

Indian Institute of Advanced Study Shimla

Minutes of the meeting of the Twenty-Ninth meeting of the Finance Committee of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla held at 11.30 A.M. on Tuesday, the 21st January 1986, at 14 AB Mathura Road, New Delhi - 110001

Present:

1. Justice S.A. Masud ... Chairman
2. Professor Gautam Mathur  
Director, IAMR, New Delhi ... Member
3. Shri S.P. Tuli ... Member  
Director (Finance)  
Integreted Finance Division  
Department of Education  
Ministry of Human Resource  
Development, New Delhi
4. Shri Gurbax Singh ... Member  
(Representative of Shri J.D.  
Gupta, Joint Secretary, Deptt.  
of Education, Ministry of  
Human Resource Development  
New Delhi)
5. Shri M.N. Sinha ... Member  
Director, IIAS, Shimla

Secretariat :

1. Shri M.L. Sharma, Accounts Officer
2. Shri O.P. Bhatnagar, Superintendent(Admn)

Item No.1 : To confirm the minutes of the 28th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17-18 September 1985

The Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth meeting held on September 17-18, 1985 were confirmed.

Item No. 2: To report action taken on the Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Finance Committee held on September 17-18, 1985

Professor Gautam Mathur suggested, and other members of the committee agreed, that the Institute should obtain information from some other organisations like U.G.C., ICSSR etc., regarding the daily allowance payable to their Fellows and then bring up the matter once again before the Committee.

Subject to the above observations, the Committee noted the action taken on the minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Finance Committee.

Item No.3 : To approve the estimated expenditure on holding a Seminar on 'Pursuit of Knowledge and Human Happiness' at the Institute on March 22-28, 1986

The Finance Committee took note of the fact that the practice followed in most of the countries, including the developed countries, is that the host countries only meet expenditure on local hospitality. The international travel expenses are generally met by the participants themselves by getting grants either from their respective Governments or Institutions in their countries. However, there may be one or two participants, whose participation in the Seminar may be considered to be of vital importance and as such a provision of about Rs.30,000/- may be retained for international travel expenses for one or two such participants, who may be finally invited by the Governing Body.

2. The Finance Committee further recommends that the expenditure on the Seminar should not exceed Rs.1,60,000.00 as per details given below:

(i)	Cost of International travel of foreign participants	Rs.30,000.00
(ii)	Travel cost within India (air/train fare within India of 30 participants)	Rs.70,000.00
(iii)	Expenditure on boarding of 30 participants at Rs.100/- per head per day	Rs.27,000.00
(iv)	Expenditure on hiring four taxis for nine days at Rs.500/- per day per taxi for receiving the participants at Chandigarh Airport & other destinations as well as for local use & the hiring of a luxury tourist bus for one day.	Rs.10,000.00
(v)	Publication of Proceedings of the Seminar (1100 copies)	Rs.20,000.00
(vi)	Misc. expenditure (Folders, Cultural Programme etc., etc.)	Rs. 3,000.00
	Total	<u>Rs.1,60,000.00</u>

Item No.4 : To consider the request of Dr. Michael Aris, Fellow IIAS, for provision of certain additional facilities

The Committee took note of the fact that Dr. Michael Aris from Wolfson College, Oxford, has already joined the Institute as a Fellow on 14.10.1985 and has yet to complete the remaining one year and nine months of the term of his Fellowship. In the circumstances stated in the letter addressed by Dr. Aris to the Director of the Institute, the Finance Committee agreed that the Institute should purchase or supply within its own stores the items for household use required by Dr. Aris and supply the same to him on payment of reasonable rent. This should not, however, be treated as a precedent because the Fellowship scheme of the Institute does not provide for any differential treatment in the case of scholars coming from abroad.

Item No. 5 : To approve the estimates submitted by the Central Public Works Department for repairs/renovations of the Rashtrapati Nivas and its annexed buildings

The Finance Committee approved the estimated expenditure on all the items included in the statement attached to the working paper; except Items No.4,5 &6. With regard to the said Items No.4,5 & 6, the Committee was of the view that the CPWD should find funds for the purpose from within the maintenance grant given by the Institute.

Item No. 6 : To consider the proposal for payment of honorarium to scholars and others entrusted with the work of editing the proceedings of the seminar/conferences and for assessment of manuscripts

The information received from the ICHR was also placed before the Committee, who desired that information may also be obtained from other organisations like ICSSR etc., and a comparative statement showing the rates prevalent in these organisations as also the rates suggested by the Institute for its own publication work be prepared and brought up for consideration at its next meeting.

Item No. 7 : To consider the proposal for setting up a Pathological Laboratory in the Dispensary of the Institute for routine investigations

The Committee desired that information may be obtained from other autonomous organisations having their own dispensaries whether they have pathological facilities. The matter may, thereafter be brought up before the Finance Committee for consideration.

Item No. 8 : To consider the proposal for creation of additional posts and other establishment matters

- (i) The Director (Finance), Department of Education desired that the report of the Committee of Experts on the reorganisation of the Horticulture Wing of the Institute as also the question of upgrading of Horticulture Overseer, Decorators etc., be sent to the Ministry to enable them to examine the same with reference to the prescribed yardsticks.
- (ii) The Committee agreed to the creation of a post of Auditor in the pay-scale of Rs.425-800 for the Accounts Section of the Institute.
- (iii) The Director (Finance) desired that the proposal for creation of a post of Motor Mechanic may be sent to the Ministry to enable to have the matter examined with reference to the corresponding posts in the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (iv) The Committee turned down the proposal for creation of a Central Record Section and that of a Public Relation Officer.
- (v) The Committee also considered the question of creation of the posts of Junior Librarian, Research Associate etc., but desired that the matter may be brought up for consideration after the Secretary (Academic) joins the Institute.
- (vi) The cases of anomalies in the revision of scale of pay of certain categories of employees of the Institute like Library Assistants, Decorators etc., be referred to the Ministry, if not already done, so that the matter may be settled before April 1986; otherwise it may be difficult for them to consider these cases.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair.

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Chairman