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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD AT
11.00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, 27 JULY 1996 AT HOTEL PRESIDENT, MADRAS.

Members present

1. Professor S. Gopal (in the Chair)
2. Professor T.R. Natesan
3. Professor R.P. Kaushik
4. Shri S. Sathyamoorthi
5. Professor Mrinal Miri

Professor J.S. Bajaj, Professor A.S. Desai, Professor P.S. Bisen, Shri P.R. Dasgupta, Professor R.A. Mashelkar, Dr. Pradeep Khandwalla, and Professor D.C. Tiwari could not attend the meeting.

Item No. 1 : To confirm the minutes of the 88th meeting of the Governing Body held on 3 April 1966.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 2 : To note and consider the action on the minutes of the 88th meeting of the Governing Body held on 3 April 1966.

Action taken on the minutes of the 88th meeting of the Governing Body were noted with the following observation on Item No. 12 of the action taken report:

The Governing Body accepted the recommendations made by the Finance Committee for the proposed amendments to the financial powers of the Director, Secretary and Librarian of the Institute, and recommended that the proposed amendments for financial as well as administrative powers of the officers of the Institute be referred to the Ministry for its approval.

Item No. 3 : To consider a proposal for holding a joint Seminar on "Dharma : The Categorical Imperative" by ICPR, UGC and IAS during the year 1997 at the Institute.

The Governing Body accepted the proposal and suggested that the sharing of expenses for the Seminar between the ICPR, UGC and the Institute be worked out in detail. It was also suggested that budgetary details (including number of participants, both from within the country and from abroad, duration of the Seminar etc.) should be worked out in advance and reported to the Governing Body.

Item No. 4 : To consider a request received from Sahitya Akademi to allow Ms. Krishna Sobti residential and other facilities of the

Institute for a period of six months.

The request from Sahitya Akademi on behalf of Ms. Krishna Sobti was considered, and the Governing Body decided as follows:

- (a) Ms. Sobti could be allowed to visit the Institute for six months from August 1996, provided that all the expenses for her stay are borne by herself or by Sahitya Akademi; and
- (b) the Institute may consider offering her a National Fellowship, in which case, she will be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Institute's Fellowship programme, and the Institute will have the first right to publish the work done by her at the Institute as a National Fellow.

The Sahitya Akademi may be informed accordingly.

Item No. 5 : To consider the recommendations of the Fifty-third meeting of the Finance Committee held on 4 July 1996.

The recommendations of the Fifty-third meeting of the Finance Committee, along with the comments received from the Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, were considered by the Governing Body. The Governing Body accepted the recommendations made by the Finance Committee on Item Nos. 1, 2, 3&13, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16.

On Item No. 4, the Governing Body accepted the comment of the Integrated Finance Division that the present post of Hindi Translator in the pay-scale of Rs. 1400-2300 be upgraded to Senior Hindi Translator in the pay-scale of Rs. 1640-2900.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee that a post of Hindi Officer in the pay-scale of Rs. 2000-3500 be created may also be referred to the Government for approval.

Relating to Item No. 9, the Governing Body made the following observations:

As suggested by the Financial Adviser, the proposal made by the Institute should be sent to the Ministry as part of a comprehensive proposal for internal income generation.

Item No. 6 : To consider requests for extension of their terms of Fellowship from Dr. Shekhar Pathak and Dr. Suresh Sharma.

Since the evaluation report on Dr. Shekhar Pathak's work was, meanwhile, received by the Institute, the report was considered, and the Governing Body decided to extend Dr. Pathak's term of Fellowship by one more year.

The term of Fellowship of Dr. Suresh Sharma was extended until such time as the evaluation report on his work is received by the Institute, and

a decision on Dr. Sharma's request is taken by the Chairman on the basis of the evaluation report.

Item No. 7 : To consider a proposal for achieving financial self-sufficiency.

The proposal was considered, and the Governing Body, on the suggestion of the Financial Adviser, decided that a more comprehensive proposal be sent to the Ministry for consideration. This proposal, while it will include the main ideas of the proposal submitted to the Governing Body, should also give a detailed plan of internal generation of income independently of the sources suggested in the present proposal. In formulating such a plan, the Institute may consider the plans for internal income generation already put into effect by institutions such as the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and the IITs. The comprehensive proposal should include detailed financial projections.

Item No. 8 : To consider the proposal of premature termination of Fellowship of Professor M.G. Vassanji.

The Governing Body accepted the proposal.

Item No. 9 : To apprise the Governing Body of the grave situation in the IIAS Library.

The Governing Body showed concern about the difficulties now being faced by the Library of the Institute, and recommended the creation of three more positions of Assistant Library & Information Officer. This recommendation of the Governing Body may be referred to the Government for timely action.

Item No. 10 : To consider the recommendations of Selection Committees for award of Fellowships.

The Governing Body considered the recommendations of the Selection Committees for award of Institute's Fellowships as well as Fellowships in the team-project on "Gandhian Perspectives", and decided that:

(a) the following be awarded Fellowships in Gandhi team-project for a duration of one year to begin with:

1. Dr. Samir Banerjee
2. Dr. Rakesh Batabyal;

and

(b) the following be awarded the Institute's general Fellowships for the duration mention against each:

1. Dr. Bijoy H. Boruah (1 year)
2. Ms. Rajee Seth (1 year)
3. Dr. Biswajit Das (3 months)

4. Shri Chidananda Dasgupta (3 months)
5. Professor Rajendra Chenni (1 year)
6. Dr. K. Chellappan (1 year)
7. Professor Satish Saberwal (1 year)
8. Dr. Arun P. Bali (1 year)
9. Shri P.S. Bawa (1 year)

The Director was authorised to award these Fellowships, on behalf of the Governing Body, according to the availability of vacancies, either in August/September 1996, or from April/May 1997.

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

Mrinal Miri

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29.7.1996

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