondary Education, MHRD, Govt. of India. List of members who participated in the meeting is enclosed in **Appendix – 6**. A brief presentation made by Director (RSD), IGNOU covered the following status of project implementation, challenges encountered and proposed road ahead along with proposals for improving project implementation.

- **Status** of installation of ROTs: **Madhya Pradesh:** 675 ROTs installed in schools of Sidhi District; **Bihar:** Installation of ROTs in 50 schools of Vaishali District under process; **Chhattisgarh:** ROTs in 50 schools of Korla District installed; **Uttar Pradesh:** ROTs installed in 5 schools of Sonbhadra District and installation in 45 other schools is under process.
- **Issues and challenges:**
  - (i) Security of ROTs – No insurance company willing to insure.
  - (ii) Problems of monitoring and receiving feedback due to weak communication Only 6 responses out of 120 received on self addressed stamped letters.
  - (iii) Lack of space (common viewing by all students).

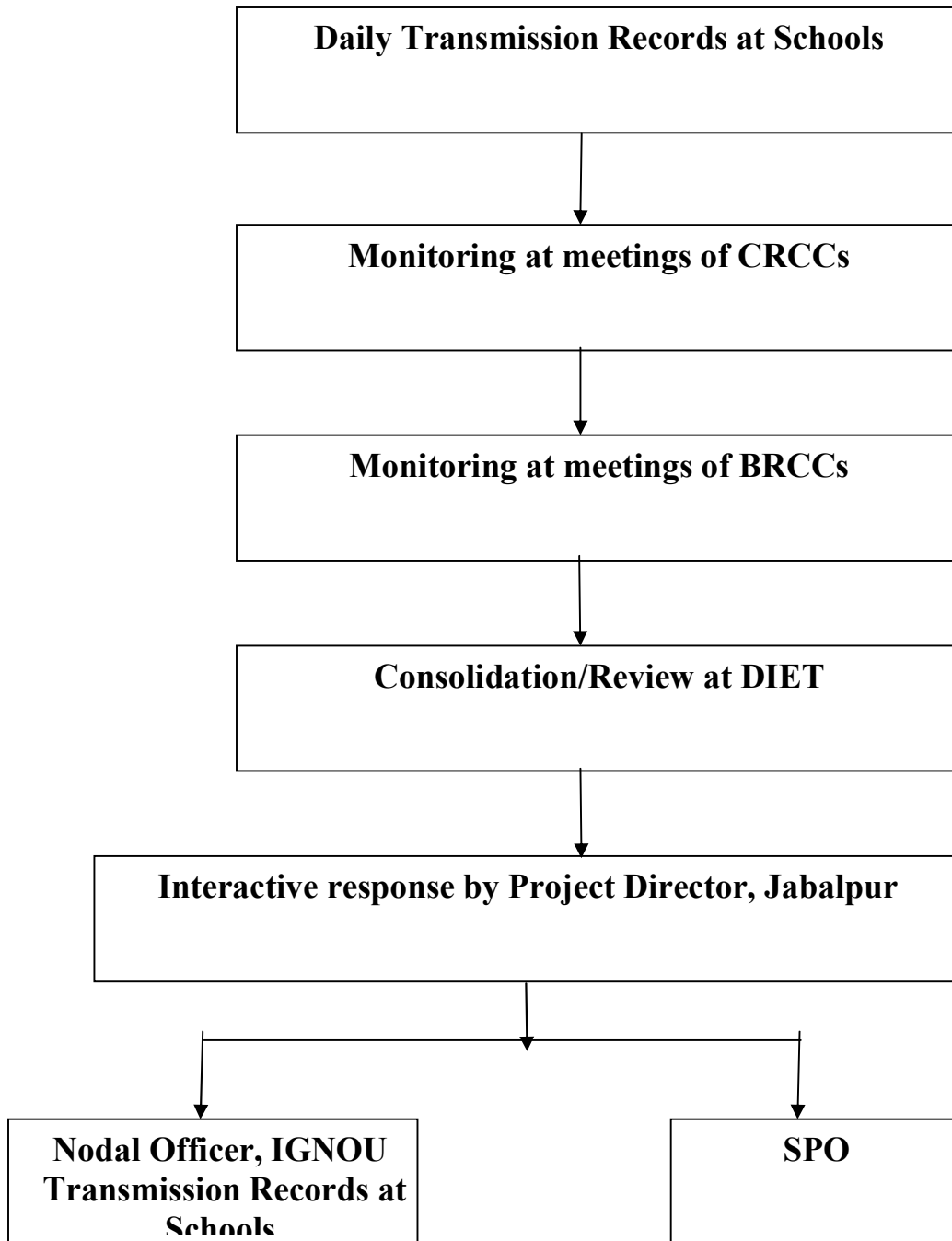


(iv) Weak inter-school monitoring.

- **Outcomes of Training:**

- (i) 886 teachers oriented in ICT and pedagogy through 10 programmes in all the four states.
- (ii) 50 motivated teachers trained in Content Generation and Live Telecast at IGNOU studio in EMPC and Project studio at Jabalpur.
- (iii) 150 programmes for children and 15 for teachers developed at the Project studio.
- (iv) 2 hours daily transmission with 2 hour repeat telecast from December 19, 2005 on the national beam from Jabalpur.
- (v) Workshop on e-content generation/sharing of time and resources: 16 to 18 June 2006 at Jabalpur SPOs, SCERT/DIET faculty and school teachers from four states  
Identification of hard spots  
Component of Teacher Training  
Identification of resource persons  
Matching of transmission and teaching schedules.

- **Proposed monitoring scheme**



- **Additional ROTs from ISRO with increased participation:** The states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand, Manipur, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal are also being provided additional ROTs.
- **Road ahead:** Use of network for (i) Community Health and Welfare (ii) Interventions in Agriculture sector (iii) Women Empowerment and (iv) Capacity Building for the marginalized (v) Participation and collaboration of NCERT and NCTE as proposed by their nominees in the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Core Group for Edusat utilization.
- **Continuous quality up-gradation:** (i) Recurrent training; (ii) Improving quality of existing e-content; (iii) Shift from chalk and talk to interaction (iii) More use of emerging tools and techniques for improving quality (iv) 32 SITs proposed for teacher training, value addition, effective coordination, (v) Resources and expertise from IGNOU Head Quarters, Regional Centre, Jabalpur, DPM-IIIT, Jabalpur studio and states be mobilized for quality improving of quality of programmes.

Following points emerged from the meeting of the Apex Core Group

- (i) Although reaching and managing the target groups identified under the project are extremely difficult tasks but it has great importance and significance and therefore special and innovative efforts need to be taken in meeting the challenges of the project implementation.

- (ii) The project is in pilot phase and its success will have significant impact in providing and improving quality of education for those who deserve it the most.
- (iii) The project has been in place only for a few months and it would be desirable to continuously review and improve its implementation rigorously.
- (iv) The difficulty in ensuring security of equipments was noted and it was recommended that a robust solution of the problem lies in creating an environment under which the local community feels ownership of the ROTs. It may be useful to telecast programmes on general interest of the community also.
- (v) Efforts should be made to match transmission and actual teaching.
- (vi) The proposed model for monitoring at different levels was approved.
- (vii) For a dynamic system of monitoring and implementation the membership of the Apex Core Group may be reviewed with a Standing Committee of the Apex Core Group which should meet more frequently to advise the functionaries of the project locally at Jabalpur.
- (viii) Resources and expertise from IGNOU Head Quarters, Regional Centre, Jabalpur, DPM-IIIIT, Jabalpur studio and states be mobilized for improving quality of programmes.
- (ix) Efforts should be made to sign MOUs for free sharing of e-content between various

resources developed with the support of the State or Central Government.

- (x) A hub on national beam is available at Jabalpur, so a repository of content should be developed at Jabalpur.
- (xi) The efforts made in a short span of nearly 6 months were appreciated.

*The Board appreciated the efforts being made for a successful implementation of a very important project of national significance and decided that the project should be thoroughly reviewed after an initial period of three years. The Board also decided that the Vice Chancellor, IGNOU should reconstitute the Apex Core Group and its Standing Committee as advised by the Apex Core Group. In view of the significance and importance of quality content, the Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU should identify a technical group consisting of appropriate faculty and other staff of IGNOU and DPM-IIIT to ensure continuous improvement in quality by using innovative techniques and approaches.*

**ITEM NO. 31 TO REPORT ON EDUSAT SUPPORTED NETWORK OF IGNOU AND STATUS OF OTHER NETWORKS ACTIVATED WITH THE COORDINATION OF A NATIONAL CORE GROUP (NCG) ON EDUSAT UTILIZATION APPOINTED BY THE MHRD WITH PROF. H.P.DIKSHIT AS THE CHAIRMAN**

**BM 87.31.1** Prof. H. P. Dikshit presented before the Board the status of efforts made by the National Core Group for Edusat utilization, consisting of officials of the MHRD, ISRO and several National Organisations, which has been functioning since September 2004 to coordinate, promote and facilitate development of state and national networks. This involved massive activities in

close collaboration with ISRO, MHRD, State Govts. and representatives of national organisation like AICTE, UGC, IGNOU, NCERT, NCTE, State Secretaries of School, Higher and Technical education, meetings with the State Ministers and Secretaries of School, Higher and Technical education, for sensitization about the capabilities of the networks, modalities for installation and management including content generation, financial requirements with partial support from ISRO and other related matters. The core group and the senior officials of MHRD through discussions with the Chairman and other senior officials of ISRO could ensure appropriate financial and technical support of ISRO for developing national and state level networks. In the year 2005 NCG and officials of the MHRD developed a centrally sponsored scheme for supporting state Govts. and others in setting up Edusat supported networks, which were processed, and the Planning Commission accepted the scheme in principle. In a follow up meeting convened by the Secretary Planning Commission it was decided that the total requirement of networks for education would need a comprehensive approach involving all forms of connectivity available in the country including that provided by Edusat. In this meeting Professor Dikshit mentioned about a combination of Edusat connectivity and DTH platform provided by ISRO and Prasar Bharti respectively which had been in use in IGNOU. It was strongly felt in this meeting that DTH platform should be given preference for extensive access. A copy of the minutes of the fifth meeting of the National Core Group for EDUSAT utilization held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at IGNOU is enclosed as **Appendix - 7**. It was also informed that in a recent meeting convened by the CEO, Prasar Bharti it was indicated that a second network of IGNOU could also be put on DTH platform on payment to Prasar Bharti.

*The Board noted with satisfaction the leadership provided by IGNOU in development of Edusat*

*supported networks and the Board appreciated the efforts made by IGNOU in setting up the largest Edusat network and putting one of its networks on DTH platform. The Board also decided that due to extensive reach of DTH, IGNOU should accept the offer of Prasar Bharti and acquire additional DTH on payment to Prasar Bharti.*

The Board resolved to place on record its highest appreciation for Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Chairman of the Board of Management for providing dynamic, innovative, visionary and exemplary leadership which led to path breaking initiatives and unprecedented achievements by the University during the last five years and helped it to emerge as the acknowledged world leader in the field of open-distance learning. His unflinching faith in his colleagues to harness the capabilities of emerging technologies for delivery of education and strides made in this direction led to the creation of a networked environment capable of taking education to the remotest areas of the country. Expansion of Gyan Darshan education TV and establishment of 23 Gyan Vani, FM Radio Stations, operationalisation of two EduSat supported network at EMPC, IGNOU and Jabalpur, entering into MOUs for academic collaboration with prestigious international institutions like UNESCO, WIPO, World Bank, UNICEF, among others and national agencies such as APEDA, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Dental Council of India, National Board of Examinations, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Shipping Corporation of India, Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Cardiac Sciences are some of the significant achievements of his tenure.

The Members wished him and his family sound health, peace and prosperity in life.

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

**(H.P. DIKSHIT)**  
**Chairman**

Approved for issue by the Chairman.

**(Dalip Kumar Tetri)**  
**Secretary**





