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**MINUTES OF 33RD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT 12.30 P.M. ON MONDAY, 13TH MARCH, 2023 AT ICPR OFFICE,
NEW DELHI- 110 062, THROUGH ONLINE AND OFFLINE MODE**

The 33rd Finance Committee meeting of the Council held at 12.30 P.M. on Monday, 13th March, 2023 at the ICPR office, New Delhi- 110 062 through online and offline mode.

The following members were present in the above meeting through online and offline mode

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| 1. Prof. Sachchidanand Mishra | Chairman, Finance Committee | - Offline |
| 2. Prof. Ambika Datta Sharma | Member | - Online |
| 3. Shri Subrat Kumar Pradhan, Director (ICR) | Representative of MoE | - Offline |
| 4. Smt. Kiran Kalra Arora, Under Secretary (IFD) | Representative of MoE | - Online |
| 5. Dr. Pooja Vyas, Director (A&F)/c | Member-Secretary | - Offline |

From the ICPR Secretariat, Shri Mohinder Pal Chopra, Superintendent (A&F) In-charge and Shri Ashutosh Upadhyay, Senior Accountant were present in the meeting to assisting the Director (A&F) with relevant documents related to agenda items during the course of meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman of the Finance Committee welcomed the members to the Finance Committee and advised the Member-Secretary to take up the agenda items for consideration.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the Council held on 18th February, 2022.

The Finance Committee approved the minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on 18th February, 2022.

Item No.2: To report on the action taken on the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the Council held on 18th February, 2022

The Finance Committee discussed the Action Taken Report of the Finance Committee held on 18th February, 2022 and recommended the following against following items:

Item No.1 The Council should prepare a reply to all the pending paras by 30th April, 2023 and send the same to the DGACR with a copy to Ministry of Education.

Item No.4 MoE representatives asked clarification about pending books of publication matter. Member-Secretary, FC informed that the last meeting was held in the year 21st January 2021 regarding ICPR publications lying with the distributors and matter is still under process. The members recommended that this matter is over-delayed and be resolved within 2 months and be reported in the next Finance Committee.

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Item No.11 MoE representatives asked office to produce the minutes of the Committee which has given recommendation to condone the initial expenditure of Rs.47,594/= incurred by the organizer. The Member-Secretary, FC informed the members that the Competent Authority constituted an Internal Committee on this matter and the Committee in its report recommended to condone the above expenditure due to country wide lockdown in the country. MoE representative was not satisfied with the recommended with the Committee and resolved that the council may constitute another Committee to re-examine the case and same be put in the next Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee noted the action taken on other agenda items.

Item No. 3: The present status of Grant-in-Aid and Expenditure as on dated March 03, 2023 for the financial year 2022-23.

The Finance Committee considered and passed the agenda item.

Item No. 4: For Consideration of Transaction Audit Report for the period (2012-2022)

The Finance Committee discussed the agenda item and resolved that an Internal Committee should prepare a reply by April 2023 and submit it to DGACR/MoE.

Item No. 5: For Consideration of CAG Report for the period (2021-2022)

The Finance Committee discussed the agenda item and resolved that an Internal Committee should prepare a reply by April 2023 and submit it to DGACR/MoE.

MoE representative asked about the action of office regarding Shri Sreekumaran. S. Enquiry Committee report as the same has been pointed out by Transaction Audit. The Chairman, FC informed that Shri Sreekumaran. S has asked about some documents regarding his enquiry and the available documents has been sent to him. The Finance Committee recommended that a letter may be sent to Shri Seekumaran. S, as pointed by Transaction Audit to refund the money wrongly paid by the Council at the earliest.

Representative of IFD (MoE) also pointed out that CAG report indicates many irregularities in ICPR, viz., wrong fixation of pay and upgradation of pay scale without obtaining approval of the competent authority. In this regard, ICPR was advised to take corrective action immediately. The Finance Committee resolved that regarding many points related to financial irregularities, fixation of pay, responsibility to be fixed along with report on outstanding audit paras, a Committee be constituted of outside expert from GoI to give its recommendations for further action.

Item No.6: To report about the Internal Audit work for the financial year 2021-22

The Finance Committee considered and passed the agenda item.

Item No. 7: For Consideration of Balance sheet of F.Y. 2021-22

The Finance Committee considered and passed the agenda item.

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Item No. 8: To report about the re-appropriation of funds during the financial year 2022-23

The Finance Committee considered and passed the agenda item subject to the compliance of rules of the Government of India.

Item No. 9: To report about the transfer of fund from ICPR Provision Bank Account to ICPR Main Bank Account.

The Finance Committee discussed about this item and asked clarification from the representative of the Council regarding Provision Bank Account. The Council representative informed that the Council is maintaining miscellaneous fund for last 6-7 years and out of this fund, whenever requirement taking fund from this account when there is no grant available and returning the same to that Provision Account after receiving grant.

Ministry representative informed that from next financial year Treasury single account should be implemented in the council. Next time, transactions will be done through single account.

Item No.10: To report about the Internal Audit and preparation of Balance Sheet for the year 2023-24

The Finance Committee considered and passed the agenda item.

Item No. 11: To report the Budget Estimates for F.Y 2023-24

The Finance Committee considered and passed the agenda item.

Item No. 12: To consider the auction of obsolete items of ICPR HQ, New Delhi and ICPR Academic Centre, Lucknow.

The Finance Committee discussed this item and the MoE representative were not satisfied with the reply of the Council and recommended that a Committee be constituted to give the certificate of the obsolete items as per Government norms and place the item in the next meeting with all the details for approval.

Item No.13: To report the Budget Estimate 2023-24 of C.P.W.D.

The Finance Committee considered and passed the agenda item.

Item No. 14: Medical Facilities to ICPR staff of the council.

The matter of providing medical facilities was discussed and it was informed that the Council has decided take subscription as suggested by the last Finance Committee and it will be deducted from the salary/pension of the staff as advised by Administrative Ministry and audit report. Representative of IFD (MoE) opined that ICPR should have been diligent in obtaining another insurance policy for its staff as even after lapse of more than 3 months, ICPR has not been able to finalize the new insurance agency.

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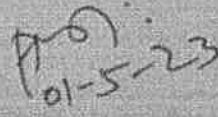
Regarding the pending claim of Shri Anish Kumar for Rs.85,270/- towards treatment (Dialysis) of his mother and the same has been settled, it was resolved that same be settled as Medical Attendance Rule.

Item No.15 Medical reimbursement claim of ex-employee of the Council.

The Finance Committee resolved that matter be submitted to the Administrative Ministry for further consideration.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


(Pooja Vyas)
Member-Secretary, FC


(Sachchidanand Mishra)
Chairman, FC