

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SHIMLA,  
HELD AT 11.00 AM ON FRIDAY, THE 5TH JULY, 1985, IN  
THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,  
(ROOM NO.127-C), SHASTRI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI

PRESENT

1. Justice S.A. Masud ... Chairman
2. Shri S.P. Tuli ... Member  
Deputy Financial Adviser  
Ministry of Education
3. Shri Gurbax Singh ... Nominee of  
Deputy Secretary Shri J.D.Gupta,  
Ministry of Education Joint Secretary,  
Ministry of Education
4. Shri M.N. Sinha ... Member  
Director  
IIAS, Shimla

Secretariat

1. Shri T.R. Angra, Accounts Officer
2. Shri O.P. Bhatnagar
3. Shri T.K. Mazumdar

Professor Gutam Mathur, being out of the town could not attend the meeting.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11.1.1985  
The minutes were confirmed.

The Chairman, Finance Committee, however, suggested that in future, wherever in the Minutes we refer to the Committee's concurrence with the observations of some other Committee or Sub-Committee, we should also produce the observations to make the record complete.

Item No.2: To report action taken on the minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Finance Committee

Sub-item No.3:

The Finance Committee decided that till rules of the Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi are available, the existing practice of allowing Travelling Allowance to Fellows be continued.

Sub-Item No.5 :

The Deputy Finance <sup>iel</sup> Adviser pointed out that the Finance Committee had agreed only to the payment of a remuneration not exceeding 'Rs.400' per month to the part-time Lady Doctor, The figure of 'Rs.500' mentioned in the proceedings should, therefore, be corrected to read as 'Rs.400'.

Item No.3: To consider the break up the budget allotment of the Institute during the year 1985-86

While considering the break up of the budget allotment for 1985-86, the Members desired that from the next year the actual expenditure against each Sub-Head should also be indicated while suggesting the allocation for the next financial year.

The Committee agreed to the budget allocation under each sub-head, as suggested by the Institute subject to the following modifications:

PLAN BUDGET

Academic Expenditure

XXX                      XXXX                      XXX

(d) Books & Periodical - Rs.5,00,000

XXX                      XXXX                      XXX

(g) Seminars - Rs.5,00,000.00

The Committee, while reducing the budget allocation for Books and Periodicals from Rs.10,00,000 to Rs.5,00,000 expressed the view that in case the Library Advisory Committee, which is meeting on 10th July, 1985, suggests increase in the budget allocation for this Item, the Finance Committee will reconsider the matter at its next meeting.

With regard to the reduction of Rs.1,00,000 for Seminars, the Committee suggested that the Institute should not contribute more than Rs.50,000 each for the two Seminars to be held by other organizations in collaboration with the Institute, namely (1) the international seminar on "Philosophy, Peace and International understanding" to be held by the ICPR and the seminar on "Jawaharlal Nehru and the secular Hypothesis" to be held by the ICSSR/ICPR in collaboration with the Institute.

Item No.4 : To consider the proposal for making a contribution of Rs.1,00,000 (one lakh) for the International Seminar on "Philosophy, Peace and International Understanding" being held by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, in collaboration with other sister organizations

As indicated in the Minutes in respect of Item No.3, the Finance Committee agreed that the Institute should contribute Rs.50,000 to the International Seminar on "Philosophy, Peace and International Understanding" and not Rs.1,00,000 as suggested in the Working Paper.

Item No.5: To consider the proposal regarding stocking of the medicines in the Institute's dispensary or alternatively continuing the practice of allowing the reimbursement of the cost of medicines purchased from the market by the members of the staff on the recommendations of the Resident Medical Officer/Authorized Medical Attendant

The Committee heard the views of the Director and the Accounts Officer and came to the conclusion that the present system of stocking medicines in the dispensary be continued and only in exceptional cases, where the medicines are not available in the dispensary or where the cases are referred by the R.M.O. to the hospital, reimbursement of expenditure incurred by the patient may be allowed.

The Committee further took note of the audit objection regarding improper maintenance of accounts of the medicines used in the dispensary and emphasised that the Institute should not only dispose of the audit objection but also ensure that proper accounts are maintained for the medicines received and issued.

Item No.6: To consider further the proposal regarding the facilities to be allowed to the Fellows of the Institute

(i) TA/DA admissible to Fellows in receipt of consolidated Grant

The Finance Committee took note of the fact that the IAMR has yet to supply the copy of the relevant rules.

(ii) Electric & Water charges payable by Fellows living single in the Guest House and other buildings

In view of the fact that statistics about the actual increase in the rates of water and

electricity charges in Himachal Pradesh between the intervening years was not available, the present rates of Rs.10/- per month chargeable from the Fellows on account of electricity and water be increased to Rs.15/- per month with immediate effect.

(iii) Payment of TA/DA while on tour

The Finance Committee did not agree to the payment of DA to the Fellows undertaking tours in connection with their research project. They will, however, continue to receive the Travelling Allowance as at present.

(iv) Payment of House Rent Allowance

The Committee did not agree to the suggestion for payment of House Rent to Dr. S.K. Gupta at Rs.350/- per month or to protect such difference in emoluments in other cases. They were of the view that since the Institute makes it clear in the offer of award of Fellowship that it will provide rent-free accommodation to the Fellows it can, at the most, pay House Rent Allowance in such cases as that of Dr. Gupta at the rate applicable to Central Government employees at Shimla according to the HRA Rules.

(v) Providing of Telephone Connections

The Finance Committee did not agree to the proposal for providing telephones in different localities, where the Fellows reside. However, they agreed to the provision of telephones for the officers of the Institute as indicated below:

1. Secretary(Academic) - 2 nos.(Residence/Office)
2. Librarian - 2 nos.(Residence/Office)
3. Administrative Officer 1 no. (Office)
4. Estate Supervisor - 1 no. (Residence)

Item No.7: To consider the recommendations of the Library Advisory Committee regarding writing off the losses of missing books

The Finance Committee agreed with the recommendation made by the Committee appointed by the Chairman, Governing Body, under the Chairmanship of Professor Ashin Dasgupta, for writing off the losses of 2189 books/periodicals valued at Rs.95,081 by the Governing Body and recommended that the Library staff should regularise the register (Borrowing) in future, so that the missing books of the Library are traced. Steps may be taken to make stricter arrangements to avoid recurrence of such losses.

Item No.8: To consider the proposal regarding upgradation of certain posts and creation of new posts in the Institute

The Members of the Committee were of the view that the proposals contained in Item No.8 could not

be considered at the present meeting and that the Committee may consider the proposal for creation of such posts, which have to be filled up immediately in the public interest. The Committee did not, however, reject other proposals and decided that the matter might be brought up at its next meeting. After considering the proposals of the Institute and the justification offered in the concluding column of the statements attached to the working paper, the Finance Committee agreed to the creation of the following posts:

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Designation of the post and pay-scale</u>	<u>No. of posts</u>
1.	Senior Personal Assistants Rs.550-900	2
2.	Peons (Rs.196-232)	2
3.	Superintendent (Services & Supplies) (Rs.550-900)	1
4.	Assistant Publication Officer (Rs.650-1200)	1
5.	Assistant Editor (Rs.650-1200)	1

\*\* These posts have been created on the specific condition that the posts of Publication Officer and Editor will be kept in abeyance for the time being.

#### Selection Grade for Drivers

The Committee suggested that one selection grade (scale Rs.330-560) post be created, unless the practice of the Ministry of Education is otherwise followed in which case the matter may be brought up again before the Finance Committee in its next meeting.

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

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Director

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Chairman