

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

Minutes of the 294th meeting of the Executive Council held on
August 28, 2014 at 4.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Institute

PRESENT

1. Shri T.N. Chaturvedi - Chairman
2. Shri B.V. Krishna Kumar
3. Prof. Brij Mohan Sharma
4. Shri Suryya Ray
5. Prof. S.N. Mishra
6. Prof. S.L. Goel
7. Dr. Parvinder Kaushal
8. Shri M. Krishnan
9. Shri Subodh Kumar
10. Dr. K. Malaisamy
11. Dr. (Capt) D.V.P. Raja
12. Dr. Sunita Roy
13. Shri P.R. Shampath
14. Prof. V. Shanmugasundaram
15. Prof. N.P. Singh
16. Dr. Navanit Sinha
17. Dr. K.N. Srivastava
18. Shri V. Veerabadran
19. Shri Shekhar Dutt
20. Shri Rajesh Arya, Director (Trg.) - Representing Secretary, Personnel, DoPT
21. Shri N. Radhakrishnan, Director - Representing Secretary (Exp.)
22. Mrs. Mary B. Barla, Director - Representing Secretary, Planning Commission
23. Shri K.K. Sethi (Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Regional Branch)
24. Prof. J. Guha Roy (Chairman, Delhi Regional Branch)
25. Dr. G. Prasanna Kumar (Representing Chairman, Haryana Regional Branch)
26. Prof. Rakesh Gupta] Faculty Representative
27. Dr. V.N. Alok]
28. Dr. T. Chatterjee - Director & Member-Secretary

Dr. C. Giri, Registrar, Dr. B.D. Singh, Dy. Registrar (AS), Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Dy. Registrar (Finance), Shri Nishikant Tiwari, Dy. Registrar (Admn.) and Shri Sant Lal, Asstt. Registrar (Membership) were also present.

The Chairman, IIPA extended welcome to all the members to the 294th meeting of the Executive Council.

The agenda notes and supplementary agenda were perused along with the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on 27th August, 2014 which were circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

Item No.294.1 Grant of leave of absence to Members.

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

1. Prof. R.V. Dhanapalan
2. Justice E. Padmanabhan
3. Dr. A.V. Narsimha Reddy
4. Dr. V.N. Vishwanathan
5. Prof. Arun Kumar Grover
6. Shri S. Ramanathan (Chairman, Karnataka Regional Branch)
7. Prof. C. Lalkima (Chairman, Mizoram Regional Branch)
8. Dr. Ashok Bhan (Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Regional Branch)
9. Prof. Sushma Yadav

Before the agenda was taken up Shri P.R. Shampath mentioned that he has come to know that some members have requested the Hon'ble Vice President of India to convene Special Meeting of the General Body to discuss and act on the Report of the three-member High Level Committee. Dr. K. Malaisamy also endorsed it. The Chairman informed that although requests for convening the Special Meeting of the General Body have been received, the requests did not comply with the requirements under Rule 21. So, the convening of Special Meeting of the General Body is ruled out. He further said that the President of the Institute was very disturbed and concerned about the working of the Institute as he was getting letters from some E.C. members and other members to summon Special AGM and some other E.C. members opposing the request. He wanted to explore further as to how reconciliation of the two opposing viewpoints could be ensured so that the IIPA E.C. could work harmoniously. He mentioned that this requires further explanation. With this clarification, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Item No.294.2 (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 293rd meeting of the Executive Council held on March 27, 2014.

Dr. V.N. Alok mentioned that the minutes have been wrongly recorded and required expunging the following:

"Dr. V.N. Alok supported that he should be heard by the Executive Council otherwise it is likely to escalate the tension and an atmosphere of confrontation may prevail. The Chairman objected to these remarks and said they were improper. All the Executive Council members present strongly objected to this...."

The Chairman stated that there is no wrong recording of the minutes. However, if Dr. Alok wishes to withdraw his statement, the above will be deleted from the records which was

agreed to by Dr. Alok and the above statement stand deleted. With this the minutes as circulated, were confirmed.

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

The action taken report was approved.

Item No.294.3 Draft Annual Report for 2013-2014.

The Executive Council recommended adoption of the Annual Report 2013-2014 by the General Body, as recommended by the Standing Committee.

Item No.294.4 Balance-sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts for 2013-2014 together with the Report of the Chartered Accountants.

The Balance Sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts for 2013-2014 together with the Report of the Chartered Accountants were approved as recommended by the Standing Committee. There was a discussion on deficit of Rs.4.73 crores as per receipts and payment account. The Director explained the position in detail. He informed the Executive Council that IIPA had conducted 118 training programmes in 2013-14, the highest so far in a single year. The research projects are also going on in full swing. He further felt that IIPA could do very little more considering the present infrastructural and academic capacity. Continuous cuts in the maintenance (Plan) grant for the last two years by the Government had resulted in the deficit as reflected in the receipt and payment account. In 2013-14, the Government had exercised cut in the maintenance grant by Rs.2.34 crores as against the deficit of Rs.3 crores in 2013-14. If the Government had provided IIPA with the agreed maintenance grant, the deficit would have been only Rs.66 lakhs in 2013-14. In the present situation, IIPA may not be able to survive without an increase in Government support.

The Chairman apprised that the Government has its own constraints. As such, something must be done to raise our own resources. He mooted the idea to have two APPPA programmes simultaneously. Shri Veerabadrán pointed out that as against the asset of Rs.33 crores, IIPA has an accumulated liability of Rs.57.5 crores. Out of this, over Rs.52 crores relates to pension liability. As such we must devise ways and means to get the money. To this, the Chairman responded that this was the reason why Audit and Accounts Committee was formed. The internal audit findings are not very startling, we knew all along about this. But this was not documented earlier. The Chairman congratulated Shri Veerabadrán on this

account and desired that the recommendations of the internal audit report should be implemented as early as possible.

Supporting the views of Chairman, the Hony. Treasurer highlighted the fact that number of participants in APPPA course have increased gradually from 28 earlier to nearly 50 presently. So we should consider having two APPPA programmes and the participants should not be more than 40 in each programme to maintain the standard and quality of the programme. Prof. N.P. Singh desired to know the problems in having two APPPA courses simultaneously. He also felt that Director (Trg.), DoPT may suggest something. The Chairman responded that DoPT may study all the relevant facts and come up with solutions in due course as it is very difficult to suggest anything here, on the spot.

Item No.294.5 Removal of members in arrears for more than two years (2012 & 2013) from the roll of membership of the Institute under Rule 35(1).

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the name of annual members in arrears for more than 2 years may be removed as per rules.

Item No.294.6 Draft office remarks on suggestions/observations made by members in the AGM held on October 18, 2013.

The Executive Council approved the office remarks on the suggestions/observations made by the members in the AGM held on October 18, 2013, as recommended by the Standing Committee.

Item No.294.7 Draft office remarks on the suggestions/observations made by the Office Bearers of the Regional and Local Branches in its meeting held on October 18, 2013.

The Executive Council approved the office remarks on the suggestions/observations made by the office bearers of the Regional and Local Branches in its meeting held on October 18, 2013, as recommended by the Standing Committee.

Regarding the suggestions by some members that some policy should be made regarding the support for activities of Regional & Local Branches, the Chairman responded in detail that IIPA is doing everything to support the activities of the Branches within its financial capacity. He informed that some branches exist only on paper like the Uttarakhand Regional Branch and quite a few Local Branches. There were also complaints about

elections to these bodies. At a recent seminar organized by the Bihar Regional Branch supported by Centre for Consumer Studies IIPA, there were too many participants which affected the quality of the seminar learning process and the capacity of the Branch adversely. Seminars should be more compact and organized better by branches. Shri K.K. Sethi informed the E.C. that M.P. Regional Branch is doing so many activities like monthly meetings, newsletter, essay competition etc. The Chairman congratulated all the Regional & Local Branches which are doing well. Prof. N.P. Singh suggested that some yardsticks should be made regarding public administration as IIPA is an institution for public administration and public services. He informed that a Committee was formed for that earlier but the report has not been received so far. He was of the opinion that some certificate/diploma courses should be started in the area of public administration. Dr. K.N. Srivastava informed that Budaun Local Branch is doing many things regarding rural development like development of idea for model villages. IIPA should give the proposal to Ministry of Rural Development or National Human Rights Commission. The Chairman responded that this concept has been clear since the first five year plan. He stated that IIPA had already given the proposal to respective departments but we have got no response so far. Prof. Shanmugasundaram was of the view that Regional Branches should be encouraged to start training programmes, book review etc. Shri Veerabadran was of the opinion that we should know what is happening overall in the Regional/Local Branches and not just remain interested in our own Branches.

Item No.294.8 “Paul H. Appleby Award” for Distinguished Services to IIPA and to Public Administration.

The Chairman informed that the Committee constituted for Paul H. Appleby Award 2014 recommended the four names as under:

1. Shri N.N. Vohra
2. Prof. K.N. Kabra
3. Dr. V.T. Patil
4. Prof. M.P. Singh

However, the Executive Council felt that in the year of the Diamond Jubilee of the Institute, more names for the Award may be considered and the Council authorized the Chairman, IIPA to decide the names of some more Awardees. The suggested names were: Shri Suryya Ray, Shri Johney Joseph, Dr. K.N. Srivastava, Dr. D.V.P. Raja, Prof. B.M. Sharma, Prof. S.P. Ranga Rao and Prof. Ashok Sharma.

Item No.294.9

A brief report on the important activities of the Institute during April-August, 2014 relating to:

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

The report was taken note of.

However, Dr. K. Malaisamy expressed his views that completion targets have not been achieved in many cases for research projects. It was clarified that every effort is being made to achieve the target. However, there are many constraints like delayed release of budgetary instalments, pressure of training programmes on faculty. IIPA's higher rates for achieving better quality of research outputs coming in the way of winning bids on projects and similar reasons, which can explain the problem in research. However, efforts are on to improve our research time lines.

Item No.294.10

Recommendations of the Membership Admission Committee for admission of new members.

Shri K.K. Sethi desired to know as to why the application for membership of Mr. Vyas IAS, Dy. Secretary was rejected inspite his fulfilling all the criteria. The Chairman responded that some time interest in IIPA starts developing at a later age. He was of the opinion that people should be made Associate Members first. The Executive Council approved the recommendations of Membership Admission Committee and the new membership subscription for membership as under:

	<u>Present subscription</u>	<u>Revised subscription</u>
(i) Annual Membership	Rs.400/-	Rs.700/- per annum
(ii) Life Membership	Rs.4000/-	Rs.7000/- one time
(iii) Associate Membership	Rs.200/-	Rs.400/- per annum
(iv) Student Membership	Rs.200/-	Rs.400/- per annum
(v) Corporate Membership	Rs.20000/-	Rs.50000/- per annum

Some members were of the opinion that the suggested increase is on the higher side, but the Chairman responded that we have to be practical and we have a large deficit that has to be made up and the Government is in no mood to subsidize many activities.

Item No.294.11 Items to Report:

- (i) **Joining of new faculty.**
Noted.
- (ii) **Appointment/Joining in Chair Professor (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair).**
Noted.
- (iii) **Joining of Dy. Registrar.**
Noted.
- (iv) **Appointment Prof. S.N. Mishra, Hony. Treasurer as Director in an honorary capacity during leave period of Dr. T. Chatterjee, Director IIPA.**
Noted.
- (v) **Personal designation to Shri Hari Om Goel from Assistant Executive Engineer to Executive Engineer.**
Noted.
- (vi) **Resignation/relieving of Dr. Lokendra Malik, Assistant Professor in Urban Governance in the CUS.**
Noted.
- (vii) **Foreign visits of Faculty.**
Noted.
- (viii) **Report of the Committee for revision of Hostel Rules and Rates.**

The minutes of the Hostel Rules and Rates Committee meeting held on 26 August, 2014 were circulated to the members. The recommendations of the Committee were approved, as recommended by the Standing Committee.

Some members were of the opinion that the increase in room rent for Life members was on the higher side but the Chairman responded that we have to bite the bullet. The last increase was made long back. The Chairman explained to the members in detail about the present financial condition of IIPA as well as income and expenditure related to the Hostel. He explained that there is a deficit of about Rs.28 lakhs per annum from the Hostel alone and this has to be balanced. We cannot expect the Government to compensate us for this. He was of the opinion that IIPA needed to increase the rent in order to raise financial resources so that

better facilities can be continuously provided in the Hostel. Otherwise, we will face very likely deterioration in the hostel facilities and services.

(ix) Policy regarding grant of pensionary benefits to the new entrants to IIPA.

Noted.

(x) Enhancement of Children Education Allowance from Rs.15000/- to Rs.18000/- w.e.f. 1st January, 2014.

Noted.

(xi) Enhancement of age of retirement of Prof. Rakesh Gupta.

Noted. Shri Subodh Kumar was of the opinion that Prof. Rakesh Gupta has been dealing with some important projects and he has been given extension for only one year. He desired to know what will happen afterwards. The Chairman responded that it is a policy decision to provide extension for one year only on achieving the age for superannuation of 62 years in case of faculty. Extensions afterwards may be given on performance review of the concerned faculty on a year to year basis. If some project is ongoing, that can be handled by another faculty as per prevalent practice in case extension is not granted.

(xii) Pay protection of Prof. Shri Prakash Singh, Chair Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair and Dr.(Mrs.) Nupur Tiwari, Assistant Professor.

Noted.

(xiii) Confirmation of Dr.(Mrs.) Roma Mitra Debnath, Assistant Professor in Applied Statistics, Dr. (Mrs) Nupur Tiwari, Assistant Professor in Political Science and Rural Development (including Panchayati Raj), Dr (Mrs) Shyamli Singh, Assistant Professor in Environment Management and Climate Change and Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Dy. Registrar (Finance).

Noted.

(xiv) Extension of CGHS facilities to the retired employees of Statutory/Autonomous bodies whose serving employees were covered under CGHS.

Noted.

(xv) Appointment of Part-time Medical Officer in IIPA Hostel.

Noted.

Item No.294.12 Any other business with the permission of the Chairman.

(i) **Proposal regarding upgradation of IIPA Imphal Local Branch to the status of Manipur Regional Branch.**

As recommended by the Standing Committee, the Executive Council approved the upgradation of the Imphal Local Branch to Manipur Regional Branch.

(ii) **Minutes of the Audit & Accounts committee meeting held on 26 August, 2014.**

Regarding the recommendations/minutes of Audit & Accounts Committee meeting, the Chairman was apprised that Committee deliberations were half way and its recommendations will be brought before the next meeting for consideration. Meanwhile, Chairman desired that the actions as suggested by Internal Audit may be initiated.

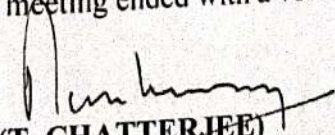
(iii) **Minutes of the Finance & Economy Committee meeting held on 27 August, 2014.**

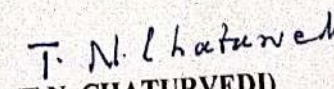
The recommendations of the Finance & Economy Committee were taken note of. However, regarding the recommendation about the second campus for IIPA, the Chairman expressed that he was not very hopeful in the present circumstances though he agreed with the proposal in principle. The efforts will continue in this regard in future also.

(iv) Shri Veerabadran raised the issue of Business Rules for Executive Council and other Committees, to which the Chairman requested him to send model business rules regarding the matter prevailing in the other organizations so that they can be examined, discussed and adopted as far as feasible.

(v) Capt. D.V.P. Raja was of the opinion that the Diamond Jubilee commemoration was conducted on a short notice and IIPA should be congratulated for this, but the DJ commemoration was not extended country wide. He was of the opinion that it should be conducted in south also. Chairman expressed his agreement with this viewpoint and said that was originally proposed. Orissa Regional Branch wants to have a programme. Others should also take a lead.

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


(T. CHATTERJEE)
DIRECTOR &
MEMBER-SECRETARY


(T.N. CHATURVEDI)
CHAIRMAN