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

Minutes of the 279th meeting of the Executive Council held on October 28, 2010 at 3.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Institute

PRESENT

1. **Shri T.N. Chaturvedi** - **Chairman**
2. Dr. K. Malaisamy
3. Shri S. Ramanathan
4. Dr. K.N. Srivastava
5. Prof. S.P. Verma
6. Dr. S.L. Goel
7. Shri B.V. Krishna Kumar
8. Prof. S.N. Mishra
9. Shri N.S. Periyaswamy
10. Dr. (Mrs) N. Rajalakshmi
11. Dr. V. Shanmugasundaram
12. Prof. N.P. Singh
13. Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Sivakami
14. Prof. Sunita Singh
15. Dr. Har Swarup
16. Shri T.N. Dhar
17. Shri M.C. Gupta
18. Shri K.K. Sethi
19. Shri Suryya Ray
20. Dr. Srinibas Pathi (Mizoram Regional Branch)
21. Prof. (Mrs.) Rajesh Singh } Faculty Representatives
22. Dr. Lipi Mukhopadhyay }
23. Dr. Rakesh Hooja - Director & Member-Secretary

Shri J.S. Chadha, Asstt. Financial Adviser, on behalf of the Secretary, Expenditure also attended the meeting.

Dr. Naresh Kumar, Registrar, Dr. C. Giri, Dy. Registrar (Admn.), Dr. B.D. Singh, Dy. Registrar (Estt.), Shri Suresh Chandra, Dy. Registrar (Fin) and Shri Jitendra Kumar Tripathi new Dy. Registrar (Finance) were also present.

The agenda notes were perused along with minutes of Standing Committee meeting held on October 27, 2010 which were circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

Item No.279.1 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. Prof. R.V. Dhanapalan
3. Dr. A. Eswara Reddi
4. Prof. (Mrs.) S. Saroja

5. Shri P.R. Shampath
6. Dr. Brij Mohan Sharma
7. Prof. R.C. Sobti
8. Prof. J. Guha Roy
9. Shri T.G. Negi
10. Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava
11. Prof. Joseph K. Alexander
12. Shri Shantanu Consul
13. Mrs. Sudha Pillai

While granting the leave of absence it was mentioned that the members may be informed politely that in future leave of absence will be granted if it is informed in advance. Hence if any member(s) is unable to attend a meeting they should inform either verbally or in writing.

Item No.279.2 (i) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 278th meeting of the Executive Council held on September 10, 2010.

While confirming the minutes, a question was raised about the extension of the present term of the Director of 3 years by few months for having been asked to join at the earliest as his predecessor had already crossed 65 years of age making it effective till he attains the age of 63 years in November, 2013, extendable by mutual consent till he reaches age of 65 years. It was clarified that for this purpose the Chairman was duly authorized in the last E.C. meeting and it does not involve any extension beyond the age of 65 years. Chairman has taken decision as per authorization in the last EC meeting.

Thereafter the minutes, as circulated, were confirmed.

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

Before taking up the above item, a member raised the issue of promotion of Dr. Lipi Mukhopadhyay as Professor and designating Dr. C. Giri, Dy. Registrar as Joint Registrar. At this point of time the Chairman mentioned that as per earlier practice that the individual person concerned should not be sitting inside and he asked Dr. C. Giri to leave the venue and expressed his displeasure on this issue being raised again. It was informed to the member that in the last E.C. meeting the Chairman had emphatically mentioned that no individual issue will be discussed in the E.C. as had been the convention for the long and was agreed.

However on insistence from the member, with regard to the case of Dr. Lipi Mukhopadhyay the Chairman mentioned that this may be looked into again with earnestness as he had more than once expressed his opinion on files but was faced with legal opinion by the then Director. The Director informed that Dr. Lipi Mukhopadhyay had met him a few days ago and as he was not fully aware about the case, she was requested by him to wait for a few days till the AGM is over, thereafter the issue will be examined. With regard to Dr. C. Giri's case, during the discussion the Chairman, Standing Committee mentioned that with regard to any grievance there are proper channels i.e. the Grievance Committee, the appellate authority i.e. E.C. and one should go by the decision of the authorities. Dr. Giri had already approached the High Court, however, a member mentioned that the recommendations of the Grievance Committee should be informed to the Executive Council, it was clarified that this had already been placed before it in an earlier meeting of the Executive Council.

Item No.277.7 Position with regard to proposal prepared by Prof. Pranab Banerji and submitted to the Ministry of Rural Development on "Action Research on the Contribution of Values in Rural Development" as requested by Dr. Har Swarup.

Dr. Har Swarup enquired about the action taken on his proposal under reference. The Director informed that earlier Prof. Pranab Banerji had made a proposal which was sent by the former Director to the Ministry of Rural Development which stated to be followed up by Prof. Sushma Yadav but unfortunately no positive response was received and also no record of our letter is available. Dr. Har Swarup had now met him recently and on his choice of faculty Prof. Pranab Banerji has again been requested to prepare the proposal and Prof. Banerji & Prof. Sushma Yadav will be following it. In fact Prof. Sushma Yadav had also subsequently had a discussion with Dr. Har Swarup.

The Chairman mentioned that he has asked number of times to the former Directors that Dr. Har Swarup may be accompanied to the Ministry for expediting the matter. However now Prof. Banerji may prepare the proposal and coordinate with Dr. Har Swarup and it may be got followed up. For the field survey at Budaun to prepare a project proposal in a form that could be acceptable to Ministry of Rural Development, the faculty concerned may also be asked to make necessary visits to Budaun. Detailed proposal should be prepared latest by December end for submitting to the Ministry. He also mentioned that project, ~~was~~ if agreed to by the Ministry will be implemented in consultation with Dr. Har Swarup but responsibility for public funds would continue to be of the IIPA. Members also mentioned about the need for cooperation with PR and all authorities.

Item No. 278.8 Draft office remarks on the suggestions/observations made by the Office Bearers of the Regional & Local Branches in its meeting held on October 30, 2009.

Shri T.N. Dhar, Chairman of the Committee for reviewing the functioning and strengthening of Branches, informed that a meeting of their committee was held and a questionnaire prepared has been sent to all Branches to send necessary information/suggestions by 15th November, 2010. On request from a member this time limit was extended utpo 30th November, 2010.

With these observations the action taken report was approved.

Item No.279.3 Revised Budget Estimates for 2010-11 and Budget Estimates for 2011-12.

Shri M.C. Gupta appreciated the position and enquired that while for the previous year there was a surplus generation of revenue, what the position is expected in the R.E. of the current financial year. The Director apprised the members that during the current financial year there may a shortfall as also in the B.E. in the next financial year. Director was asked to take steps to reduce shortfall to maximum extent possible and also to approach Government to enhance its annual maintenance grant to IIPA.

The Chairman, Standing Committee mentioned that this issue was also discussed in the Standing Committee meeting and the Government does not provide full grant and we have to improve our internal resources. For salary and pension arrears of 6th Pay Commission we have to vigorously follow with the Government. And that we may prepare a detailed proposal and consider asking for a special one time grant for infrastructure development of the Institute from the Government which may be for a very large amount. A member mentioned that we may consider for a second campus in Delhi or NCR.

A member spoke about creation of various centres and desirability of their functioning, appointing academicians to the post of Director alternately with bureaucrats, renaming of the Award for Distinguished Services as Paul Appleby Award and need for recruitment of good faculty with wider publicity. On the question of wider publicity of faculty positions, the Chairman mentioned that we are already advertising through following:

1. The Hindu, Chennai
2. The Telegraph, Kolktata
3. The Hindustan Times, Delhi
4. The Times of India, Mumbai
5 The Economic & Political Weekly

6. The Employment News (which government brings out in various languages)
7. The University News
8. Seminar
9 IIPA's Website

He further mentioned that the requirement of faculty is discussed with the faculty, and then placed before the Hony. Treasurer, Chairman, Standing Committee and the Chairman, E.C. before reporting to the E.C. The Director informed that copy of the recent advertisement has been circulated to the E.C. members and will also be circulated to the Regional and Local Branches. It was advised that a copy of the advertisement may also be sent to some selected Universities. We have no mechanical system for selection of Director and the search committee was headed by a former CJI, three academics and the Chairman, S.C.

A member advised that the legal expenses may be minimised by resolving the personnel matters internally. The Director mentioned that the legal expenses not only relates to personnel matters but also to other cases like court case relating to recovering of our investments of our funds with U.P. Co-op. Spinning Mills Fed. Ltd., for which we have won the case in High Court and we are awaiting the response from the U.P. Govt. otherwise we may have to move the Court for compliance of order. The Court had indicated that if payment is not made in 12 weeks then a higher rate of interest would be payable. We are purusing with State Government. Shri T.N. Dhar mentioned that a copy of relevant papers may be given to him for personal follow up with State Government to expedite the payment.

The Executive Council approved the Revised Budget Estimates for 2010-11 and Budget Estimates for 2011-12, as recommended by the Standing Committee.

Item No.279.4 **Audit Fees for 2010-2011 to be paid to the Auditors to be appointed at the Annual General Body Meeting to be held on October 29, 2010.**

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee regarding payment of audit fees of Rs.70,000/- (for all accounts of the Institute) to the Auditors for the year 2010-11 to be appointed at the Annual General Body Meeting to be held on October 29, 2010. It also approved recommendation of Standing Committee that as the present auditor had only audited IIPA account for 2 years, we may continue with same auditor for 2010-11.

Item No.279.5 **Resolutions received from members for consideration at the Annual General Body Meeting.**

The resolutions received from Shri P.L. Banga (Life Member) and Dr. C. Giri (a Life Member & Dy. Registrar (Admn.) IIPA) under Rule 24 were considered by the Executive Council.

A detailed discussion took place. Most of the members were of the view that both of them being members of the Institute, their resolutions may be allowed to be included under Rule 24 as it has been received seven days before the date of meeting. While the members could mention issues, they cannot ask for voting on them since for resolutions to amend the Rules, according to our regulations, a Special Meeting of General Body has to be requisitioned as per existing procedure and it cannot be taken up in a regular A.G.M.

However the majority of the House disapproved the action of an employee of the Institute for moving such a resolution likely to ~~and~~ diminish the image of the Institute and higher authorities in an intemperate manner. It was felt that what Dr. Giri had done may be legally permissible, but was morally deplorable. A number of members felt that the language used by Dr. Giri was objectionable. Some members even suggested that disciplinary action be contemplated against Dr. Giri and the Rules and Byelaws be examined to see as to what action could be taken against Dr. Giri.

Item No.279.6 **Report of the Committee of Judges for the Award of Prizes in the Annual Essay Prize Competition, 2010.**

The Executive Council approved the recommendation made by the Standing Committee about accepting the report of Experts for the award of the Annual Essay Prizes for the year 2010:

<u>For English Essays</u>

First Prize of Rs.5,000/-	None
Second Prize of Rs.3,000/- to:	Shri Antony Arul Valan G., Chennai for his essay "Issues in the Debate on Climate Change – Problems and Policies for India – After Copenhagen Summit"
Third Prize of Rs.2,000/- to:	Shri Mohit Rao Jadhav, Delhi for his essay "Issues in the Debate on Climate Change – Problems and Policies for India – After Copenhagen Summit"

<u>For Hindi Essays</u>

First Prize of Rs.5,000/-	None

Second Prize of Rs.3,000/- to:	Shri K.L. Noatay, Shimla for his essay “जल पर वाद–विवाद के मुददे – भारत के लिए समस्याएं त कोपेहनगन शिखर के पश्चात”
Third Prize of Rs.2,000/-	None

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Item No.279.7 **Report of the Experts on Case Studies for Award ne Annual Case Study Award Competition, 2010.**

The Executive Council, on the recommendation of the Standing Co ed the report of the Experts who evaluated the entries received for Ca ard Competition 2010 as under:

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First Prize of Rs.10,000/-	None
Second Prize of Rs.6,000/- to:	Implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Punjab: A Case Study by Dr. Namita Gupta, Panchkula
Third Prize of Rs.4,000/- to:	A Case Study of MGNREGA by Shri D. Dhinesh Kumar, Vellore and Shri S. Baluchandra, Trivandrum

Item No.279.8 **A brief report on the important activities of the Institute during September-October, 2010 relating to:**

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

While noting the above item, a member mentioned that validation seminars of the completed projects should be held. The Director mentioned that where confidentiality of the research findings is not an issue in such cases the presentation by the faculty concerned can be held separately which may be of around 40-45 minutes whereby the faculty members and E.C. members if available may be present. Faculty would accordingly be requested to prepare presentations about research findings.

The Director also informed the members that as regard the depiction of the status of completed research project, as decided in the Standing Committee meeting, the same would in future be shown in two parts as follows:

(i) Final report submitted but accounts not closed due to non-receipt of final instalment of grant;

(ii) Accounts closed on receipt of final instalment of grant.

Item No.279.9 **Admission of New Members as per Screening Committee meeting of 20 October, 2010.**

The Executive Council approved the recommendations made by the Screening Committee for the admission of new members.

Item No.279.10 **Items to Report:**

(i) Foreign visits by the Faculty.

Noted. The Director informed that as approved earlier by the Chairman, Standing Committee, a proforma has been devised and circulated to the faculty members that their reports should also indicate gain to the faculty concerned and to the Institute on account of such visits especially for foreign visits where some cost has been met by IIPA, and even otherwise.

(ii) Recommendations of the Selection Committee.

The Director informed that Dr. (Mrs.) Seema Joshi has now sent her acceptance to the offer and Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav has already accepted the offer. However she has been advised to get her technical resignation accepted from her parent College before her joining the post. It was further mentioned that while their salary will now be charged to the Plan Fund, and Prof. Sushma Yadav will also look after the charge of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair in addition to work as regular Professor of IIPA. Pay drawn by both of them in their previous posts in their parent organizations will be protected as per rules and they will also be put on probation as per Service Byelaws that is for one year extendable by one more year if required. The Executive Council endorsed the Standing Committee's recommendations and accepted the recommendations of the Selection Committee.

Item No.279.11 **Any other business with permission of the Chairman.**

(i) MoU with the Ministry of Urban Development

Noted. The Director briefed the members about the contents of MoU whose copy had been circulated to the members.

The Hony. Treasurer mentioned that a status report may be prepared with regard to various MoUs earlier entered with various institutions/foreign countries. Registrar may compile a list of all MoUs in existence so they can be got renewed. The Chairman mentioned that he has already asked the Director that while entering into such MoUs proper care of IIPA's interest should invariably be taken. It was clarified that MoUs regarding a particular course to be conducted or a particular research study to be conducted may continue to be finalized at Director's level. However when an MoU defined a long term relationship between IIPA and some other body, then Chairman (SC), Chairman IIPA and E.C. may need to be consulted.

(ii) Renaming of the Madhya Pradesh Regional Branch as Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh Regional Branch.

The Director briefed the members that as per earlier decision of the E.C. the necessary proposal was published in the IIPA's Newsletter of December, 2009 and no objection has been received so far. Chairman of Madhya Pradesh Regional Branch has accordingly moved to change the name of the Regional Branch indicating that AGM of Regional Branch has also recommended change. However some members of the Standing Committee mentioned to recheck membership of the two states. The Chairman stated it had been accepted in principle earlier and factual position be verified.

The Executive Council deferred the decision and advised that the present strength of the members in the Chhattisgarh State and in Madhya Pradesh State may be ascertained and submitted to him for decision. Shri K.K. Sethi briefly mentioned his view point as Chairman of M.P. Branch.

(iii) Discussion on the Office Remarks on the Resolution of Dr. Jai Ram Tiwari & Other 57 members.

On the advise of the Chairman, the Director read out the present rule position and the suggestions of the Institute with regard to each and every resolution submitted by Dr. Jai Ram Tiwari and 57 other Members. The members suggested some changes in the suggestions of the office viz, replacement of "after half an hour" by "after a reasonable time interval"in the proposed composition of the Rule 23, with regard to convening of adjourned meeting. Members also felt that it may not be necessary to agree to amendment in Rule 17(2)(vii) that in committees appointed by EC the members of EC should be kept less than 50% of the total membership of each Committee. However while appointing the Committees, the EC and Chairman could keep in mind that suitable Life Members who are not members of Executive Council and other experts find a due place in the Committees, and this could also be mentioned in the Special General Body Meeting.

The Chairman requested the Chairman, Standing Committee to place the suggestions of the office before the General Body, once Dr. Jai Ram Tiwari move his resolutions. He also suggested that Dr. K.N. Srivastava, Vice President and some other members of the E.C.

may explain adequate support the Institute's point of view before the voting on the Resolutions in the Special General Body, if needed.

It was suggested by Shri M.C. Gupta that it may not be proper for Director himself to place the suggestions and views of the Executive Council before the Special General Body except by way of informing only.

The Chairman on his own and on behalf of the Executive Council thanked the following outgoing members of the Executive Council on expiry of their term of two years and placed on record deep appreciation for their contributions:

1. Chairmen of the seven Regional Branches namely Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Mizoram and Kerala
2. Three faculty representatives namely Prof. (Mrs.) Rajesh Singh, Prof. J. Guha Roy and Dr. (Mrs.) Lipi Mukhopadhyay
3. Two eminent persons namely Shri T.N. Dhar and Prof. R.C. Sobti, Vice Chancellor of Punjab University
4. Three Secretaries to Govt. of India i.e. Secretary, Personnel; Secretary, Expenditure; and Secretary, Planning Commission

The Chairman also informed the members about the election of three new faculty representatives who will be attending the next E.C. meeting immediately after the A.G.M. namely, Prof. V.K. Sharma, Prof. P.K. Chaubey and Mrs. Charru Malhotra.

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

(RAKESH HOOJA) **DIRECTOR &** **MEMBER-SECRETARY**	T. N. Chaturvedi **(T.N. CHATURVEDI)** **CHAIRMAN**