MINUTES OF THE 90th GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH TO BE HELD ON APRIL 06, 2023, AT 11:00 A.M. AT IIC COMMITTEE ROOM NO.3, NEW DELHI.

The 90th Meeting of the Governing Body of the ICPR was held on April 6, 2023 at 1100 hours at Committee Room No.3, India International Centre, New Delhi. The following were present:

1. Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman, ICPR

Chairman

2. Shri Subrat Kumar Pradhan, Director (ICR), MoE, (Secretary, Higher Education Representative)

Member

3. Mrs. Kiran Arora, Under Secretary (IFD), MoE, (Financial Advisor Representative)

Member

4. Professor Sachchidanand Mishra, Member-Secretary, ICPR

Member

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the Governing Body meeting of the Council held on 28th February, 2022.

The members noted and approved the minutes of the 89th Governing Body meeting held on February 28, 2022.

Item No.2: To report on the action taken on the minutes of the Governing Body meeting of the Council held on 28th February, 2022.

The Governing Body considered the Action Taken Report (ATR) of the 89th Governing Body meeting of the ICPR held on 28th February, 2022 and noted the ATR.

Item No. 3: To report Joining of Chairman.

The Governing Body noted the joining of Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar as Chairman on additional charge of ICPR w.e.f. 15.03.2022.

Item No.4: Reporting of minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 13th March, 2023

The Governing Body resolved that the comments on the minutes on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 13, 2023 received from IFD may be incorporated and same may again be circulated to the members of the Finance Committee. The Governing Body noted and approved.

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Item No. 5: The present status of Grant-in-Aid and Expenditure as on March 31, 2023

The Member-Secretary explained details of expenditure incurred during the year 2022-23 and bifurcation of expenditure as desired. The Government representative asked about huge unspent grant. Member-Secretary explained that the grant was received on 1st March 2023. Fund could not be spent due to approaching end of financial year. The Governing Body noted and approved the item.

Item No.6: To consider nomination representative of Governing Body in the Committee for the selection of Director (Planning and Research)

The Member-Secretary informed that ICPR has advertised for the post of Director (Planning and Research). The Chairman, ICPR, has nominated the SC/ST members.. The Selection Committee demands one nominee from Governing Body and 2 two representatives of Ministry.

The Governing Body authorized Chairman, ICPR for nomination of Governing Body representative: The Council was advised to send letter to Ministry asking nomination for 2 Government representatives as per Selection Committee.

Item No.7: To consider nomination of representatives of Governing Body in the Finance Committee

The Governing Body resolved to place before full Governing Body for nomination of nominee for the Finance Committee, when constituted.

Item No. 8: To report the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the year of 2023-24.

It was resolved to send MoU in revised form to the Ministry in the same line as was sent last year and as per guidelines.

Item No. 9: For consideration of Draft Annual Report for the F.Y. 2021-22 for Printing.

It was resolved to send Annual Report 2021-22 in revised form for consideration and to be sent through circulation.

Item No. 10: To Report about the different recruitment made in the ICPR.

The Member-Secretary briefed various recruitment, as per following details, made in the ICPR on contract basis. He further briefed that Consultant from retired government employees was made as per M/o Finance guidelines.

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- 1. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Programme Officer on contract basis against lien vacancy occurred after relieving of Dr. S.K. Kar with regular pay scale as of Programme Officer.
- 2. Dr. Gautam Mishra, Consultant (Academic), on contract basis, against the vacancy occurred after resignation of Shri Mrinmoy Chakraborty (worked from 18/9/2018 to 17/6/2022) and Smt. Namashya Nirjhar (worked from 1/8/2022 to 27/12/2022) as per remuneration fixed at the time of appointment of Shri Chakrborty.
- 3. Shri Pulak Bhattacharya, Consultant (Accounts) on contract basis with remuneration as applicable to retired govt. employees
- 4. Smt. Anita Sunil Kumar, Consultant (Admn.) on contract basis with remuneration as applicable to retired govt. employees
- 5. Shri Mahesh Chandra, Consultant (Admn) on contract basis with remuneration as applicable to retired govt. employees

The Governing Body noted and it was resolved that future recruitment as Consultant should be strictly made against vacant posts and on prior approval from the Governing Body and appointment to be made strictly as per urgent requirement.

Item No.11: To considering the Revised Recruitment Rules RR) of ICPR

It was resolved to refer revised RR as per DoPT norms to the Ministry for approval with tabular statement containing name of post, number of post, vacant post, date of vacancy occurred, etc.

Item No. 12: To report status of different Court Case in ICPR

The Governing Body noted the following on going Court cases:

- 1. Shri Ashwini Mishra
- 2. Dr. Jahira Khatun
- 3. Dr. Sujit Debanath

Item No.13: To Consider/Information regarding Increase of Rent of Lucknow Academic Centre (ICPR)

The Member-Secretary informed about the enhanced monthly rent of Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) towards accommodation of Academic Centre Lucknow. The Ministry representative raised query regarding rent paid during the last 2-3 years and the same was explained by Member-Secretary. The Governing Body noted and approved the enhanced rent.

Item No.14: To consider release of ICPR Fellowship from the month of July from this year

The Governing Body did not approve implementation of ICPR Fellowship from the month of July from this year, onwards. It was further resolved to send proposal prepared on the basis of sister body's practice mentioning reservation

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for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) for awarding fellowship to the Ministry for consideration.

Item No. 15: For Consideration of CAG Report for the period (2012-2022)

The Governing Body discussed the CAG Report for the period 2021-22 of DGACR and instructed the Council to take remedial action on the points raised by CAG by April 30, 2023 as many para are repeating again for the last 5-6 years and same is not settled.

Item No. 16: For Consideration of Transaction Audit Report for the period (2012-2022)

It was resolved to constitute a committee comprising four members to examine and resolve pending para raised by CAG and Transaction Audit Team. The Member-Secretary was authorised to constitute the committee mentioning terms of reference from the following filed:

- (a) Administrative Expert (preferably from retired DoPT Officials)
- (b) Senior Finance expert (Retired from DGACR or similar bodies)
- (c) Member-Secretary or his nominee
- (d) Independent Expert from any field

The report of the Committee be prepared in a time bound manner (3 months) and be submitted in the next Governing Body.

It was also resolved that the Inquiry report in respect of Shri Sreekumaran. S. be sent again to the Ministry as well as Vigilance wing of the M/o Education for perusal. The committee to be constituted may also be requested to examine the legal course in the matter.

Item No.17: To consider the case of Shri Pawan Deep, Director (A&F) on deputation

The matter has been discussed in detail. The representatives of the ministry pointed out that the Council relieved Shri Pawan Deep on deputation service on the direction/approval of the competent authority/the then Hon'ble Chairman. The Hon'ble Chairman, further, opined that as his borrowing office granted another 4 years deputation period where Shri Pawan Deep settled with his family, it is inhumane to call him back in midterm.

The Governing Body noted and resolved to refer the matter to the Ministry asking advice relating to filling up the post of Director (A&F) on deputation basis for smooth functioning of the ICPR office.

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Item No.18: To Consider inclusion of Gratuity for Council employees under New Pension Scheme (NPS) after implementation of 7th CPC.

The Governing Body approved adoption of Office Order No.15-2/2022-TC dated 16th December, 2022 regarding applicability of Payment of Gratuity Act 1972 to educational institutions under the Ministry of Education covered under New Pension Scheme for Council employees.

Item No.19 To report about the probation period extension of Shri Vinay, LDC

The Governing Body noted the extension of probation period to Shri Vinay, LDC, of the Council and recommended that he may be given training to improve his working.

Item No.20 To consider the procedure for award of National Fellowship

The Governing Body approved (i) to put a notice in ICPR website, (ii) reference to Head of Department of Philosophy, Indian Universities, and (iii) reference ex-officio members the Council nomination/recommendations for award of National Fellowship.

Item No.21: To consider discontinuation of ICPR Awards

It was resolved to place the matter before the Council of the ICPR when constituted for perusal and direction. Till then the matter may be kept in abeyance.

Item No.22 To consider printing of Publication/Reports/Newsletter/Journal Through National Book Trust (NBT) and/or through the publication Division of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

It was resolved to follow advices/guidelines of the M/o Education for printing/publication etc. through National Book Trust. As regards, JICPR and Darshnam (Hindi version), NBT be consulted to find out the feasibility for printing these journals through them and decide accordingly. The Governing Body noted the contract period of five years with M/s. Springer for JICPR.

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

(Sachchidanand Mishra)

Member-Secretary

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