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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 11.00 A.M. ON 29 AUGUST 1995 AT HOTEL PRESIDENT,
MADRAS.

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Present:

1. Professor T.R. Natesan (in the Chair)
2. Shri Durgadas Gupta
3. Professor Mrinal Miri

Professor R.P. Kaushik and Mrs. Sujata Chauhan could not attend the meeting.

Item No. 1 : To confirm the minutes of the 50th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13 October 1994.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No, 2 : To note and consider ^{the} action taken on the minutes of the 50th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13 October, 1994.

While taking note of the action taken report, the Committee made the following observations:

- (i) Relating to the report on Item No. 3, under the heading "Budget Estimate (1995-96)", the amount under Non-Plan should read as: Rs. 138.00 lacs instead of Rs. 135.00 lacs.
- (i) The report on Item No. 2(3) under the heading "Maintenance of Estate" should read as follows:

"On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Government had sanctioned Rs. 35.00 lacs for special repairs of Rashtrapati Nivas building (Plan) and Rs. 20.00 lacs (Non-Plan)".
- (ii) With regard to the report on Item No. 6, Shri Durgadas Gupta, Member, informed the Committee that this has been referred to the Department of Culture for their decision.
- (iii) Shri Gupta also informed the Committee that the matter reported on Item No. 8 has been referred to

the Department of Personnel and Training for their decision.

- (iv) The words "turned down the proposal" in the report on Item No. 12 should be replaced by "suggested that the proposal be reconsidered".
- (v) The words "turned down the case" in the report on Item No. 16 should be replaced by "did not agree to the proposal".

Item No. 3 : to consider the proposal regarding increase of the ceiling limit of Rs. 10,000/- p.m. to Rs. 15,000/- p.m. in respect of IIAS Guest House at Delhi.

The Finance Committee accepted the proposal, *and recommends to the Governing Body to approve it*

Item No. 4 : To consider the upgradation of the post of Accounts Officer as Finance Officer in the scale of Rs. 3000-4500.

This item was withdrawn for the time being.

Item No. 5 : To consider and approve the medical reimbursement facilities to the Fellows.

The Committee resolved that, in view of the enormous increase in the cost of medicines and medical treatment generally, the original proposal to enhance the reimbursement of medical expenses to Fellows from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 50,000 be reiterated. The Committee also observed that the implementation of the proposed Medical Attendance Rule will require separate budgetary allocation under the head "Medical Reimbursement of Fellows of the Institute" and since, in principle, there is no limit to reimbursable expenses incurred for indoor treatment, the financial involvement in implementing such a rule may be far greater than the Rs.50,000 a year originally proposed. The Committee desired that the Institute may once again approach the Government for approving its original proposal.

Item No. 6 : To consider the regularisation of payment of Rs. 1,04,643/- made by the Institute to Professor J.S. Grewal, former Director of the Institute beyond attaining the age of 65 years.

The Committee resolved that in view of the clear Government orders in the matter, Professor J.S. Grewal should be asked to refund the excess payment made to him.

The Committee further resolved that responsibility for the wrong payment made to Professor J.S. Grewal be also fixed.

Item No. 7 : To consider and approve the consultancy fee payable to INTACH.

The Committee recommended that the Governing Body may consider setting up a technical committee consisting of:

1. Chairman, Finance Committee
2. Director, IIAS
3. Representative of the Central Public Works Department
4. Representative of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage

should consider the proposals made by INTACH.

Item No. 8 : To consider the proposal for grant of ex-post-facto sanction for the purchase of furniture worth Rs. 1,26,448/- for the IIAS Guest House, New Delhi.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Governing Body may regularise the expenditure incurred in excess of Rs. 1,00,000. The Committee also suggested that in view of the general increase in prices since the schedule of powers was approved by the Governing Body, the Governing Body may also consider enhancing the power of the Director in this regard.

Item No. 9 : To consider the regularisation of unauthorised possession of Institute accommodation and non-recovery of penal rent from Visiting Fellows.

The Committee recommended that steps should be taken to recover the amounts due from the four former Fellows.

Item No. 10: To consider the proposal regarding upgradation of the post of Hindi Translator to that of Senior Hindi Translator at the Institute.

The Committee suggested that the Institute may write, in response to the letter of Shri Nishendu Ojha, Director, Official Language (No. 13034-27/93-RVA, dated 25 July 1995), seeking clarification on the following two points:

- (a) whether, under the Official Language Implementation Act, the post of Senior Hindi Translator, is a statutory requirement, and
- (b) whether filling up of such a post has been exempted from the ban imposed on creation of posts by Government of India.

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

The Committee accepted the proposal for the placement of Shri Mela Ram Sharma, Section Officer (Horticulture) in the pay-scale of Rs. 1640-2900, but resolved that this should be 'personal' to Shri Mela Ram Sharma.

Item No. 12: To consider the representation of Shri N.K. Maini, Assistant Publication Officer, for the post of Publication Officer in the scale of Rs. 2200-4000.

The Committee considered the proposal and, in view of

the substantial increase of work, both in quality and quantity, in the publication section of the Institute, it recommended that the Governing Body may consider accepting the proposal. In the event of Governing Body accepting the proposal, the matter may then be referred to the Government for approval.

Item No. 13: To reconsider the proposal of placement of Private Secretary to the Director of the Institute in a higher scale of pay, i.e., Rs. 3000-4500, by designating the post as Principal Private Secretary.

The Committee considered the proposal and recommended that in view of the Director's entitlement to a Principal Private Secretary and in view of the nature and quantity of work handled in the Director's office, a post of Principal Private Secretary to the Director may be created. The Committee also recommended that the filling up of such a post should be conditional on keeping one of the existing posts of Private Secretaries in abeyance.

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

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