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MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIRST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY, HELD AT 10.15 A.M. ON 25 JANUARY 1997 AT THE INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, NEW DELHI.

Members present

1. Professor J.S. Bajaj (in Chair)
2. Professor A.S. Desai
3. Professor T.R. Natesan
4. Professor P.S. Bisen
5. Professor Pradeep Khandwalla
6. Professor R.P. Kaushik
7. Shri P.R. Dasgupta
8. Shri S. Sathyamoorthi
9. Professor Mrinal Miri

The Director informed that Professor S. Gopal has conveyed his inability to attend the meeting. At the request of the Director and other members present, Professor J.S. Bajaj agreed to chair the meeting.

Before taking up the agenda, the Director introduced to the Governing Body Dr. K.J.S. Chatrath, who has recently joined the Institute as its Secretary.

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Agenda to be taken up was then adopted and thereafter taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1 : To consider the minutes of the Ninetieth Meeting of the Governing Body held at Chennai on 20 December 1996.

The minutes were considered and Item No. 8 as well as Item No. 16 of the minutes were taken up for discussion. The Governing Body then took the following decisions:

- (i) Relating to 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"), it was decided to defer consideration of this item.
- (ii) Relating to Item No. 16 ("to note and consider the replies of the Ministry on the various proposals already approved by the Governing Body") it was decided that:
 - (a) the proposal for setting up of a committee for cadre restructuring may be deferred till the report of the Fifth Pay Commission has been made available;

2 * At the outset the Director informed the members that although annual including audited statement of accounts report and Director's report were endorsed at the meeting held on 20.12.96, it was decided that these items, along with any other items discussed in the meeting on 20.12.96, may again be taken up as part of agenda on 25.1.97 with this as the background.

(b) the Grievance Committee of the Institute should be reactivated; and

(c) efforts should be made to sort out the proposals by personal discussions by the officers of the Institute with the Ministry.

Subject to the above decisions, the minutes of the Ninetieth Meeting of the Governing Body were approved.

Item No. 2 : To reconsider the Annual Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 1995-96.

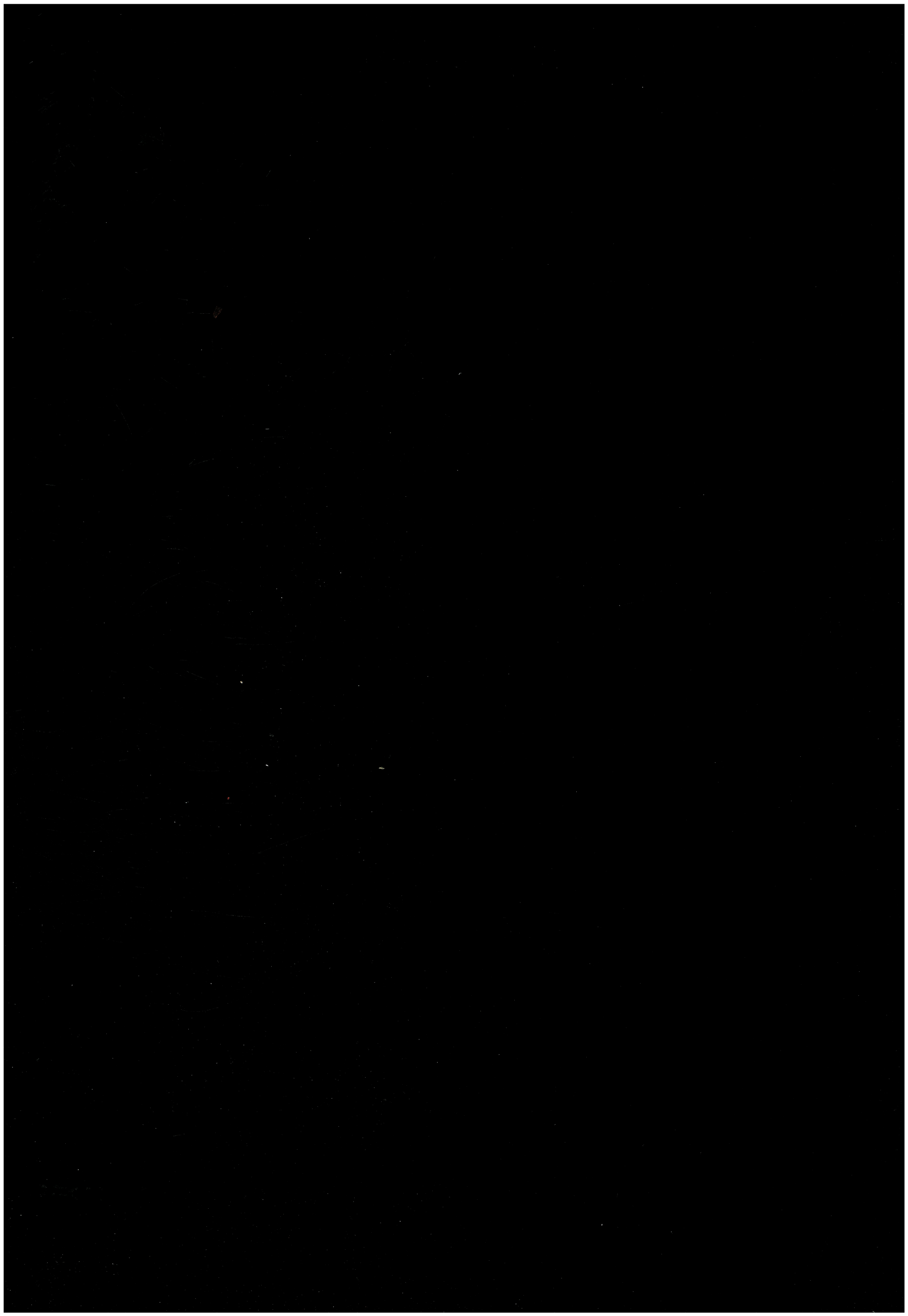
The Governing Body considered the Draft Annual Report of the Society for the year 1995-96, including the audited statement of accounts and made the following observations:

- (i) Action should be taken for clearing the pending audit objections, including physical verification of stock of library, and stores.
- (ii) Institute may consider adopting the format of the classification sheet in use in Manipal Deemed University.
- (iii) Last year's figures should be mentioned on the left hand side of the statement against each item for appreciating the position at a glance.
- (iv) Expenditure of Rs. 1.33 lakhs for getting the audit conducted by Accountant General, Himachal Pradesh, was considered high. The Institute may negotiate with the Accountant General for reduction in the audit fee - if necessary, by reducing the number of approved working days - keeping in view the kind of Institute and the type of its activities.
- (v) Administrative expenses should be kept to the minimum. In computing the administrative expenses, overtime allowance/rates, rents and taxes and all other administrative expenses should be considered.

The Governing Body noted with appreciation the achievements of the publication programme of the Institute. This, the members noted, was an indication of the extent to which the Institute was able to reach out to the academic community at large.

The Draft Annual Report, including the Audited Statement of Accounts was approved, subject to taking action on the observations above.

After the above agenda items were completed, with the permission of the Chair, the Director informally introduced the correspondence between the Secretary, Department of Education, Government of India, and Chairman



of the Governing Body regarding exploring the possibilities of shifting of the Institute from Rashtrapati Nivas.

The Governing Body felt that as the letter of the Chairman, Governing Body, Professor S. Gopal, to the Secretary (Education) is still unresponded, no further action is called for by the ~~Institute~~ ^{Governing body} at this stage.

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

Mrinal Miri

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