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MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON MARCH 21, 2000 AT 11.30 A. M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Abdul W. Khan, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Prof. V.S. Prasad
3. Dr. D.K. Choudhry
4. Prof. A.K. Agarwal
5. Prof. Ram Pratap
6. Shri Vikram Chandra
7. Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao - Member-Secretary

Prof. K.N. Tripathi, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. R. Sreedher, Director (EMPC) and Shri V. Rama Rao, Joint Director (EMPC) attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Shri D. Deb, Assistant Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2000.

PC 12.1.1 The Committee considered the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Purchase Committee held on January 12, 2000. No comments on the Minutes were received. The minutes of the 11th meeting of the Purchase Committee held on 12-1-2000 were confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER THE PROCUREMENT OF 3 NOs. MICROWAVE LINKS FOR LINKING THE STUDIOS WITH CEC, CIET AND DDK, NEW DELHI.

PC 12.2.1 The Committee considered the Item. Dr. R. Sreedher, Director (EMPC) and Shri V. Rama Rao, Joint Director (EMPC) gave a brief account of the background and justification for the proposal. The members were informed that to save time and procedural complexity, it was decided to

place the orders with M/s. Gigaware, UK, through their Indian agent M/s. Siddharth Institutional for the procurement of Microwave Links for linking the Studios with CEC, CIET and DDK, New Delhi taking into account that similar orders were placed by Doordarshan for their use. It will facilitate not only sourcing the transmissions from all these Centres but also enable live interactive programming and a better involvement of both UGC and NCERT in taking the educational channel to a wider audience.

PC 12.2.2 In response to a query raised on agency commission, it was clarified that the agency commission payable for the procurement of the Microwave Links shall include operations such as establishment, installation, commissioning, maintenance, etc.

PC 12.2.3 The Committee decided that a Clause be included specifying that benefit due to any fall in price in items will be given to IGNOU.

PC 12.2.4 The Committee approved the proposal subject to the above conditions, for the procurement of 3 Nos. Microwave links from M/s. Gigaware, UK through their Indian agents, M/s Siddharth International, New Delhi based on the same terms and conditions as Doordarshan's purchase order No.8(17) 98-99(P)TV/P.cell/406 dated 29-7-1999 at a cost of Rs.70 Lakhs approximately. The value of the purchase order will be pound sterling 97,361.68 (FOB cost), which includes PS 4,868.09 as agency commission payable in equivalent Indian rupees.

ITEM NO. 3 **TO CONSIDER THE PROCUREMENT OF SPLIT MOUNT POWER AMPLIFIER UNIT 1+1 SYSTEM FOR UPGRADING THE GYAN DARSHAN UPLINK SYSTEM.**

PC 12.3.1 The Committee considered the Item. Dr. R. Sreedher, Director (EMPC) and Shri V. Rama Rao, Joint Director (EMPC) gave a brief account of the background and justification for the proposal. The members were informed that in order to upgrade the Gyan Darshan uplink to 1+1 system with auto change over facility, the acquisition of the power amplifier unit, is crucial. It was mentioned that the item is a proprietary item and that quotation obtained from M/s CPI through their Delhi Office which quoted lesser than the prices quoted by M/s GCEL through the ISRO order.

PC 12.3.2 Keeping in view the need and justification given, the Committee approved the procurement of Split Mount power amplifier unit 1+1 system at a cost of US Dollars 52,750 (FOB Price) + Insurance, Freight, Taxes, etc.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE PROCUREMENT OF NONLINER EDITING SYSTEM, COMPUTER GRAPHICS, BETACOM, VTRS, ETC.

PC 12.4.1 The Committee considered the Item. Dr. R. Sreedher, Director (EMPC) and Shri V. Rama Rao, Joint Director (EMPC) gave a brief account of the background and justification for the proposal. In response to the query raised by the Vice-Chancellor, it was informed that the existing system to meet the needs of Gyan Darshan Channel have become outdated particularly in relation to improvement of animation function. It was also informed that the quotations were received and examined by a Technical Committee appointed for the purpose and that after meeting the technical specifications, the lowest quotation for the various items required are identified.

PC 12.4.2 The Vice-Chancellor observed that the existing system of procurement, stores and inventories and internal requisition need to be looked into so that proper account of the maintenance of the consumables and capital items is properly recorded and further procurement is justified. He also emphasised that there must be a system of physical verification and system of inventory so far as these items are concerned.

PC 12.4.3 The Committee approved the proposal for the procurement of consumables and capital items as per Annexure - 1 and 2 at the following cost:

- (a) **Capital Items** : Rs.1,04,01,869 + \$ 1,40,960 + DM 27,552 + E 22, 572.
- (b) **Consumables**: Rs. 18,13,980 + \$ 26,988.

ITEM NO. 5 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SPARE PARTS FOR VCRs, ETC. FROM M/S BEL.

PC 12.5.1 The Committee decided to defer this item.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER PRINTER AND PERIPHERALS FOR UTILISATION BY SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS AND REGIONAL CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

PC 12.6.1 The Committee considered the Item. Dr. R. Srivastava, Joint Director, Computer Division was present to give the background of the proposal.

PC 12.6.2 Registrar in his observations informed the members that the proposal for the purchase of Computer Printer and peripherals was recommended by IT Task Force but the Statement on allocation do not reflect proper allocation of the items. It was also mentioned that the projection for different Schools and Divisions need to be moderated after verifying the number of printers/peripherals which are in working conditions. The Vice-Chancellor desired that an independent verification be carried out for this purpose.

PC 12.6.3 With the above observations, the Committee approved the proposal in principle.

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

ITEM NO. 7 AUGMENTATION OF THE DOWN LINK FACILITIES AT THE STUDY CENTRES FOR THE FORTHCOMING TDCC ON THE DIGITAL MODE.

PC 12.7.1 At the end of the agenda, Director, EMPC, Dr. R. Sreedher requested the Vice-Chancellor that the above item may be discussed under 'Any other items'.

PC 12.7.2 The ISRO authorities have sent a letter to the effect that the TDC Channel will now be available on INSAT 3-B (88° East) under the digital mode. This means the Regional Centres and the study centres where down link facility has already been provided by IGNOU only one channel can be received i.e. either Gyan Darshan or TDCC. ISRO has not reacted favourably to the suggestion of IGNOU to co-locate both the channels on the same look angle even if it is two different

satellites. Hence we may have to install one more dish antenna along with other accessories for receiving the TDC channel. As per the quotations already approved for the Womens Empowerment Project, the cost will be Rs.45,000/- per node which multiplied by 300 centres is Rs.1.35 crores. As per ISRO's letter the new satellite is likely to be operationalised by the middle of April.

PC 12.7.3

This was noted but a decision on this was deferred.

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

(ABDUL W. KHAN)
Vice-Chancellor