THE VIIIth MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA

MINUTES

DAY: WEDNESDAY DATE: 30.03.2016

TIME: 10am

VENUE: The Conference Room

NIT Meghalaya Bijni Complex, Laitumkhrah Shillong - 793003

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 30th MARCH, 2016

The VIIIth meeting of the Finance Committee of NIT Meghalaya was held on 30th March, 2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference room of the Institute in the presence of the following members:

1. Prof. D. K. Basu Chairman Chairman BOG, NIT Meghalaya

2. Prof. P. K. Bora Member IIT Guwahati

3. Shri W. Roy Member Meghalaya Power Carriers, Shillong

4. Prof. D. K. Saikia Member Director, NIT Meghalaya

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members to the VIIIth meeting of the Finance Committee. The agenda for the day was taken up for discussion as below:

<u>Item No. 1</u>: Confirmation of the Minutes of the VIIth Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute held on 14.09.2015

The Minutes of the VIIth Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was circulated amongst the members of the Committee for their comments/ observations. No comments/ observations were received from any of the members.

R1/FC-VII/2015: The Finance Committee RESOLVED that the Minutes of the VIIth meeting of the Finance Committee be CONFIRMED as circulated.

<u>Item No. 2</u>: Action Taken Report on the Decisions VIIth meeting of the Finance Committee

The actions taken on the decisions of the VIIth meeting of the Finance Committee were circulated with the agenda of the VIIth meeting. The Committee discussed and noted the actions taken.

R2/FC-VIII/2016: The Finance Committee **NOTED** the actions taken on the decisions of VIIth meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14.09.2015.

Item 3: Budget estimates for the financial year 2016-2017

The Committee was appraised of the expenditure status of the financial year 2015-16. The Budget for the financial year 2015-16 was estimated at Rs. 12285.00 Lakh. The construction work of three packages under phase-I at the permanent site awarded to three contractors at a value of Rs. 42365.00 Lakh are in progress. A total amount of Rs. 5000.00 Lakh had so far been released to RITES Ltd, the PMC, which it has spent fully. The PMC has requested for the release of another Rs. 2000.00 Lakh within this financial year. It has not been possible to release this amount as only Rs. 2803.75 Lakh had been received as grants from the Ministry. Due to non-receipt of sufficient grants the total expenditure for the year had remained at Rs. 4828.58 Lakh as on 28.03.2016 against a committed expenditure of Rs. 6931.10 Lakh.

For the financial year 2015-16 the major head of expenditure is expected to be construction. The estimates under this head for the construction works at the campus site taken-up by the PMC in the coming financial year as submitted by the PMC is Rs. 20960.00 Lakh. Further, there are other essential works of value of about 1200 Lakh for the approach road, incomplete portion of boundary wall and the water reservoir have also been taken-up.

Further, during the next academic session there will be new batches of students in the new programmes started in the last couple of years thus increasing the number of students, faculty and staff. This will in turn necessitate upward revision of requirement of recurring expenses.

It was also proposed to make some correction in the distribution of expenses under some of the heads and add the new head of 26-SRG.

Considering all these factors, the Budget Estimates for the year 2016-17 was been drawn-up and was placed before the Committee for its consideration for recommending to the Board for approval.

The Committee scrutinized expenditure projected under each of the heads of expenditure.

It was pointed out that due to the pay enhancement recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission there will be and additional expenditure of about 20% under the Head "5-PAY: Pay & Allowances". Hence expenditure under this Head needs to be estimated at Rs. 1500.00 Lakh.

It was suggested that the employees may be sanctioned soft loans so as to attract talented persons and retain them. The interest for the soft loan may be fixed at 2% as is done in IIT Guwahati. Sanctioning of House Building Advance with simple interest may also be taken-up. The details may be worked out based on the practice in other CFTIs. Considering the above it was decided to allocate Rs. 50.00 Lakh under the Head "20-LAD: Loans & Advance".

R3a/FC-VIII/2016: The Finance Committee RESOLVED to RECOMMEND the budget estimates for the financial year 2016-17 as below:

(₹ in Lakh)

| SI. No. & Code | HEAD OF ACCOUNT | Expenditure during 2014-15 | Budget estimate 2015-16 | Estimated Expenditure in FY 2015- 16 | Budget estimate 2016-17 |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1-EQP | Equipment, Teaching Aids & Software | 819.75 | 800.00 | 785.76 | 1000.00 |
| 2-FRN | Furniture | 141.01 | 150.00 | 114.79 | 150.00 |
| 3-CON | Construction- Boundary Wall, Buildings etc. | 3142.92 | 9000.00 | 4069.93 | 22000.00 |
| 4-ACS | Architectural Consultant, Soil Testing etc. | 85.56 | 150.00 | 63.91 | 150.00 |
| 5-PAY | Pay & Allowances | 545.25 | 750.00 | 793.96 | 1500.00 |
| 6-SOS | Security, Catering & Other Outsourced Services | 91.58 | 200.00 | 110.11 | 200.00 |
| 7-RMT | Repairs & Maintenance | 93.85 | 80.00 | 77.65 | 100.00 |
| 8-RNT | House Rents (Building Hiring Charges) | 242.64 | 350.00 | 272.11 | 400.00 |
| 9-CAD | Consumables – Academic Departments | 20.33 | 35.00 | 4.88 | 25.00 |
| 10-ROC | Recurring Office Contingency | 15.94 | 35.00 | 6.51 | 20.00 |
| 11-RAD | Recurring Contingency-Academic departments | 5.70 | 10.00 | 17.92 | 10.00 |

| 12-RJN | Research Journals | 76.21 | 75.00 | 43.24 | 75.00 |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| 13-LBK | Library Books | 12.02 | 60.00 | 56.78 | 75.00 |
| 14- SSC | Student Scholarships | 59.83 | 150.00 | 174.74 | 300.00 |
| 15-SAC | Students Activity | 9.74 | 35.00 | 14.30 | 40.00 |
| 16-OAC | Other Acad. Exp., Exams. etc. | 23.10 | 50.00 | 43.50 | 30.00 |
| 17-TEX | Travel Expenses | 14.18 | 30.00 | 6.86 | 40.00 |
| 18-CTR | Communication & Transportation | 150.38 | 120.00 | 113.24 | 200.00 |
| 19-PFR | PF and Retirement Benefits | 35.93 | 60.00 | 48.44 | 75.00 |
| 20-LAD | Loans & Advance | | 10.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| 21-REX | Recruitment Expenses | 20.81 | 50.00 | 21.60 | 30.00 |
| 22-MIC | Miscellaneous Expenses | 44.51 | 50.00 | 62.59 | 50.00 |
| 23- MED | Medical Expenses | 4.64 | 10.00 | 12.51 | 25.00 |
| 24-VEH | Vehicle Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| 25-CNV | Convocation Expenses etc. | 22.99 | 25.00 | 15.77 | 30.00 |
| 26-SRG | Start-up Research Grant | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| | TOTAL- | 5678.87 | 12285.00 | 6931.10 | 26465.00 |
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R3b/FC-VIII/2016: The Finance Committee RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that Soft Loan at 2% and House Building Advance with simple interest (at Rates as in other CFIs) may be sanctioned to the regular employees so as to attract talents and to retain them.

Item 4: Preparation of Accounts for the year 2015-16

The Accounts of the Institute was being prepared by a Guwahati based Chartered Accountant firm M/S M. Saquei & Co. and they have been carrying out the work to the satisfaction of the Institute. It was therefore proposed that the responsibility for preparing the accounts for the year 2015-16 be entrusted to the same firm at the same fee as the previous year.

The finance Committee decided to approve the proposal.

R4/FC-VIII/2016: The Finance Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** the appointment of the Chartered Accountant firm M/S Saquei & Co. for preparation of the accounts of the FY 2015-16 at the same fees as was done for the previous year.

Item for Ratification:

Item 5: Assignment of the work of Internal Audit of Accounts of FY 2015-16 to M/S Das & Associates.

The Internal Audit of the Accounts of FY 2014-15 was carried out by M/S Das & Associates of Shillong at a fee of Rs. 15,000/-. The firm quoted a fee of Rs. 22,500/- as the volume of work has increased substantially this year. The Director decided to assign the work to the firm at the quoted fee subject to ratification by the Finance Committee.

R5/FC-VII/2015: The Finance Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMED** Ratification of the decision to assign the work of Internal Audit of the Account of financial year 2015-16 to M/S Das and Associates at a fee of Rs. 22,500/-.

As there was no other item the meeting concluded with thanks from and to the Chair.

Prof. D. K. Saikia Director, NIT Meghalaya

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