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Minutes of the 241st Meeting of the Executive Council held on March 23, 2002 at 4.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Institute

PRESENT

1. Shri S.B. Chavan - Chairman
2. Prof. (Mrs.) Noorjahan Bava
3. Prof. (Dr.) P. Chandrasekharan
4. Shri T.N. Chaturvedi
5. Shri M.K. Gaur
6. Shri G.C.L. Joneja
7. Prof. K. Kamalanathan
8. Shri Udesh Kohli
9. Shri K. Malaisamy
10. Shri B.C. Mathur
11. Dr. V.T. Patil
12. Shri Suryya Ray
13. Dr.(Mrs.) Y. Shanmugasundaram
14. Prof.(Mrs.) S. Saroja
15. Prof. Vinod Kumar Sharma
16. Dr. N. Sethuraman
17. Dr. Ram Avtar Sharma
18. Prof. S.S. Singh
19. Dr. S. Subramanian
20. Dr. V. Subramanian
21. Dr. Har Swarup
22. Shri T.K. Thanickachalam
23. Shri M. Thyagarajan
24. Shri P.K. Umashankar
25. Prof. S.P. Verma
26. Shri M.C. Gupta - Director & Member-Secretary

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

Shri A.K. Agarwal, Shri B.K. Chaturvedi, Dr. K. Chockalingam, Shri Jalil Ahmad Khan, Shri M.L. Mehta, Shri M. Gopalkrishna Naidu, Prof. K.N. Pathak, Shri K. Kosal Ram, Shri Sourin Roy, Shri P.A. Sangma, and Prof. Jaideep Singh could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

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At the very outset, the Chairman and all the members present extended a warm welcome to Prof. V.K. Sharma and Shri Sourin Roy, Chief Secretary of West Bengal on their co-option to the Executive Council for the residual term i.e. till the Annual General Meeting of the General Body in 2002.

The Chairman observed that on the basis of the deliberations of the Search Committee and keeping in view their recommendations, it would be appropriate to appoint Dr. P.L. Sanjeev Reddy, IAS (Retd.) as the new Director of IIPA in place of the present Director Shri M.C. Gupta who will be laying down office w.e.f. 31.3.2002 (AN). Chairman of Search Committee, Shri T.N. Chaturvedi informed the Executive Council that in all 41 suggestions were received which after considerable discussion were short-listed to 14, thereafter to 6 and finally to 4 of whom one was not available. The Committee also met the three short-listed candidates and finally after taking into account all the factors, the Committee recommended Dr. P.L. Sanjeev Reddy for appointment as he fulfills our requirements. He also informed that Dr. Reddy who is a retired IAS officer of 1964 batch of Andhra Pradesh cadre has considerable experience and has held important positions in the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and in the Central Government including as Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, and as Secretary Department of Company Affairs, Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs, etc. Dr. Reddy is a Post-graduate in Economics and holds Ph.D. in Industrial Management. The Council endorsed the selection of Dr. P.L. Sanjeev Reddy as the new Director and decided that Dr. Reddy be initially appointed for a period of 3 years and that he may be considered for further extension thereafter at the appropriate time. The members also desired that his Bio-data may be circulated which was agreed to.

Item No.241.1 (i) **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 239th & 240th Meetings of the Executive Council held on 18th October, 2001 and 19th October, 2001.**

The minutes, as circulated, were confirmed.

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

The action taken on the minutes was accepted with the following observations:

Item No.238.18 (v)

The Executive Council was informed of the developments in this case and the present status.

A member commented on the rank of the present Inquiry Officer considering the fact that the two Professors against whom disciplinary proceedings are in progress happen to be senior Professors. It was explained that the present enquiry officer, like his predecessor, is a very senior officer of the rank of D.G. Police. The Hony. Treasurer informed the members of the unfortunate attempt of these Professors to intimidate the earlier Inquiry Officer so much so that he had to leave the inquiry mid way. The Director also informed the Council of the action of a member of the Executive Council to dissuade another senior retired officer (who was being approached to be the Inquiry Officer) from taking up the responsibility. And now these Professors have again raised objections to the appointment of present Inquiry Officer on the specious ground of his association with the Director which innuendo was ill founded.

The Council decided that the present Inquiry Officer may proceed with the enquiry and that the inquiry may be completed expeditiously.

Item No.241.2 (i) Subjects for (a) The Annual Essay Prize Competition 2002, (b) Members' Annual Conference 2002 & (c) Special Number of IJPA (July-Sept.2002).

The Executive Council approved the following subjects after taking into consideration the recommendations in this regard of the Academic Committee and the Standing committee:

(a) Annual Essay Prize Competition 2002

(i) WTO and its Implications for Indian Agriculture
(ii) Securalism in Governance
(iii) Conflict Resolution : The Gandhian Alternative

(b) Members' Annual Conference 2002

A Decade of Reforms: The Unfinished Agenda

(c) Special Issue of IJPA (July-September, 2002)

Social Tensions: Administrative and Political Response

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The Executive Council further desired that the focus of the subjects selected may be clarified and elaborated and circulated through the IIPA Newsletter.

(ii) Appointment of Judges for the Annual Essay Prize Competition, 2002.

The Executive Council agreed with the recommendations of the Standing Committee that the names of Judges may be finalised by the Director in consultation with the Chairman, Standing Committee.

Item No.241.3 Dates for the Annual General Meeting of the General Body and Members' Annual Conference.

The Executive Council endorsed the recommendations of the Standing Committee that the Annual General Meeting of the General Body may be convened on October 18 or 19, 2002 or October 25 or 26, 2002, subject to the convenience of the President and the Chairman of the Institute. The Members' Annual Conference may be held on the subsequent date.

Item No.241.4 Draft Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the General Body.

The Executive Council approved the Draft Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of the General Body as recommended by the Standing Committee.

Item No.241.5 A brief report on the academic activities of Institute during 2001-2002.

Noted.

Item No.241.6 (i) Approval of proposed amendments in Election Bye-laws following the recommendations of Dr. V. Subramanian and Shri B.C. Mathur Committee.

The Executive Council considered the proposed amendments in Election Bye-laws flowing from the recommendations of the reports of Dr. V. Subramanian Committee and Shri B.C. Mathur Committee with the following modifications as suggested by the Standing Committee:

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(i) That the proposed formulation of Election Bye-law 5(16) be modified as under:
"No appeal/canvassing individually or collectively by candidates in any form or appeal by any office bearer of the Regional or Local Branch soliciting support for any candidate(s) shall be made."

(ii) In instructions 6 and 8 in the modified voting paper (Form 3), the expression "Director" be substituted with "Returning Officer".

(ii) Procedure for the co-option of academic staff representatives in the Executive Council through election among the IIPA faculty.

The Executive Council endorsed the modifications suggested by the Standing Committee in the proposed procedure for election of academic staff representatives for co-option to the Executive Council, subject to further modifications as under:

Provision No.1

All members of the teaching faculty including the Director will be entitled to vote for each of 3 vacancies.

Provision No. 4 & 5

The expression "will" in these provisions be substituted by "shall".

Provision No.9

The votes shall be counted immediately after polling and the result shall be declared thereafter. If at the time of counting, there is a tie, the result(s) will be determined by draw of lots.

Item No.241.7 Recommendation of the Screening Committee for Admission of New Members.

Noted.

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Item No.241.8 **Revision of Pay Scale of Assistants and Stenographers from Rs.5000-8000 to Rs.5500-9000.**

The Executive Council while agreeing with the views of the Standing Committee desired that the matter when referred again to the Government, should contain all cogent arguments in favour of the demand of the employees. Also that the Executive Council may review the matter thereafter.

Item No.241.9 **Items to Report:**

(i) **Co-option of Prof. Vinod K. Sharma and Hony. Chairman, West Bengal Regional Branch in the Executive Council against casual vacancy.**

Noted.

(ii) **Visits abroad of faculty members.**

(a) **Visit of Prof. (Mrs.) Aasha Kapur Mehta to Kathmandu (Nepal) and Manchester (U.K.).**

(b) **Visit of Shri Shekhar Singh to New York (U.S.A.).**

(c) **Visit of Shri Anil Sinha, Head, NCDM to Japan and Thailand.**

The Council noted that some of the reports submitted do not reflect the full purpose/experience gained from these visits. It desired that such reports in future should touch on more substantive aspects of the visit.

Item No.241.10 **Any other Business with permission of the Chairman.**

(i) **Report of APPPA Review Committee.**

The Executive Council agreed with the observations of Standing Committee.

(ii) **Revision of Hostel/other tariffs.**

While agreeing with the recommendations of the Standing Committee, the Executive Council gave its approval to the proposed enhancement of the tariff for Hostel rooms (for non-members) and for other facilities w.e.f. 1st April, 2002 as a measure of augumenting resources.

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(iii) The suggestion of Standing Committee that information on superannuation/ resignation of faculty/Sr. Staff be reported to the Standing Committee/Executive Council was endorsed by the Executive Council.

(iv) On a query raised by a member regarding updation of the members directory, the Director informed that originally 31st December, 2001 was fixed as the last date for receipt of particulars from members, and they were addressed individually in this regard. At the request of some members, this date was further extended upto 31st January, 2002 and this information was also circulated through our Newsletter of January, 2002. So far this information has been received from nearly half the members and the rest are still to respond. The Hony. Treasurer informed that insertion in the national newspapers, as suggested earlier, would be a costly affair involving over a lakh of rupees. The Council agreed that instead of releasing insertions in national dailies, it would be better to have the information repeated in the Newsletters of April/May, 2002 allowing another 3 months time i.e. upto 30th June, 2002 for the members to respond.

(v) On another query from a member regarding non-disbursement of retirement benefits to Prof. R.N. Thakur, the Hony. Treasurer explained that since a departmental inquiry is in progress against Prof. Thakur and another Professor, under Rules gratuity and commutation of pension cannot be released to him until the conclusion of the inquiry and the consideration of the enquiry Report by Executive Council. He further informed that Prof. Thakur has already been paid his GPF and leave encashment, and also the provisional pension which he has refused to accept. As regards, counting of his past service there were some complications which are being looked into. The members desired that the inquiry may be expedited so that his case may be settled at the earliest.

(vi) The Council congratulated Prof. P. Chandrasekharan on his appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Jodhpur.

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While noting that the present Director, Shri M.C. Gupta will be laying down his office on completion of his term on 31st March, 2002, the Council placed on record its deep appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the Institute. The Council noted that association of Shri Gupta with the Institute for 5 years has been a difficult assignment and a challenge which many others may have found difficult to take up. It noted again with appreciation the untiring efforts of Shri Gupta to strive for excellence and in taking the Institute to new heights by way of academic achievements; establishing international linkages with renowned institutions such as Ecole d' Nationale (ENA) France, University of Birmingham, etc.; modernization of infrastructure and creation of a substantial corpus to take care of future developmental needs of Institute. In acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution, the Council accorded him a standing ovation.

Shri Gupta expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Chairman and Members of Executive Council for their guidance and support extended to him.

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

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(S.B. CHAVAN)
CHAIRMAN

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

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