INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA 171005

MINUTES OF THE 50TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, HELD AT 11.30 A.M. ON 13 OCTOBER 1994 (WEDNESDAY) AT IIAS CAMP OFFICE: C-499, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI 110024.

Present:

- 1. Professor M.N. Faruqui (in the Chair)
- 2. Professor Mrinal Miri
- 3. Shri Durgadas Gupta (Representative of Shri Priyadarshi Thakur, Joint Secretary, Department of Education)
- 4. Shri Satya Pal (Representative of the Deputy Financial Adviser, Department of Education)
- 5. Shri S.L. Chaudhry, Adviser, IIAS

Professor S.L. Baruah could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the members and took up the agenda for discussion.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the 49th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18.10.1993.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: To note and consider action taken on the minutes of the 49th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18.10.1993.

The Committee noted the action taken on the decisions of the Forty-Ninth meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18 October 1993.

Item No.3: To consider and approve the Revised Estimates (1994-95) and the Budget Estimates (1995-96).

The Finance Committee approved the revised estimates for 1994-95 and budget estimates for 1995-96 as under:

Non-Plan

Plan

(rupees in lacs)

Revised Estimates 1994-95 Rs. 196.79

Rs. 85.00

Budget Estimates 1995-96 Rs. 167.79

Rs. 85.00

While scrutinizing the budget estimates, the Finance Committee also made certain observations which are stated as under:

NON-PLAN

1. Academic Expenditure

Publications and Printing:

The Finance Committee suggested that the income earned by the Institute on the sale of publications should be ploughed back into its publications programme.

2. Administrative Expenditure

Interest on G.P. Fund employer's share of contribution

It was suggested that interest on G.P. Fund due to the employees may be met out of the interest earned on investment of G.P. Fund.

3. Contingent Expenditure

The Committee suggested that in purchasing electronic equipment, it may be more economical, in the long run, to enter into a three-year, charged-free, maintenance contract at the time of buying the equipment.

4. Maintenance of Estate

The Finance Committee desired that full details and justification of the repair works undertaken by the C.P.W.D. and urgency involved should be indicated.

PLAN

Special repairs to Rashtrapati Nivas building/campus

The Finance Committee recommended an allocation of Rs. 50.00 lacs in the Revised Budget Estimates for 1994-95. The representatives of the Ministry stated that the Planning Commission has not agreed to provide funds for special repairs. However, the Committee recommended that renewed efforts should be made for budgetary allocation considering the urgency for undertaking special repairs to Rashtrapati Nivas building.

Item No.4: To consider the proposal regarding creation of posts at the Institute.

The item was withdrawn at the suggestion of representatives from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, since it was felt that the recommendations made by the Internal Work Study Unit of the Ministry were for rationalization of the staffing pattern and not for creation of posts. It was, therefore, suggested that a proposal for rationalization of staffing pattern giving financial implications may be sent to the Ministry for approval.

Item No.5: To consider the proposal regarding change of Bank Account from NCERT Branch of State Bank of India to Defence Colony Branch, New Delhi.

The Finance Committee approved the proposal.

Item No.6: To review the decision of the Finance Committee taken at its 49th meeting held on October 18, 1993 regarding payment of O.T.A. to library staff.

The Finance Committee desired that a proposal giving full details and justification may be sent to the Ministry for obtaining approval of the Government.

Item No.7: To consider the proposal regarding payment of overtime allowance to drivers of the Institute.

This was agreed to.

Item No.8: To consider the demand of the IIAS Employees' Association for issue of two summer uniforms and one winter uniform in two years, by rotation to Group 'C' & 'D' employees.

The Finance Committee agreed to the proposal, and desired that a reference may be made to the Ministry for obtaining formal approval.

Item No.9: To consider the proposal regarding upgradation of the post of Hindi Translator to that of Senior Hindi Translator at the Institute.

This was deferred.

Item No.10: To consider the implementation of the judgement dated 23.4.1987 of Supreme Court in writ petition case No. 15920 of 1984, All India CPWD Employees Union vs. Union of India regarding equal pay for equal work.

The proposal was not agreed to.

Item No.11: To consider the representation of Shri Mela Ram, Section Officer (Horticulture) for placement in the scale of pay of Rs. 1640-2900.

The proposal was not agreed to.

Item No.12: To consider the representation of Shri T.K. Majumdar, PS to Director for revision of scale of pay Rs. 2000-3500 to Rs. 2200-4000.

The Finance Committee agreed to the proposal and desired that a reference may be made to the Government for obtaining formal approval.

Item No.13: To consider the proposal regarding engagement of a Legal Adviser in the HP High Court, Shimla.

The Finance Committee agreed to the proposal regarding engagement of a Legal Adviser in the Himachal Pradesh High Court, Shimla, subject to the condition that this should be done on contract basis with prior approval of the Ministry. It was also felt that instead of engaging a lawyer

on retainership, it should be on the basis of fee per case.

Item No.14: To consider the proposal for the setting up of a Development Fund at the Institute.



The item was withdrawn.

Item No.15: To consider the adoption of Promotion Scheme for Staff Car Drivers at the Institute circulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi vide O.M. No. 22036/1/92-Estt(D) dated November 30, 1993.

The representatives of the Ministry explained that the question of general application of the scheme to drivers in autonomous organizations has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance, and the decision may be awaited.

Item No.16: To consider the proposal regarding revision of the scale of pay of the Garden Staff of the Institute.

The Finance Committee desired that the anomaly in the fixation of pay of the garden staff of the Institute may be brought to the notice of the Government and a reference may be made to the Ministry accordingly.

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

(Mrinal Miri) 15.10.1994 (M.N. Faruqui) 15.10.1994