

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
INDRAPRASTHA ESTATE, RING ROAD, NEW DELHI**

**Minutes of the 273rd meeting of the Executive Council held on
June 30, 2009 at 5.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Institute**

PRESENT

1.	Shri T.N. Chaturvedi	-	Chairman
2.	Dr. Yogendra Narain		
3.	Dr. K. Malaisamy		
4.	Shri S. Ramanathan		
5.	Dr. V. Shanmugasundaram		
6.	Prof. S.P. Verma		
7.	Prof. R.V. Dhanapalan		
8.	Dr. S.L. Goel		
9.	Shri B.V. Krishna Kumar		
10.	Prof. S.N. Mishra		
11.	Shri N.S. Periyaswamy		
12.	Dr. (Mrs) N. Rajalakshmi		
13.	Dr. Agarala Eswara Reddi		
14.	Prof. (Mrs.) S. Saroja		
15.	Prof. N.P. Singh		
16.	Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Sivakami		
17.	Dr. K.N. Srivastava		
18.	Ms. Sunita Kumari		
19.	Dr. Har Swarup		
20.	Shri T.N. Dhar		
21.	Shri M.C. Gupta		
22.	Shri K.K. Sethi		
23.	Shri Surya Ray		
24.	Dr. P. Sukumaran Nair (Kerala Regional Branch)		
25.	Prof. J. Guha Roy	-	Faculty Representative
26.	Shri B.S. Baswan	-	Director & Member-Secretary

Dr. Naresh Kumar, Registrar, Dr. C. Giri, Dy. Registrar (AS), Dr. B.D. Singh, Dy. Registrar (Admn.), Shri Suresh Chandra, Dy. Registrar (Fin) and Shri R.K. Yadav, Asstt. Registrar were also present.

Item No.273.1 Grant of leave of absence to Members.

The following members could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence:

1. Dr. R. Balasubramanian
2. Shri P.R. Shampath
3. Dr. Brij Mohan Sharma
4. Prof. (Mrs.) Rajesh Singh
5. Dr. Lipi Mukhopadhyay
6. Shri T.G. Negi
7. Shri Hauzel Haukhum

8. Prof. C. Lalkima
9. Prof. R.C. Sobti
10. Shri Rahul Sarin
11. Smt. Sushma Nath
12. Dr. Subas Pani

Item No.273.2 (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 272nd meeting of the Executive Council held on March 30, 2009.

The minutes, as circulated, were confirmed.

(b) Action taken on the minutes referred to above.

The action taken reports on the minutes referred to above were confirmed with the following observations:

Implementation of the Sixth Pay Commission's Recommendations

The Director apprised the Council that IIPA's proposal is learnt to have been recommended by the Secretary, Personnel and the Addl. Financial Advisor (Home), but is now pending in the Budget Division of Expenditure. Once the Budget is presented in Parliament, one will know the results of our efforts. The matter was discussed by the members at great length and various issues were fully explored. The Chairman mentioned that we have to wait at present. Director will apprise of the future development in due course.

Item No.268.16 (ii) Establishment of IRCTC services at the IIPA.

It was mentioned that there was no penal clause in the draft agreement with the IRCTC; the Council advised that same may be inserted at the time of renewal of the contract, as suggested by the Standing Committee.

Item No.268.16 (iii) Non-handing over the charge to the new office bearers of the West Bengal Regional Branch.

The Chairman, Standing Committee informed the Council that, since he was out of the country, the proposed visit along with the Director could not materialize and that now they will be visiting Kolkata in the month of July, 2009 to assess the ground situation, seek an amicable solution of the issue and decide about the election process. Shri Suryya Ray also presented his viewpoint, and urged legal action against the former Chief Secretary and Addl. Chief Secretary of West Bengal. On this, the Chairman mentioned to him that he has taken note of his letter given to him and that IIPA would try to find a remedy. The Chairman, Standing Committee and Director may first visit Kolkata and submit the outcome of their

visit/discussions with the State Government authorities etc. A member felt that there was undue delay in taking action against the senior officials of the State, as their action was not in accordance with the rules. Chairman observed that our effort has been all along to solve the problem amicably. We will not hesitate to take action as needed ultimately. Arrangement by Director for next election have to be organized early to avoid such problems in future.

Item No.268.16 (ix) Minutes of the Deemed University Status Committee meeting held on 27.3.2008.

The Director informed the Council that Prof. J. Guha Roy had prepared a base paper which was circulated to the members, which was also discussed in today's Academic Committee meeting wherein it was desired to amplify the same. After detailed discussion, it was advised that since the Deemed University system was itself under review, the Director may prepare a comprehensive proposal to be submitted to the Ministry of HRD through the DoPT for declaring IIPA as an Institute of National Importance. The Director mentioned that he will seek some help from EC members and his faculty colleagues in this regard. Chairman observed that Prof. Guha Roy's note was a good one and could form nucleus for our case to either of the two institutional approaches.

Seminar on Hind Swaraj

The Chairman expressed his concern over the delay in organizing the seminar and advised the Director to expedite the matter and report.

Constitution of a Committee headed by Shri T.N. Dhar for strengthening and reviewing the functioning of the Regional/Local Branches

The Chairman informed the Council that a preliminary meeting was fixed with Shri T.N. Dhar along with Chairman, Standing Committee, Hony. Treasurer and the Director on 26 June, 2009 but he could not attend the same due to his illness. The Chairman, Standing Committee apprised the members about the discussions that had taken place regarding various issues relating to elections, the relationship between Regional & Local Branches with particular reference to funding and that the Chairman will be constituting a Committee with specific Terms of Reference.

Item No.273.3

Office Remarks on the suggestions/observations made by the Office Bearers of the Regional & Local Branches in its meeting held on September 26, 2008.

The Executive Council approved the office remarks on the recommendation of the Standing Committee; since the members had not sent any comments on the office remarks on the suggestions/observations made by the Office Bearers of the Regional & Local Branches in its meeting held on September 26, 2008.

Item No.273.4

A brief report on the important activities of the Institute during April – June, 2009 relating to:

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

While noting the above activities, the Chairman enquired about the pending payment relating to Shri Mathew, Director of a Kerala Institute. The Director mentioned that this case pertains to a project handled by Prof. Anil C. Ittyerah and, since the payment has been held up by the sponsoring organization (Ministry of Rural Development), IIPA has not been able to pay its agents the full amount due. The Chairman mentioned that we should be careful while undertaking projects, both on account of time overruns, and over not appreciating the full dimensions of the project. But such disputes bring IIPA into disrepute. It is not a private matter of two individuals. Director assured he will find some solution.

Item No.273.5

Recommendations of the Screening Committee regarding admission of new members.

The recommendations of the Standing Committee were duly approved by the Council, which felt, keeping in view over enrolling ineligible persons as members in the past, that we should be very careful in our approach. The Chairman, Screening Committee assured the house that they would not allow this to happen, but added that many persons who fill the membership form, drop out after approval when it comes to paying the membership fees.

Item No.273.6

Items to Report:

- (i) **Co-option of a Faculty Member against a casual vacancy.**

Noted.

(ii) Visits abroad of Director and Faculty.

Noted.

(iii) Joining of new Faculty.

Noted.

(iv) Details of Court cases.

(a) A member enquired about the status of the case of U.P. State Co-op. Spinning Mills Federation Ltd. regarding recovery of investment of Rs.20 lakh and interest thereon. It was mentioned that since the State Government and the Federation have failed to honour their liability in spite of matter being taken up by the Chairman Executive Council at the level of the Chief Minister, even though the IIPA had agreed for a one time settlement on the principle amount only, there was no alternative but to file a case in the High Court and the next date of hearing is 7 July, 2009. The Council further agreed that the Chairman, Standing Committee may write to the new Chief Secretary of the U.P. Government and use his good offices. Shri T.N. Dhar offered his services to follow up the matter; a copy may be marked to him along with a copy of the earlier letters written to the Chief Minister by the Chairman. Chairman expressed the urgency to solve the problem.

(b) Keeping in mind the service Rules of IIPA, the Chairman, Standing Committee apprised the Council about the recommendations of the Standing Committee to form a small appellate authority at the first level on its behalf, comprising Chairman, Standing Committee, Hony. Treasurer and one EC Member. The Chairman IIPA could also consider constituting a second appellate authority on behalf of the EC. The Chairman mentioned that the matter has been a source of worry, but reiterated his desire to constitute a Redressal of Grievances Committee. The relevant papers should be linked and put up. The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee relating to formation of the first appellate authority after detailed discussion.

Item No.273.7

Any other business with the permission of the Chairman.

- (i) Grant of Sabbatical leave to Dr. S.K. Bhattacharya, Associate Professor to undertake the project "Regional Economic Integration among South Asian Economies: Measuring the Impact of South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA)" as a Visiting Researcher at Tokyo, Japan.

While approving the proposal, the Chairman observed that faculty should keep IIPA's interest in mind and the research should impact on our training activities and the quality training material.

- (ii) As regards the recommendation of the Standing Committee regarding a small project which could be submitted to CAPART/Rajiv Gandhi Foundation for funding, by the Badaun Branch, some members strongly supported the case, and it was agreed that Dr. Har Swarup may collect and provide the basic data as a local input for the purpose, and send the same to the IIPA where the Director would nominate a faculty member to help draw up a project proposal. Chairman explained the long background of Dr. Har Swarup's effort and commended him for his commitment to the proposal.

- (iii) A member indicated that the canteen facilities had improved, and congratulated the Chairman for setting up the Library Committee under his Chairmanship.

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

T. N. Chaturvedi
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CHAIRMAN

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DIRECTOR &
MEMBER-SECRETARY