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Minutes of the 232nd Meeting of the Executive Council held on October, 29 1999 at 4.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Institute

PRESENT

1. Shri S.B. Chavan - Chairman
2. Prof. (Mrs.) Noorjahan Bava
3. Prof. Mohit Bhattacharya
4. Prof.(Dr.) P. Chandrasekharan
5. Dr. K. Chockalingam
6. Shri M.K. Gaur
7. Shri G.C.L. Joneja
8. Prof. K. Kamalanathan
9. Prof. J.C. Kapur
10. Shri B.C. Mathur
11. Dr. V.T. Patil
12. Shri S. Ramanathan
13. Dr. Agarala Eswara Reddi
14. Prof. R.K. Sachdeva
15. Prof.(Mrs.) S. Saroja
16. Shri Kewal K. Sethi
17. Dr. V. Shanmugasundaram
18. Dr. (Mrs.) Y. Shanmugasundaram
19. Shri S.S. Singhania
20. Dr. S. Subramanian
21. Dr. V. Subramanian
22. Shri T.K. Thanickachalam
23. Dr. H. Thansanga
24. Shri M. Thyagarajan
25. Prof. S.P. Verma
26. Shri M.C. Gupta - Director & Member-Secretary

Dr. S.N. Suri, Registrar, was also present.

Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Dr. P.C. Alexander, Shri K. Malaisamy, Shri V Aivalli, Shri P.L. Sanjeev Reddy, Shri M.K. Kaw, Shri M. Gopalkrishna Naidu Prof. M.M. Puri, Shri P.A.Sangma, Shri B.B. Tandon, and Chairman, IIPA Gc Regional Branch could not attend the meeting and were granted leave c absence.

The Chairman at the outset announced further nominations of the following Executive Council members to various Committees in pursuance of the decision of the Executive Council taken in its meeting held on October 23, 1998:

Prof. S.P. Verma	-	Special Invitee, Standing Committee
Prof. P. Chandrasekharan	-	Special Invitee, Standing Committee,
Dr. K. Chockalingam	-	Member, Academic Committee
Dr.(Mrs.) Y. Shanmugasundaram	-	Member, Editorial Board.

A member suggested the revival of the Case Study Committee. Another member objected to the inclusion of Special Invitees which he felt was against the Rules. The Chairman mentioned that he would look into these issues.

The Chairman further conveyed his best wishes to the new faculty members - Prof. H.M. Malick, Professor of Project Management, Dr.S.K. Bhattacharya, Reader in Foreign Trade & Commerce, Dr. Vishwanath Alok, Lecturer in Public Finance and Shri Sunil Dutt, Publication Officer, who have recently joined the Institute.

Item No.232.1(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 231st Meeting of the Executive Council held on 28th August, 1999.

The minutes, as circulated, were confirmed.

(ii) Action Taken on the Minutes referred to above.

While taking note on the action taken on the minutes of the above meeting, the Director informed that as a result of mid-term review, a further amount of Rs.10 lakhs from this year's income has been deposited into the Infrastructure Development Fund created earlier with a corpus of Rs.10 lakhs. The Executive Council expressed its happiness and appreciation of the efforts made by the Hony. Treasurer, Director, Registrar and Dy. Registrar (Finance) for making it possible to mobilise resources for the Fund.

Item No.232.2 Revised Budget Estimates for 1999-2000 and Budget Estimates for 2000-2001.

The Executive Council approved the Revised Budget Estimates for 1999-2000 and Budget Estimates for 2000-2001 as recommended by the Standing Committee. In this connection the Director expressed his apprehension on the indication received from the Deptt. of Personnel & Training for tapering off the maintenance grant, though, fortunately we have been able to get a reasonable level of maintenance grant from them so far.

Taking note of a member's observation about her earlier proposal to re-introduce the Master's Diploma Programme in Public Administration (MDPA) by the Institute which in her opinion would go a long way in generating revenue. There were divergent views. Some members felt that it would merely be a duplication of efforts as several Universities in the country are offering public administration courses at Masters' level. Besides, such a programme may not yield much revenue unlike other professional programmes. The Institute on the other hand should concentrate on advanced research and training as has been advocated by the Barve Committee Report which recommended the abolition of MDPA, and efforts to attain the status of either a Deemed University or an Institute of National Importance. In the light of these discussions, the Executive Council was of the view that the matter needs greater consideration and thought.

Item No.232.3 Payment of Audit fee for newly created IIPA General Provident Fund Trust and IIPA Pension Fund Trust for the year 1999-2000.

The Executive Council recommended for approval of the General Body the payment of Audit Fee of Rs.6000/- each for auditing the accounts of newly created IIPA General Provident Fund Trust and IIPA Pension Fund Trust for the year 1999-2000.

Item No.232.4 Interim Report of the Committee to review the composition of the Executive Council and its various Committees and some election related matters.

The Executive Council took note of the fact that the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Subramanian Committee cannot be placed for decision in this year's Annual General Body Meeting (scheduled for 30th October, 1999) for want of requisite notice. As such the Executive Council concurred with the suggestion of the Standing Committee that the above Committee may finalise its full report, covering the remaining aspects and, while doing so, it may also like to seek legal opinion appropriately on some of its recommendations. The Executive Council further agreed with the view of some of the members that the Subramanian Committee may consider suggestions/comments received from members of the Executive Council and if necessary, it may also seek the views of the Chairman, Standing Committee and Shri G.C.L. Joneja before finalising its report.

Item No.232.5 Report of the Committee of Judges for the Award of Prizes in the Annual Essay Prize Competition, 1999.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee on the adoption of the report of Judges for award of prizes in the Annual Essay Prize Competition, 1999, recommending the award of prizes as under:

For English Essays

First Prize of Rs.5000/- to:

None

Second Prize of Rs.3000/- to :

Shri Anurag Gupta, A-182, Pandara Road, New Delhi for his entry on 'Value Based Administration'.

Third Prize of Rs.2000/- to :

Shri Amish Ameya, A-11, Professor's Qrs. Magadh University Campus, Bodh-Gaya-824234 for his entry 'Women and Governance'.

For Hindi Essays

First Prize of Rs.5000/- to:

None

Second Prize of Rs.3000/- to:

Ms. Rekha Marmat, 44, P&T Colony, Lakshampura, Ratlam-457001 for her entry 'महिलाएँ एवं शासन'

Third Prize of Rs.2000/- to:

None

Item No.232.6 Report of the Committee on Case Studies for Award of Prizes in the Annual Case Study Competition, 1999.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee on the adoption of the report of the experts who evaluated the entries received for the Case Study Award Competition, recommending the award of prizes as under:

First Prize of Rs.5000/- to:

None

Second Prize of Rs.3000/- jointly to:

Dr. N.G. Hegde and Dr. M.S. Sharma, BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune, for their case study entitled 'Enriching Community Pastures: Villagers of Kavlas in Rajasthan Take the Lead'.

Third Prize of Rs.2000/- to:

Dr. R.P. Kurulkar, 987, Indira, Kotwalpur, Aurangabad, for his case study entitled 'Devolution of Financial and Functional Powers to Panchayat Raj Institutions - A Case Study of Maharashtra State'.

Item No.232.7 Resolution(s) if any, received from members for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the General Body.

The Executive Council concurred with the Standing Committee that none of the items contained in the 7 communications received from IIPA members qualify consideration in Annual General Meeting of the General Body to be held on 30th October, 1999 under the item "Such other business as may be brought forward with the permission of the presiding officer as provided in Rule 24 of the Rules of the Institute". In this connection, the Director invited the attention of members to a letter signed by a few faculty members of IIPA raising three issues, namely, (i) updating of service bye-laws, (ii) creation of a grievance redressal machinery, and (iii) preparation of seniority list; and informed that he has already set up a Committee consisting of three faculty members, two senior administrative staff members and an outside expert for updating of Institute's Service Bye-laws last revised in 1987. As regards the grievance redressal machinery, it already exists in the Institute's Service Bye-laws and the seniority list of Lecturers and Professors is also available. However, in the case of Readers, clarification is being sought from the UGC and some universities for determining their seniority because of dual scales of pay applicable in the case of Readers appointed against open selection and under Merit Promotion Scheme.

Item No.232.8 Proposal for abolition of the post of Junior Assistant.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee for the abolition of the post of Junior Assistant as the said position is not in conformity with the staffing pattern of Govt. of India and similarly placed institutions.

Item No.232.9 Items to Report:

(i) Joining Report of Faculty & Staff.

Noted. The Council further noted the joining of Prof. H.M. Malick (Professor of Project Management) on 25.10.1999, Dr. S.K. Bhattacharya, Reader (Foreign Trade & Commerce) on 27.10.1999 and Shri Sunil Dutt, Publication Officer on 16.8.1999.

(ii) Foreign visit of the Faculty members.

Noted.

(iii) Grant of Dearness Allowance instalment to IIPA employees w.e.f. 1.7.1999.

Noted.

(iv) Amendment in the Library Rules.

Noted.

Item No.232.10 Any other business with permission of the Chairman.

(i) Opening of a separate Bank Account for transactions relating to Foreign Contributions under Foreign Contribution Regulations Act, 1976.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee on the opening of a separate Bank Account for transactions relating to Foreign Contributions under Foreign Contribution Regulations Act, 1976 with the UCO Bank titled "IIPA FCRA Account".

(ii) Problems of Bihar Regional Branch.

The Executive Council, while expressing its concern over the problems in Bihar Regional Branch, agreed with the suggestion of the Standing Committee to send a Committee of 2-3 Executive Council members to Bihar to study the situation and to make appropriate recommendations for their resolution. Accordingly, the Chairman nominated Shri B.C. Mathur and Shri S.S. Singhania for the purpose.

(iii) Letter dated 14.10.1999 from Shri S.S. Singhania.

The Executive Council agreed with the view of the Standing Committee that the issues raised by Shri S.S. Singhania in his letter form part of the terms of reference of the Committee constituted by the Executive Council under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. Subramanian and be brought to its notice.

(iv) Resume of the Activities of the Institute - April - September, 1999.

Taking note of the Resume on the activities of the Institute (for the period April-September, 1999), the Executive Council complimented the Director for the effort. The members were requested to convey their views on its content to the Director for improvement, if any.

(v) Extension of service of present Director, Shri M.C. Gupta.

The Executive Council acknowledged the contribution made by the present Director - Shri M.C. Gupta in the all round development of the Institute and in appreciation of his services, the Executive Council unanimously decided to extend his present tenure of three years (upto 31.3.2000) by another two years (i.e. upto 31.3.2002) on the existing terms and conditions. (The Director left the Conference Hall when this item came up for discussion)

(vi) Admission of new members.

Some members expressed their concern on the restriction imposed on the admission of new members even though they meet the requirements laid down in the Rules for admission of members and thus are eligible to be admitted as members. Shri B.C. Mathur, Chairman, Screening Committee explained in detail the criteria being followed in admitting new members in pursuance of the decision of the Executive Council to restrict enrolment of new members. He, however, assured the members that any deserving case brought to the notice of

ıe Committee would receive its serious consideration. The Executive Council ;reed with the view of some members that the list of newly admitted members ıd that of the rejected applicants be placed on the table of the Executive ɔuncil.

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

(S.B. CHAVAN)
CHAIRMAN

(M.C. GUPTA)
DIRECTOR &
MEMBER-SECRETARY