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Minutes of the 242nd Meeting of the Executive Council held on March 30, 2002 at 7.30 p.m. in the residence of Chairman, Executive Council

PRESENT

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

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

Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Dr. K. Malaisamy, Dr.(Mrs.) Y. Shanmugasundaram, Dr. V. Subramanian, Shri B.K. Chaturvedi, Dr.K. Chockalingam, Shri Jalil Ahmad Khan, Shri M.L.Mehta, Shri M.Gopalakrishna Naidu, Prof. K.N. Pathak, Shri Sourin Roy, and Shri P.A.Sangma could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

Item No.242.1 **Confirmation of the minutes of the 241st meeting of the Executive Council held on 23.3.2002**

The minutes as circulated were confirmed subject to following observations:

Prof. Jaideep Singh read out the contents of his communication handed over to the Chairman, Executive Council, in which he denied having intimidated the earlier Inquiry Officer. Prof. S.P. Verma also referred to his communication to the Chairman, Executive Council raising similar objections. Both Prof. Jaideep Singh and Prof. Verma insisted that their communications should form part of the proceedings. Hony. Treasurer, Shri B.C. Mathur confirmed his earlier observations that he had been informed by Shri Mukerjee that he had been threatened by Prof. Jaideep Singh and Prof. Thakur, and Shri U.C. Agrawal had informed him that Prof. Verma had spoken to him and tried to blackmail and threaten him.

The Chairman, Executive Council while agreeing to the request of Prof. Jaideep Singh and Prof. Verma to place their submissions on record, clarified that mere inclusion of their communications does not mean that the Executive Council has agreed with their views. The Ex. Council did not agree with both of them.

The Director informed the Council that while action is yet to be initiated on most of the suggestions on the minutes of the last Executive Council meeting, action on a major item has been taken and offer of appointment to Dr.P.L.Sanjeev Reddy as the new Director, stating the terms and conditions of his appointment, has been issued by the Chairman Standing Committee. A copy of the offer letter had also been circulated to the members under agenda Item No.242.3 (i).

A member also desired to know the action taken on the recommendations of Shri B.C.Mathur Committee Reports on the Election Related Matters, and UGC Service conditions. The Director informed that action with regard to the recommendations of these two committees has been taken and consequent amendments of Rules and Election Bye-laws have been adopted. Other administrative action by way of notifying the UGC service conditions has also been taken and a circular regarding delegation of powers has also been issued. He stated that representations on the seniority issue would be adequately examined by his successor. Also that promotions under the Career Advancement Scheme would be referred to the Selection Committee in due course.

Item No.242.2 **Institution of proposed Sardar Patel National Award for Excellence in Public Administration**

While on this item, the Chairman, Executive Council was of the view that instead of IIPA taking a lead, it may be appropriate for the GOI to institute this award. He desired that Shri A.K. Aggarwal, Secretary, Personnel, who is a member of the Executive Council and present in the meeting, may take up this proposal with the Government. Shri Aggarwal agreed to do so. The Chairman informed that he will also be writing to the Prime Minister in this behalf.

A member felt that since IIPA has already honoured four distinguished persons in the past, he wanted to know the desirability of instituting another award. The Director clarified that while the award referred by the member was limited to IIPA members for their distinguished contributions to the Institute, the scope and coverage of the proposed award for Excellence in Public Administration is much wider and is meant to honour those who have rendered valuable contribution to the cause of Public Administration whether they were associated with IIPA or not.

Another member referred to the earlier suggestion to institute a Chair in honour of late Dr. B. Venkatappiah. The Director clarified that requests were made to the Reserve Bank of India, NABARD and SIDBI for financial support, but no encouraging response was received.

Item No.242.3 **Any other item with permission of the Chair.**

A few members objected to the issuance of a notice for the meeting by the Registrasr, which they felt should have been issued under the signature of Member-Secretary, i.e. the Director.

Dr. Har Swarup, Hony. Secretary, Budaun Local Branch and member of Executive Council, read out a message on behalf of the UP Local Branches praising the role and support extended by Shri M.C. Gupta in the development of the Branches, and conveyed their best wishes to him.

Shri Gupta, while responding, thanked the Chairman for reposing confidence in him. He also thanked the members of the Executive Council for their constant support and guidance in the discharge of his duties.

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

1/4/2002

(S.B. CHAVAN)
CHIARMAN

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