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Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth meeting of the Finance Committee of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, held at 3-00 P.M. on Friday, the 9th December, 1988 in the room of Shri J.D.Gupta, Joint Secretary, Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

PRESENT

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| 1. Professor Margaret Chatterjee | - | Chairman |
| 2. Shri J.D.Gupta | - | Member |
| 3. Shri S.P.Tuli | - | Member |
| 4. Shri S.K.Mukherji | - | Secretary |

(Dr. A.P.Mitra, Chairman, Finance Committee, could not attend the meeting due to other preoccupations and requested that the meeting be chaired by any other member. Professor Margaret Chatterjee was in the Chair).

Mrs. Shobhana Joshi, Under Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education), Shri V.C.Jauhari, Accounts Officer, IIAS and Shri O.P. Bhatnagar, Section Officer (Administration), IIAS also attended by invitation.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11th August, 1987

The Finance Committee confirmed the minutes of its 35th meeting held on 11th August, 1987.

Item No.2: To report action taken on the minutes of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11th August, 1987.

The action was noted and approved.

Item No.3: To consider the proposal regarding declaration of the Director as self Controlling Officer for purposes of self T.A. Bills

The Finance Committee approved the proposal regarding empowering the Director to act as Controlling Officer in respect of his/her own T.A. bills.

The Finance Committee also pointed out that in the case of Secretary (A&F) and Secretary (Academic), the Director was the Controlling Officer for purposes of tour/leave/T.A./L.T.C.

Item No.4: To consider and approve the delegation of powers of the Librarian.

The Finance Committee did not agree to the delegation of financial powers to the Librarian as recommended by the Library Advisory Committee. The Finance Committee felt that the purchase of books should be programmed by a local Advisory Committee comprising the Director, the Librarian and one or two Fellows. The recommendations of the Committee should be submitted to the Director for approval and sanction.

Item No.5: To consider the demands of the Fellows

<u>DEMAND</u>	<u>DECISION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>
1. Xerox facilities for Fellows without charge	The Finance Committee approved that the existing arrangement which is being followed on the recommendations of the Library Advisory Committee should continue.
2. One free trip daily for all members of staff and Fellows.	The Committee did not agree to the proposal.
3. Daily allowance to Fellows during field work	The Committee did not agree to the proposal.
4. Approaching the Government to make Fellowship grants tax-free	The Committee noted that the matter is already under correspondence with the Ministry and its final outcome may be awaited.
5. Improved living conditions for the Fellows	The Finance Committee decided that the Institute should prepare a detailed note particularly about minimum essential repairs required to be carried in the houses occupied by the Fellows.
6. Increased facilities in the form of postage, photocopying etc.	The Finance Committee did not agree to the proposal.

7. Supply of copies of papers read at the weekly seminars. The Institute holds weekly seminars at which each Fellow is invited to read a paper followed by a joint discussion and a few copies of the paper are supplied to the Fellow concerned. There is a demand from some of the Fellows that they should be supplied with 25 copies of their paper which they would like to send to their parent organization or other educational Institutions. They further demand that the cost of despatch of the papers to their parent organizations/ other agencies in or outside India should be borne by the Institute. The Finance Committee did not agree to the proposal.

Item No.6: To consider the proposal for the permission to Fellows to undertake study tours by air

The Finance Committee did not agree to the proposal.

Item No.7: To consider the reimbursement of expenditure of Rs.5500/- to Professor Y.B.Damle on the preparation of final manuscript

The Finance Committee did not agree to the proposal.

Item No.8: To consider the proposal regarding the revision of Fellowship grant of the Fellows in the IIAS

The Finance Committee, after detailed discussion, felt that there is a case for revision of the amount of fellowship grant. The Finance Committee desired that the Institute should refer the case again to the Ministry after collecting information of the amount of Fellowship Grant from other similar organizations like ICSSR, ICPR and ICHR and also indicating the financial implications.

Item No.9: To consider the interruption of tenure of Fellowship of Professor Sehdev Kumar, Fellow

The Finance Committee agreed that Professor Sehdev Kumar may be allowed to rejoin the Institute to avail of the remaining period of twelve months of his Fellowship at the Institute on condition that no T.A. will be paid to him.

Item No.10: To consider the proposal regarding creation of a post of Analyst-cum-Programmer in the scale of pay of Rs.1640-2900

The Finance Committee approved the creation of a post of Analyst-cum-Programmer in the scale of Rs.1640-2900 on condition that the expenditure on this account will be met from within the existing budget allotment. It was further decided that after this recommendation has been approved by the Governing Body, the matter may be referred to the Government for approval.

Item No.11: To consider the proposal regarding creation of 11 posts of U/s Malies in the scale of pay of Rs.750-12-870-EB-14-940

The Finance Committee decided that the matter may be referred to the Ministry giving more details about the area being maintained by the Garden Staff, details of the existing posts along with their duties and norms prescribed, if any, for the maintenance of the lawns and garden.

Item No.12: To consider the representation of Shri S.K.Sood, Estate Supervisor, for promotion as Administrative Officer

The Finance Committee decided that since the post of Administrative Officer has been held in abeyance, it cannot be filled up at present.

Item No.13: To consider the recommendations made by the Committee constituted by the Director to look into the grievances/representations of some of the members of the staff of IIAS

(1) To consider the proposal regarding revision of pay-scale of the post of Stenographers

The Committee did not agree to the proposal.

(2) To consider the proposal regarding provision of promotional avenues for the members of staff who are either stagnating at the maximum of their pay-scale or have got no promotion since the date of their appointment

The Committee did not agree to the proposal.

(3) To consider the proposal regarding upgradation of the posts of Carpenter from the pay-scale of Rs.800-15-1310-EB-20-1150 to Rs.950-20-1150-EB-25-1500

The Committee agreed to the upgradation of the post of Carpenter from the pay-scale of Rs.800-1150 to Rs.950-1500 subject to certification that the duties and responsibilities & qualifications etc. of the Carpenters are the same as are being performed by the Carpenters in the CPWD. The Committee further

decided that after the above certification, the matter be referred to the Government for approval.

- (4) To consider the proposal regarding revision of pay-scale of the post of Machine Operator/Xerox Operator from Rs.1200-2040 to Rs.1400-2300

The Committee agreed to the revision of the scale of pay of the posts of Machine Operator and Xerox Operator from Rs.1200-2040 to Rs.1400-2300 subject to certification of the qualifications/experience prescribed for the post of Machine Operator/Xerox Operator in the Institute & the duties & responsibilities being at par with those obtaining in the ICHR, ICSSR and NCERT. The Committee further decided that, after the certification as mentioned above, the matter may be referred to the Government for approval.

- (5) To consider the proposal regarding creation of a post of Head Sweeper

The Committee agreed to the re-designation of one of the posts of Sweepers as Senior Sweeper on the condition that there will be no change of duties as a result of the change in the designation of the post.

- Item No.14: To consider the suggestion of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research regarding contribution of a sum of Rs.1 lakh for holding Dr. Radhakrishnan International Seminar

The Finance Committee did not agree to the proposal.

- Item No.15: To consider the Revised Estimates for the year 1988-89 and Budget Estimates for the year 1989-90

The Finance Committee agreed to the revised estimates for the year 1988-89 and Budget Estimates for the year 1989-90 as under:

	<u>REVISED ESTIMATES</u> <u>1988-89</u>	<u>BUDGET ESTIMATES</u> <u>1989-90</u>
Non-Plan	Rs.54.00 lakhs	Rs. 57.00 lakhs
Plan	Rs.40.00 lakhs	Rs. 45.00 lakhs

JS(U) stated that it would possible to locate savings to meet the additional RE requirements of the Institute.

Item No.16: To consider the proposal regarding condemnation of Staff Car No.HPS-627 and purchase of a new one

The Finance Committee agreed to the condemnation of staff car No.HPS-627 and purchase of a new vehicle (Ambassador Car) for the Institute subject to the condition that expenditure on this account will be met out of the budget allotment/savings of the Institute.

Item No.17: To consider the report of the Fact Finding Committee appointed by the Governing Body

The Finance Committee noted the recommendations made by the Fact Finding Committee.

Item No.18: To consider the proposal for purchase of a Plain Paper Copier

The Finance Committee agreed to the purchase of a Plain Paper Copier subject to the condition that expenditure on this account is met out of the budget allotment/savings of the Institute.

Item No.19: To consider the proposal regarding creation of a post of Stores Assistant in the scale of pay of Rs.1400-2300

The Finance Committee agreed to the creation of a post of Stores Assistant in the scale of pay of Rs.1400-2300 for a period of one year on an ad hoc basis subject to the condition that the post will not be continued beyond the period of one year under any circumstances and it will be abolished earlier as soon as the court case is cleared. It was further decided that after the Governing Body has approved its recommendation the matter may be referred to the Government for approval.

Item No.20: To consider the requests of Professor C.K.Johri, Dr. Sajal Basu and Dr. L.M.Khubchandani, Fellows, for grant of financial assistance in connection with their research projects undertaken by them at the Institute

The Finance Committee felt that grant of financial assistance in the midst of Fellowship as has been proposed should be discouraged. The Committee felt that such additional assistance should be assessed before the award of Fellowship to avoid embarrassment at a later stage. As regards the present cases the Committee did not agree to the requests of Professor Dr. L.M.Khubchandani and Dr. Sajal Basu for grant of financial assistance. However, in the case of Prof. C.K.Johri, the Finance Committee agreed to his request provided that the work is got done by the Institute on a contract basis and the funds are not given directly to the Fellow concerned.

Item No.21: To consider the term of Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharya, part-time Consultant (Publication)

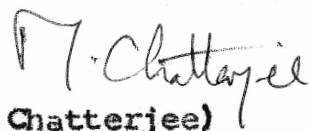
The Finance Committee agreed to the extension of the term of Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharya as a special case as part-time Consultant (Publication) till 31st March, 1989 on the existing terms and conditions and also on the clear understanding that no further extension will be asked for.

Item No.22: To consider the proposal regarding fixing of rates of editing within the range of Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- per page.

The Finance Committee considered the proposal regarding fixing of Rates of editing within the range of Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- per page and decided that the Director may use his/her discretion in the matter depending on the merits of each case.

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


(S.K. Mukherji)
Secretary


(Margaret Chatterjee)
Chairman