

Indian Institute of Advanced Study
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Minutes of the Ninetieth Meeting of the Governing Body held at 11.00 A.M.
on 20.12.1996 held at Hotel President, Madras.

Members present:

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

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

At the outset, the Director reported to the Governing Body the conversation he had with Professor J.S. Bajaj, member, Governing Body on 18 December 1996, and the subsequent written communication to him from Professor Bajaj. While conveying his regrets to the Chairman for his inability to attend this meeting of the Governing Body, Professor Bajaj suggested that since this was a very important meeting of the Governing Body which was to consider the Annual Report of the Institute as well as the Director's Report and its future plans, he would have appreciated receiving the agenda papers sufficiently in advance for him to study them and give his comments and suggestions. The Governing Body considered Professor Bajaj's views and decided that a meeting of the Governing Body be convened in Delhi immediately preceding the Annual General meeting of the Society, so that important items of the agenda of this meeting can be considered by a larger number of members of the Governing Body, including representatives of the Government (who could not, unfortunately be present at this meeting).

The Governing Body then took up the discussion of the items on the agenda.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the Eightyninth Meeting of the Governing Body held on 27 July 1996.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: To note and consider the action taken on the minutes of the Eightyninth Meeting of the Governing Body held on 27 July 1996.

Action taken on the minutes was noted.

Item No.3: To consider proposals for Seminars during the year 1997-98 (i) "Images and Self-Images : Indian Women in History, Myth and Fiction"; (ii) Bhakti Movement and Acculturation of the Subalterns"; (iii) "Firaq Gorakhpuri and Nirala"; (iv) "Exploring Resources for an Indian Aesthetic Basis in Cinema"; (v) "Mind and Meaning"; (vi) "Norms, Reliability and Science/Knowledge"; and

(vii) "Organization Building and Empowerment: Reflection on some Gandhian Ideas, Practices and Experience", as part of its programme under the ongoing team-project on "Gandhian Perspectives".

The following proposals for Seminars during 1997-98 were approved:

- (i) "Firaq Gorakhpuri and Nirala" (proposed by Professor Gopi Chand Narang and Dr. Shekher Pathak);
- (ii) "Mind and Meaning" (proposed by Dr. Franson D. Manjali);
- (iii) "Norms, Reliability and Science/Knowledge (in collaboration with ICSSR, UGC and ICPR - proposed by Dr. Mahasweta Chaudhury); and
- (iv) "Organization Building and Empowerment: Reflection on some Gandhian Ideas" under the team project "Gandhian Perspectives" - (proposed by Dr. Samir Banerjee).

Of the remaining proposals, the Governing Body did not agree to the proposal for a Seminar on "Bhakti Movement and Acculturation of the Subalterns" (proposed by Professor S.L. Barua). About proposals at 1 and 4, it was suggested that they may be considered for 1998-99.

Item No.4: To consider and ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body, for awarding Fellowships to Professor Bhim S. Dahiya, and Mrs. Lakshmi Kannan.

The action taken by the Chairman in awarding Fellowships to Professor B.S. Dahiya and Mrs. Lakshmi Kannan was ratified.

Item No.5: To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body, regarding extension of the term of Fellowships of Professor Sushil Chaudhury, Dr. Mahasweta Chaudhury and Dr. Udaya Kumar, Fellows.

The action taken by the Chairman in extending the terms of Fellowship of Professor Sushil Chaudhury, Dr. Mahasweta Chaudhury, and Dr. Udaya Kumar was ratified.

Item No.6: To consider the request of Fellows for extension of the terms of their Fellowships.

The terms of Fellowship of the Fellows mentioned below were extended as under:-

- (i) Professor P.R.S. Sharma (from 16.4.1997 to 15.4.1998);
- (ii) Dr. Som P. Ranchan (from 2.4.1997 to 1.4.1998);
- (iii) Mr. Chidananda Das Gupta (from 5.12.1996 to 4.9.1997); and
- (iv) Ms. Krishna Sobti (from 6.3.1997 to 5.9.1999).

The Governing Body authorised the Chairman to take action on the requests from Dr. O.C. Handa and Dr. Subrata Kumar Acharya for extension of their terms of Fellowship after the evaluation reports on their work have been received.

Item No.7: To ratify action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body, in approving the tentative publication programme under the proposed ~~scheme~~ ~~for a~~ Centre for the Study of Indian Civilization.

The Governing Body approved the proposed publication programme under the Centre for the Study of Indian Civilization.

It also suggested the inclusion of the name of Professor U.R. Anantha Murthy, President, Sahitya Akademi, on the Publication Committee already set up by the Director.

Item No.8: To consider a proposal for introducing short courses at the Institute in the area of Indian Civilization and Culture meant primarily for visitors from abroad.

The Governing Body approved the proposal for introducing short courses on aspects of Indian Civilization and Culture, meant primarily for visitors from abroad. It was suggested that the courses may begin in 1997 and that it would be useful, in this connection, to write to the Centre for American Studies in Jawaharlal Nehru University and to the embassies of different countries located in New Delhi. The Governing Body also approved the courses proposed for 1997 which are: (i) Religions of India; (ii) Arts in India; and (iii) Tribes in India.

Item No.9: To consider and approve the termination of Fellowship of Dr. Satya Sheel Pachori.

The Governing Body decided to cancel the offer of Fellowship made to Dr. Satya Sheel Pachori, and decided that steps should be taken to recover the money already paid by the Institute to Dr. Pachori.

Item No.10: To consider the co-publication of Institute's books with commercial publishers.

The various proposals received for joint publication of the monographs by Dr. V.C. Ohri and Dr. Karuna Goswamy, former Fellows of the Institute were considered and the Director was authorised to take a decision on co-publication on terms and conditions most favourable to the Institute.

Item No.11: To consider the proposal to invite Dr. L.M. Khubchandani as Visiting Professor during the year 1997.

The proposal to invite Dr. L.M. Khubchandani as Visiting Professor during the year 1997 was approved.

Item No.12: To consider the recommendations of the Fiftyfourth meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31 October 1996, along with the comments received from the Ministry vide letter No.F.19-5/96-IFD, dated 1 November 1996.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31 October 1996 were considered and approved with the following comment:-

Regarding item no.6, while accepting the decision of the Finance Committee, the Governing Body suggested that the exact rates in question should be mentioned.

The Governing Body also considered the comments received from the Integrated Finance Division of the Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development on the agenda for the meeting of the Finance Committee and decided that to the extent that they are commensurate with the decisions of the Finance Committee, they can be agreed to.

Item No.13: To consider and approve the draft House Allotment Rules of the Institute.

The Governing Body approved the proposed rules for the allotment of accommodation to its employees.

Item No.14: To consider and approve the composition of the Library Advisory Committee of the Institute.

The Governing Body approved the proposed composition of the Library Advisory Committee.

Item No.15: To consider the deletion of the words "upto 31 December 1994" in respect of the present incumbent holding the post of Senior Personal Assistant to the Chairman, Governing Body, regarding her placement in higher pay scale of Rs.2000-3500 from July 1994.

The Governing Body approved the proposed deletion.

Item No.16: To note and consider the replies of the Ministry on the various proposals already approved by the Governing Body.

The Governing Body considered, at length, the unfavourable replies received from the Government to various proposals already approved by it. It was agreed that this was a matter of serious concern for the autonomy of the Institute.

It was decided that a Committee consisting of members of Governing Body be set up to look into the urgent question of cadre restructuring at the Institute. This committee will also consider all the six items listed on the note to the Agenda Item No.16 as well as other cases, if any, and submit its report to the Governing Body at an early date. The committee will consist of Professor T.R. Natesan, Professor R.P. Kaushik, Professor P.S. Bisen, and Director IIAS.

Item No.17: To consider and approve the draft Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the IIAS Society for the year 1995-96.

The Annual Report and the Audited Accounts of the Institute were considered and approved. It was, however, suggested that this can also be placed before the Governing Body meeting to take place preceding the Annual

General Meeting of the Society.

Item No.18: To receive the Director's Report for year 1996.

The Director presented his report, and it was approved by the Governing Body.


ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Item No.19: To consider the proposal regarding change of designation of the posts of Estate Supervisor and Supervisor.

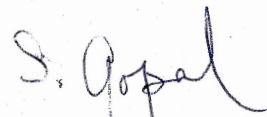
The proposal to redesignate the post of Estate Supervisor as Section Officer in the pay scale of Rs.2000-3500 was approved.

The proposal to redesignate the post of Supervisor in the pay scale of Rs.1200-2040 as Care Taker was approved. It was suggested that the recruitment rules for this post should be immediately framed and the post be filled at the earliest. The suggestion that the post should be filled by an ex-army personnel was approved.

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


(Mrinal Miri)

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