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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON MARCH 28, 2001 AT 3.00 P. M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. V.S. Prasad, Acting Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Prof. A.K. Agarwal
3. Prof. Ram Pratap
4. Shri Vikram Chandra
5. Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao - Member-Secretary

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON MARCH 28, 2001

PC 17.1.1 The Member-Secretary informed that no comments have been received from any member on the Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Purchase Committee.

PC 17.1.2 With the above observations, the Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Purchase Committee held on March 28, 2001 were confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, EMPC REGARDING POWER AMPLIFIER FOR THE TDCC CHANNEL.

PC 17.2.1 The Item was considered. Director, EMPC, gave a brief background of the Report of the Technical Committee relating to the purchase of 400W Power Amplifier for an Earth Station of TDCC at EMPC premises. It was informed that prices of the items is in FOB the freight, insurance and clearing charge for the said import would be borne by the University.

PC 17.2.2 The Committee accepted the recommendations of the

Technical Committee, EMPC, regarding Power Amplifier for the TDCC Channel at EMPC and approved the purchase at Rs.15,90,950/- (Dollars 33,850 x Rs.47 per dollar).

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, EMPC REGARDING PURCHASE OF DISH ANTENNA SYSTEM.

PC 17.3.1 The Committee considered the report of the Technical Committee regarding the purchase of Dish Antenna System. In this context, the following points were noted:

- (i) The Regional Centres are yet to take necessary action with regard to tenders for acquiring dish antenna in the respective region including the remote areas.
- (ii) Prices of dish antenna are having wide variations from region to region, therefore, local purchase by the Regional Centres will be useful.
- (iii) Proper identification of remote places in different region where dish antennae are to be installed need to be reflected in the proposal.
- (iv) Criteria for determination of needy cable operators and the guidelines for Regional Centres in the process of purchases of dish antenna are to be reflected in the proposal.

PC 17.3.2 With the above observations, the Committee decided that the EMPC should coordinate with the Regional Centres in completing the procedures. Consequently, the item has been deferred.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REGARDING IRD-DECORDERS FOR DOWNLINK FOR TDCC AT VARIOUS STUDY CENTRES.

PC 17.4.1 The Committee considered and approved the purchase of IRD-Decorders for downlink for TDCC at various Study Centres at a cost of Rs.27,02,500/-. The prices are in FOB the freight,

insurance and clearing charge for the said import would be borne by the University after evaluating the report of the Technical Committee of EMPC regarding IRD-Decorders for downlink for TDCC at various Study Centres.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SATELLITE SUPPORT TO GYAN VANI STATIONS.

PC 17.5.1 The Committee considered the item and decided that the proposal requires careful examination and hence the item has been deferred. It was further decided that the matter may be brought to the next meeting of the Purchase Committee, which may be convened some time in the month of April, 2001.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR GYAN DARSHAN AND GYAN VANI ON REPEAT ORDER BASIS.

PC 17.6.1 The Committee considered the Item and approved it in principle. It was decided that the EMPC should explore the possibilities of getting the required number of Computers (25 Nos.) out of the purchase of 800 computers to be acquired by the University. If this is not found feasible, the computers may be procured by placing a repeat order.

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER THE DEPOSIT CHARGES FOR ALL INDIA RADIO, PRASAR BHARATI FOR INSTALLATION OF TRANSMITTERS FOR FM RADIO STATIONS AT VISHAKAPATNAM, LUCKNOW AND COIMBATORE.

PC 17.7.1 The Committee considered the item of the Prasar Bharati to provide all the necessary infrastructure including system design and installation of three transmitters at Vishakapatnam, Lucknow and Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.1.05 Crores (Rs. 35 Lakhs per Transmitter).

PC 17.7.2 Having considered the background, the Committee decided that a comprehensive MoU for the rest of the proposal should be finalized and signed between IGNOU and the Ministry with the provisions to negotiate about the prices.

PC 17.7.3 With the above observations, the Committee approved the proposal of three transmitters only at an estimated cost of Rs.1.05 Crores @ Rs.35 Lakhs per transmitter and the remaining matters will be decided after the signing of MoU.

ITEM NO. 8 TO REPORT ON ACQUISITION OF PROGRAMMES FOR GYAN DARSHAN.

PC 17.8.1 The Committee considered and noted the Report on acquisition of programmes for Gyan Darshan.

ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE 5 NOS. VERTICAL COROUSEL SYSTEM FROM M/S. GODREJ & BOYCE MFG. CO. FOR STORING OF QUESTION PAPERS IN SRE DIVISION.

PC 17.9.1 The Registrar informed the Committee that a proposal was received from Student Registration and Evaluation Division for procuring 5 Nos. of Vertical Corousel System from M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. for the purpose of storing the question papers. The need for using such mechanized system has become necessary due to the increase in the volume of question papers, and more importantly, the need for properly storing them to maintain confidentiality. In this context, it was brought to the kind notice of the Purchase Committee that the University has signed an agreement with M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. to procure furniture/equipment. However, a suggestion was made that it may be ascertained whether M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. is the sole manufacturer of the above system. Consequently, letters were sent to M/s. Kendriya Bhandar and M/s. Super Bazar to provide information as to whether M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. is the sole manufacturer of the above system. But there was no response from both the parties. Taking into account that University has an agreement with M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. and also considering the urgent need of the SRE Division, it was felt appropriate that the Vertical Corousel System be procured from M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co.

PC 17.9.2 The Purchase Committee approved the proposal to purchase 5 Nos. of Vertical Corousel System from M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. for the purpose of storing question papers in SRE

Division at an estimated cost of Rs.44,47,740/-

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER VSAT CONNECTIVITY THROUGH ERNET IN NORTH-EAST REGIONAL CENTRE.

PC 17.10.1 The Committee considered the proposal for the VSAT connectivity through ERNET in North-East Regional Centre. Prof. Ram Pratap, Director, Planning & Development Division gave a brief background of the proposal arising out of the discussion held between ERNET officials and IGNOU.

PC 17.10.2 While the Committee approved the proposal in principle to have VSAT connectivity through ERNET for the North-East Regional Centres, it was decided that the matter should be taken up after the presentation of the ERNET on the services being offered by them in North-East Region.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE PROCUREMENT OF BETACAM TAPES.

PC 17.11.1 The Committee considered and approved the procurement of Betacam Tapes at a value of Rs.7,30,200/- from M/s. Eagle Sales.

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

(V.S. PRASAD)
Vice-Chancellor