

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SIMLA

Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Indian
Institute of Advanced Study, Simla - Proceedings of

Venue: Room No.409-C, Shastri
Bhawan, New Delhi:

Time: 10-15 A.M.
Date: 3rd August, 1970.

Present:-

1. Dr.K.G.Saiyidain .. Chairman
2. Prof. M.V.Mathur .. Member
3. Prof. V.K.Gokak .. Member
4. Shri R.S.Chitkara .. Member
5. Shri H.D.Gulati .. Secretary

*Shri J.L. Gaudaria who looked after the
legitimation work for
some time
was
also
present.*

Prof. M.V.Mathur left in the middle as he had some
other urgent work to attend to.

2. The decisions taken in respect of the various items
of the Agenda are as below:-

Item No.1: To consider the budget estimates and revised
estimates for 1970-71

A - NON-PLAN BUDGET

It was observed that against the actual expenditure of
Rs.2.68 lakhs, ^{in 1969-70} the Institute had provided Rs.5.78 lakhs in the
revised estimates ^{for 1970-71} on account of the maintenance of the
buildings. The latter figure included arrear payments
totalling Rs.1.40 lakhs to be made to the CPWD which was
responsible for the maintenance of the building. The
Registrar explained that

i) in the past payments to the CPWD had been made
on "as and when necessary" basis and full payments
had not been made every year; *nor were the completed bills*

for work done supplied earlier!
ii) Payments had been made in respect of some items such
as reconstruction of retaining wall, although these
could not be a legitimate charge on the Institute.
They will have to be justifiably treated as items of
original works which should have been charged to the
Ministry of Works & Housing, and not ^{as items} of maintenance.

iii) All the items included under the head "Maintenance" were not related to the maintenance of the Estate as such and should have been included under other appropriate heads. For example, salary of garden staff (Malis) should be grouped with the salary of the other staff of the Institute. Similarly expenditure on taxes, electricity and water charges, rent etc., should be included under miscellaneous contingencies.

3. While agreeing to the point (iii) above, the Committee desired that the question of maintenance of the Estate should be sorted out ~~through~~ with the CPWD so as to decide specifically the responsibility (along with financial implications) of the Institute in regard to the maintenance of the buildings and to arrange for regular and systematic payment ^{of bills} to the C.P.W.D. It was also ^{considered} felt necessary to impress upon the CPWD to intimate their requirements every year well in advance so as to enable the Institute to prepare a realistic budget.

Prof. M.V.Mathur was of the view that it was not proper ^{to} include the budget relating to the maintenance of the buildings in the normal budget of the Institute. A way should, therefore, be found to make the Ministry of Works & Housing bear this burden. Shri Chitkara explained that the Estate was made available to the Ministry of Education for housing the Institute on the specific condition that it would be maintained from the Institute's budget in the manner it was being maintained previously. The Ministry of Works & Housing was therefore not likely to accept any new proposal in this regard.

The Committee, however, agreed with the alternative suggestion of Prof.Mathur that the budget should be split up into two parts (i) maintenance of Estate and (ii) programme budget.

4. As regards other items the Committee felt that the estimates needed to be worked out realistically in relation to the expenditure incurred during 1969-70, the

actual expenditure already incurred, and the estimated requirements for the remaining part of the year. ~~The latter needed to be worked out more carefully.~~ In this connection particular mention was made of the following items: ~~and needed~~

to be re-estimated & see

- Further there was some room for economy.*
i) Honorarium to Fellows;
- ii) Library books and equipment;
- iii) Publications
- iv) T.A. to Academic staff;
- v) T.A. for administrative staff (with reference to the Seminar proposed to be held in Mysore.) ~~This needed considerable reduction).~~
- vi) Contingencies (items like liveries, miscellaneous items, advertisements/~~needed particular scrutiny~~).

As regards Publications, the Director pointed out that the Institute envisaged a large Publication Programme. For this purpose, provision was being made under the Plan. It was therefore agreed ^{that} the excess expenditure on Publications over the normal expenditure should be debited ^{to} the Plan provision.

5. In view of the above the Committee decided that the Institute may again prepare the revised budget for 1970-71 and place the same before the next meeting of the Finance Committee which should be convened early.

B - PLAN BUDGET

The Director pointed out that the Governing Body had earlier approved three Plan schemes viz. (i) Guest Scholars and Professors, (ii) Library and ^{Appointments of a} (iii) ^{of Fellows} Permanent Core. It is now proposed to include three more schemes in the Plan namely (a) Publications (b) Increase in the number of Fellows and (c) Renovation of existing buildings (to make them suitable for being used ^{as} residential flats for additional fellows). The Committee decided that the Plan budget for 1970-71 should be considered after the Governing Body had approved of the revised Plan schemes along with financial implication in its meeting scheduled ~~for~~ to be held on August 13, 1970.

Item II; To consider the budget estimates for 1971-72

It was agreed that B.E. 1971-72 should also be examined in the light of the observations made in respect of Item 1^{and} revised estimates for 1970-71 and fresh proposal may be placed before the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

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

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