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THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SHIMLA, HELD AT 11.00 A.M., IN ROOM NO. 125, ON THE 13TH MARCH 2007, TUESDAY, IN THE YOJANA BHAWAN, SANSAD MARG, NEW DELHI - 110 001.

Present:

1. Professor B L Mungekar (In Chair).
2. Professor Shakeel Ahmed
3. Shri S K Ray, Financial Adviser in the MHRD

Shri Ajoy Chaudhuri, Secretary, IIAS, also attended the Meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman made it clear to the Finance Committee that this time the Agenda was approved by the Chairman without being approved by the Secretary, as is usually done. The Secretary disputed this statement by saying that this Agenda was prepared by him.

With respect to Chairman's observation that he had approved the agenda without its being approved by the Secretary, Dr. S.K. Goel, Section Officer (Administration) made the following clarification:

On Friday, the 9th March, 2007, between 9.30 AM and 10.00 AM, I went to the Secretary with both the files dealing with Agenda for the

Finance Committee and the Governing Body, requesting him to finally approve the Agenda so that the same could be approved by the Chairman and then could be sent to the Members. The Secretary mentioned that he was not feeling well and he has to go to the hospital and further said that he would approve the Agenda after he is back from the hospital. In the meantime, I got a call from the Chairman's office asking for the Agenda and I mentioned to the Chairman that the Agenda is not yet approved by the Secretary and after he comes back from the hospital and he would approve the Agenda. Then the Chairman asked me to send the Agenda either by fax or e-mail for his approval.

Item No.1: To consider and approve of the minutes of the 77th meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 29th November 2006.

It was resolved that the Minutes be confirmed.

Item No. 2: To consider and approve of the action taken on the minutes of the 77th meeting of the Finance Committee, held on the 29th November 2006.

It was resolved that the Action Taken Report be approved.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve of the statement of expenditure under Non-Plan and Plan from 01.11.2006 to 28.02.2007.

The expenditure was reviewed and the same was approved.

Item No. 4: To report expenditure incurred on the Cow Shed Building.

It was resolved that a comprehensive background note on this matter may be prepared and brought before the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Item No. 5: To consider the recommendations of the Committee for reviewing all the cases of the Employees who have been given the benefit of ACP Scheme.

It was resolved that in the first instance, the Institute should review all the remaining cases where the benefit of ACP scheme has been given to the employees of the Institute, with reference to the guidelines of the DOPT, and report the matter to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Item No. 6: To consider the proposal regarding re-appropriation of funds between different budgetary heads for the year 2006-07.

The decision of the Chairman, Governing Body, is ratified.

Item No. 7: Any other item(s) with the permission of the Chair.

Supplementary Item No. 1: To consider the matter relating to purchase of books for the Library of the Institute during the current financial year 2006-07.

Last Item on the Agenda of the Finance Committee meeting was purchase of books for the Library for the year 2006-07.

The Chairman said as follows:

The Chairman did not appoint some of the Committees in view of the fact that the Director of the Institute would be appointed very soon. In fact, he mentioned that the panel of candidates has already submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the middle of November, 2006.

The purchase of books for the Library has been provided with the amount of Rs.65 lakh for the current financial year. In order to make the

procedure perfectly transparent, the Chairman in consultation with the Secretary, Incharge Librarian and other concerned persons decided to write to the Libraries of a few reputed Universities to give the information about the books they have purchased for their libraries on various topics during the last six months. It could help us to decide our preferences and choices, subject to verifying whether these books are available in our library.

It was also unanimously decided to request subject experts of broad disciplines to help us in suggesting the books to be purchased keeping in view the requirements of the Institute which is multi-disciplinary in nature. Accordingly, the following experts were requested and letters were sent by the Secretary.

1. Prof. Yogendra Yadav, CSDS, Delhi - Political Science
2. Prof. Satish Deshpande, Delhi University - Sociology
3. Prof. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman ICPR - Philosophy &
Psychology
4. Prof. S.K. Thorat, Chairman, UGC - Economics
5. Prof. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Member, GB, IIAS- History
6. Ms. Geeta Kapoor, Former Fellow, IIAS - Art
7. Prof. Malashri Lal, Delhi University - Literature
8. Dr. Ratna Lahri, Former Fellow, IIAS - Hindi

Responding to our request, the following experts made it convenient to remain present at the Delhi Guest House of IIAS, where reputed booksellers and publishers were called along with the titles.

The following experts actually attended the selection process from 12th to 16th and 19th February, 2007.

1. Prof. Yogendra Yadav, CSDS, Delhi - Political Science
2. Prof. Satish Deshpande, Delhi University - Sociology
3. Prof. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman ICPR - Philosophy & Psychology
4. Prof. Malashri Lal, Delhi University - Literature
5. Dr. Ratna Lahri, Former Fellow, IIAS - Hindi
6. Prof. Vijaya Swami in place of Prof. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Member, GB, IIAS- History

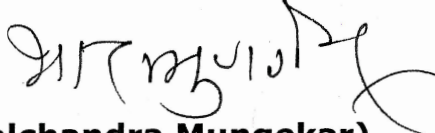
Professor B.L. Mungekar being from the discipline of Economics, he suggested the titles for the subject of economics.

When the issue of the Library was discussed and the Chairman raised his voice, the Secretary Mr. Ajoy Choudhury stood up and asked the Chairman not to raise his voice. The Chairman brought to his notice that this is blatant act of insubordination.

The Secretary desired that books should not be purchased till a new Director and a regular Librarian join the Institute.

After the discussions, it was resolved that the matter may be referred to the Governing Body for a decision on the matter.

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


(Bhalchandra Mungekar)
Chairman
13.3.2007