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Minutes of the 256th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20th October, 2005 at 4.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Institute

PRESENT

1. Shri T.N. Chaturvedi - Chairman
2. Shri G.C.L. Joneja
3. Shri B.C. Mathur
4. Dr. Agarala Easwara Reddi
5. Dr. S.L. Goel
6. Prof. Joseph K. Alexander
7. Prof. Pranab Banerji
8. Prof. (Mrs.) Noorjahan Bava
9. Shri E. Dasaradhan
10. Dr. R.R. Dhanapall
11. Prof. R.V. Dhanapalan
12. Shri M.C. Gupta
13. Prof. (Mrs.) Aasha Kapur Mehta
14. Dr. Bijoyini Mohanty (In lieu of Chairman, IIPA Orissa Regional Branch)
15. Prof. K.N. Pathak
16. Shri Suryya Ray
17. Prof. (Mrs.) S. Saroja
18. Shri Ajay Sawhney, Jt. Secretary (Training) (In lieu of Secretary, Personnel)
19. Dr. N. Sethuraman
20. Prof. N.P. Singh
21. Dr. (Ms.) Sujata Singh
22. Shri Brij Mohan Shrivastava
23. Dr. K.N. Srivastava
24. Dr. S. Subramanian
25. Dr. Har Swarup
26. Dr. H. Thansanga
27. Prof. S.P. Verma
28. Dr. P.L. Sanjeev Reddy - Director & Member-Secretary

Dr. Naresh Kumar, Registrar, Dr. C. Giri, Dy. Registrar (AS) and Shri M.K. Gulati, Dy. Registrar (F&A) were also present.

At the outset, Director warmly welcomed the Chairman and Members of the Executive Council and informed the Executive Council about the meetings of the following Committees (Minutes of which were circulated amongst the Members):

(1) Screening Committee held on 17.10.2005
(2) Academic Committee held on 17.10.2005

(3) Resources & Economy Committee held on 18.10.2005
(4) Case Study Committee held on 18.10.2005
(4) Standing Committee held on 19.10.2005

The Chairman and the House expressed their condolences on the bereavement in the family of Dr. H. Thansanga, EC Member.

Item No. 256.1 Grant of leave of absence to Members.

The following Members who could not attend the meeting were granted leave of absence:

1. Dr. R. Balasubramanian
2. Dr. S.S. Bloeria
3. Dr. Adarsh Kishore
4. Shri B.V. Krishna Kumar
5. Dr. K. Malaisamy
6. Dr. R.A. Mashelkar
7. Shri M.L. Mehta
8. Dr. Yogendra Narain
9. Shri R.R. Shah
10. Dr. V. Shanmugasundaram

Item No.256.2 (i) Confirmation of the Minutes of 255th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 31st August, 2005.

A Member mentioned that the period of four-five weeks for settlement of the pensionary case of Dr. S.N. Suri, former Registrar mentioned was not correctly carried in the minutes ~~is not correct, the decision was four-five days~~. Chairman mentioned that this item will be taken up separately.

With these observations the minutes, as circulated, were confirmed.

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

The Director explained the members about the action taken. ~~And~~ and informed the Council that for restoration of cut in budgetary grant and for adequate plan funds he has had discussions ~~discussed the matter~~ with the Secretary, Personnel and ~~there are positive signs in this regard.~~ that he is hopeful of some positive developments

Shri Ajay Sawhney, Jt. Secretary (Training) informed that the ACORD Report has raised various issues and given various suggestions and the DOPT has also received ~~reply for~~ a Turn Around Strategy ~~for~~ from IIPA. But both are in different direction and that they are still

looking into medium term as well as long term measures to be taken which may take some time. In the meantime short term measures are required to be taken to support IIPA at this stage. However, reliance on budgetary ~~financial~~ support by IIPA has been pointed out by ~~ACCORD~~ and ~~in the~~ turn around strategy submitted by IIPA emphasises on budgetary support itself. Specific action plan has to be ~~work~~ out to take forward IIPA.

The Chairman mentioned that we should keep historical ~~prospective~~ in mind as IIPA is ~~only institution of its own kind set up~~ by the Government and that our focus has been on training of public ~~service officers~~ of states and central government ~~making them aware of~~ public administration which is today called participatory administration. He also explained about the ~~important~~ role played by IIPA from time to time in helping the government in formulation and evaluation of policies and how the APPPA programme came to IIPA and about its improvement from time to time. And the genesis for IIPA's ~~structure set up~~ as a registered society. Since ~~now~~ number of State Training Institutes and other Institutions have been setup ~~as such~~ the number of participants ~~and~~ programmes to IIPA have reduced. Although IIPA will have to find ways to increase its financial resources ~~but~~ the DOPT should ~~also~~ keep above factors in mind.

A member mentioned that the action taken regarding the item relating to settlement of pensionary case of Dr. S.N. Suri has not been indicated. On this Chairman mentioned this item will be taken up separately.

Dr. S. Subramanian mentioned to the Chairman that no action has been taken against the faculty for gross misbehaviour in rebuking him etc. as per minutes. The Chairman mentioned that ~~we have noted it but as mentioned~~ by the Director that action can be initiated once the member complains in writing. ~~But~~ suo moto action may be taken in respect of ~~other~~ ~~two~~ cases of molestation and misbehaviour during the interview by the said faculty earlier reported.

With these observations, the action taken were noted.

Item No.256.3 Revised Budget Estimates for 2005-2006 and Budget Estimates for 2006-2007.

A member mentioned that for the current year the estimated deficit has been shown as Rs.118 lakhs and for the next year it has been shown as Rs.223 lakhs ~~with the remarks that~~

this shortfall is proposed to be recouped from grant from DOPT and internal revenue generation and enquired whether DOPT ~~is going to do so~~. On this Chairman mentioned that the JS (Training) has given a caution ~~and we have to be alert~~. ~~And~~ we have to ~~be raised more~~ ~~and~~ more resources without compromising with quality and we can not depend all the time on government ~~but~~ for ~~their programmes they should support IIPA~~ adequately.

Director ~~mentioned that we are taking~~ various measures for generating more internal revenue by way of high value projects, training programmes etc. And that the matter has been brought to notice of the MoSPP regarding ~~less~~ funding to IITs/IIMs by the government whereas IIPA is getting such a ~~meager~~ grant.

Chairman, Standing Committee also requested the JS (Trg.) for restoration of grant, for revision of training fee which has not been revised for the last several years and to companionate towards the liabilities for payment of increase in DA to employees, bonus etc. as these are required to be paid as government orders.

JS (Trg.) also mentioned Director is in touch with ~~us, however~~ for the current year budget proposals have already been decided and at this stage it may not be possible for any change in that.

A member mentioned that a Committee may be constituted comprising of two-three members from Institute and one from Ministry to study the status of grants being released by government to various institutions. Chairman mentioned that it will be considered.

With the above observations, the Executive Council accorded its approval to the Revised Estimates for 2005-2006 and Budget Estimates for 2006-2007 as recommended by the Standing Committee.

Item No.256.4 **Honorarium for 2005-2006 to be paid to the Auditors to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the General Body to be held on 21st October, 2005.**

The Executive Council concurred with the recommendation of the Standing Committee for payment of honorarium of Rs.50,000/- for all accounts of the Institute to the Auditors for the year 2005-2006 to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the General Body to be held on 21st October, 2005.

Item No.256.5 **Resolutions received from members for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the General Body.**

The Executive Council concurred with the views of the Standing Committee that the resolutions has no merit for consideration since members have already been allowed four days free stay during the AGM, Hostel tariff can not be reduced and as regards appointment of Auditors the condition of three years applies to public sector companies etc. and not to societies like IIPA.

Item No.256.6 **Report of the Committee of Judges for the Award of Prizes in the Annual Essay Prize Competition, 2005.**

The Executive Council approved the recommendations made by Standing Committee for award of following Annual Essay Prizes for the year 2005:

For English Essays

First Prize of Rs.5,000/- to:

Shri Alok Vagrecha, Sagar (M.P.) for his essay on "Intellectual Property Rights – Issues & Suggestions"

Second Prize of Rs.3,000/- to:

Ms. Anjali Anirudha Valsangkar, Pune (Maharashtra) for her essay on "Intellectual Property Rights – Issues & Suggestions"

Third Prize of Rs.2,000/- to:

Dr. Raj Kumar Siwach, Sirsa (Haryana) for his essay on "Linking of Rivers: Challenges and Opportunities"

For Hindi Essays

First Prize of Rs.5,000/- to:

Dr. Trimbak Rajaram Bandre, Nagpur (Maharashtra) for his essay on "

Second Prize of Rs.3,000/- to:

Shri Rajeev Mehrotra, New Delhi for his essay on "

Third Prize of Rs.2,000/- to:

Shri Ajay Pal Singh, Dist. Sarguja (Chhattisgarh) for his essay on "

Item No.256.7 **Report of the Experts on Case Studies for Award of Prizes in the Annual Case Study Award Competition, 2005.**

The Executive Council on the recommendations of the Standing Committee adopted the report of the Experts who evaluated the entries received for Case Study Award Competition 2005 as under:

First Prize of Rs.5,000/- to:

Shri Rakesh Gupta, Deputy Commissioner, Rohtak for his case study entitled "Reengineering the Government using Information & Communication Technology (ICT)"

Second Prize of Rs.3,000/-

None

Third Prize of Rs.2,000/-

None

Item No.256.8 **A brief report on the important activities of the Institute during September-October, 2005 relating to:**

(a) Training Programmes,
(b) Status of Research & Consultancy Projects,
(c) Seminars/Conferences/Lectures,
(d) Visitors to the Institute.

Noted.

Item No.256.9 **Air-conditioning and modernization of Auditorium.**

A member mentioned that the ~~Hony. Treasurer and the Chairman may also see~~ if ~~any other thing is also to be done for~~ the development of the Institute by using the Infrastructure Development Fund. Before committing this expenditure it may also be checked whether Planning Commission is going to release necessary fund for the purpose and that there will be additional power load required for the purpose and even a DG set may cost around Rs. 75 lakhs (of 150 KW). Hony. Treasurer also mentioned that it needs detailed examination as estimates of air-conditioning have gone up from ~~the initial stage~~. The Chairman mentioned ~~that it may be examined and detailed project report alongwith pay back plan from a technical expert~~ may be got prepared expeditiously to avoid time over run and ~~submitted~~ for consideration.

Item No.256.10 Items to Report:

(i) Joining of Dr. (Mrs.) Seema Joshi as Associate Professor in Urban Management.

Noted.

(ii) Joining of Shri Amit Das as Research Officer in Information and Communication Technology on ad-hoc basis for a period of three years.

Noted.

Item No.256.11 Any other business with permission of the Chairman.

(i) Implementation of Internal Audit in the Institute.

The Chairman took note of the recommendations of the Standing Committee and mentioned that he will look into this matter and the details will be worked out and informed.

(ii) Payment of increased City Compensatory Allowances w.e.f 1-4-2004 w.r.t O.M. dated 1-3-2004 issued by the Ministry of Finance.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee for payment of CCA to the employees w.e.f. 1.4.2004 as per the revised entitlement.

(iii) Revision of Washing Allowance to the Institute employees provided with uniforms livery.

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee for revision of Washing Allowance from Rs.30/- to Rs.60/- per month to the eligible employees but prospectively i.e. from the date of approval by the Executive Council subject to the condition that it will be paid to the employees who wear the prescribed uniform.

(iv) MoU for academic collaboration with foreign governments.

The Executive Council noted the proposed MoUs with Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations of the Government of the Province of Alberta, Canada and with the Government of Mauritius.

(v) Payment of Dearness Allowance to the staff of the Institute with effect from 1.7.2005.

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee for payment of increased D.A. to the employees w.e.f. 1.7.2005 @ 21% of pay.

(vi) Payment of ad-hoc bonus to the staff of the Institute for the year 2004-2005.

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee for payment of ad-hoc bonus to the employees for the year 2004-05.

(vii) Proposal for formation of a Local Branch of IIPA at Singhbhum (Jharkhand).

A member mentioned that there are two separate districts by the name of Singhbhum i.e. Singhbhum East and Singhbhum West (as has been the case in respect of Chennai). The Chairman requested Prof. N.P. Singh to provide necessary clarifications in this regard to the Director before approving the above proposal.

(viii) Recommendations of the Screening Committee for admission of new members in its meeting held on 17th October, 2005.

A mention was made by a member that the limit of enrolling 250 new members in a year may be increase to 500. The Chairman mentioned that this has been discussed ~~many~~ several times and due to rising servicing cost we may go ~~glow~~ slow in this regard, however if there ~~is any~~ are any ~~specific request~~ compelling reasons same may be brought to the notice of the Screening Committee and the Executive Council for consideration.

With this, the Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee for admission of new members as recommended by the Screening Committee.

(ix) Settlement of the pensionary case of Dr. S.N. Suri, former Registrar.

~~The chairman said~~ It was decided that the chairman would consider the issues ~~raised~~ rised, ~~[illegible]~~ advice of the Dept of Pensions, representations received and decide the matter at his earliest convenience and the entire file be put up to him. He did share the sentiments of members about delay but as a note was again put up by the Director, he would like to go through the file once more through he gave it a number of times & he given ~~[illegible]~~ his orders to expedite ~~and~~ subject to a caveat

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

TN Chaturvedi

(T.N.CHATURVEDI)
CHAIRMAN

(P.L. SANJEEV ~~REDDY~~)
DIRECTOR &
MEMBER-SECRETARY