

MINUTES OF THE 29^{TH} MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ROURKELA HELD AT 11.00 A.M. ON 26.09.2014 (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE OF HALL, HOTEL SWASTI PREMIUM, BHUBANESWAR.

Members Present:

1.	Sri B. S. Sudhir Chandra Ex-Director (Project & Planning) & Chairman, BOG, NIT, Rourkela, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd 3rd Floor, BMTC Complex K.H.Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore.		Chairman
2.	Prof. Sunil Kr Sarangi Director National Institute of Technology Rourkela -769 008 (Odisha).		Member
3.	Mr. Rajesh Singh Solanki Under Secretary, Government of India Dept. of Secondary & Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Sashtri Bhavan, New Delhi		Representative of AS
4.	Shri Rajesh Singh Director, Finance MHRD, Government of India Dept. of Higher Education Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 015		Representative of F.A.
5.	Prof. (Ms.) Rintu Banerjee Professor, Agriculture & Food Engineering IIT, Kharagpur.		Member
6.	Prof. S. C Mohanty, Associate Professor, ME N.I.T., Rourkela.		Member
7.	Er. S. K. Upadhyay, Registrar N.I.T., Rourkela.		Member Secretary
Members absent:			

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Nil.

F.C-29(2014)-01: Welcome to the members by the Chairman.

Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting. Chairman congratulated Prof. Rintu Banerjee for receiving "Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award" for outstanding contribution in the area of Agricultural Sciences, 2013 from ICAR.

F.C-29(2014)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.06.2014 at Bhubaneswar.

The minutes of the 28th Meeting of the FC were sent to the members vide letter No.NITR/RG/BOG-41/362, dt:26.06.2014. No comments have been received from any members.

The FC confirmed the minutes.

F.C-29(2014)-03: To report on the Action Taken on the minutes of 28th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.06.2014 at NIT, Rourkela.

The report on the action taken on the decisions made in the 28th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.06.2014 was presented for FC's consideration.

The FC noted the above.

[Annexure- A1, Pg.5]

F.C-29(2014)-04: To approve the Budget for the year 2015 -16 and revised estimate for the year 2014-15.

The budget proposal for the financial year 2015-16 and revised Estimate for the year 2014-15 were put up for consideration of the FC.

The FC approved the proposal and directed the following:

A comprehensive proposal of the revised estimate for 2014 15 shall be sent to MHRD for consideration of additional

grant.

2) The "on going" projects should be completed and no new project will be taken up in the current financial year except a few essential constructions as approved by FC & BOG.

[Annexure- A2, Pg. No.6- 41]

F.C-29(2014)-05: Annual Report for the year 2013 -14.

The Draft Annual Report for the year 2013 - 2014 of the Institute was put up on the table for consideration by FC.

The FC considered the proposal and recommended to BOG for approval.

[Annexure- A3, Pg No. is attached separately]

F.C-29(2014)-06: Discussion on the Draft CAG Audit Certificate cum Audit Report on the Accounts of the Institute for the year 2013- 2014.

The Draft CAG Audit Certificate cum Audit Report on the Accounts of the Institute for the year 2013-2014 of the Institute was put up for consideration by FC.

The FC considered the proposal and recommended to BOG for approval.

[Annexure- A4, Pg. No. 42 - 49]

F.C-29(2014)-07: Financial Status of The Institute.

The Financial status of the Institute is given the Annexure. As on 01.08.2014, there is a 'negative balance' on 'Plan and Non-Plan Account' of Rs.78.42 crores and Rs. 13.86 crores respectively. It is proposed that to carry out the construction work and to meet the expenses towards M. Tech and Ph.D. stipend of the students. MHRD may consider a special grant of Rs.200 crores immediately in addition to the amount already sanctioned.

- 1) A comprehensive proposal of the revised estimate for 2014-15 shall be sent to MHRD for consideration of additional grant.
- 2) The 'on going projects' should be completed and no new project will be taken up in the current financial year except a few essential constructions as approved by FC & BOG.

The FC was informed that the process of selection of architect by a duly constituted expert committee has been completed, and that M/s INFORM Architects of Bangalore have qualified for all 4 items following the "Cost- cum-Quality" approach.

The FC accepted the recommendation and recommended to the BOG for acceptance.

The FC felt that in view of:

- a) The urgency of completing the 'Planning & Architecture Building' within the time limit committed to the council of Architecture.
- b) The iconic nature of the 'Planning and Architecture Building' that needs a contractor of superior skill, experience and professional competence, and

- c) The economy resulting from using 2012 cost estimates employed in the present contract.
- d) The estimated cost of the 'Planning & Architecture Building' being accommodated (which will be trivial at about 5% of the present contract value) economy achieved in the existing buildings construction, it will serve a serious public purpose if the construction of 'Planning & Architecture Building' is included in the present contract given to M/s Shapurji Pallonji & Co.
- 3) The FC however, felt that advice of CPWD at Bhubaneswar may be taken to ascertain the legality of such a step and the procedure for adoption in the special case.
- 4) The overall deviation on this count must be within the prescribed limit of the overall contract.

[Annexure- A5, Pg. No. 50 - 51]

F.C-29 (2014)-08: Proposal for New Academic Building as approved by the BWC.

BWC vide resolution No.BWC:22 (2013)-06: dt.06.08.2014 had recommended some new project proposals for consideration of the FC as given below:

1. Providing Wooden Bulkheads to existing AC units in all rooms and dining halls in South & North Guest House.

Central AC units have been installed during Phase – I project in all the 50 rooms and dining halls of South & North Guest Houses. However, bulkhead enclosures in these existing AC units have not been provided and units are exposed. For aesthetic reasons, it is therefore proposed to provide wooden ply bulkheads to all the existing AC units of South & North Guest Houses.

This will cost about **Rs. 7.0 Lakhs**.

The FC approved the proposal.

2. Construction of Boundary Wall around 5MLD Water Treatment Plant.

Construction of the new 5MLD Water Treatment Plant is planned to be completed within few months. However, the construction of the compound wall around the plant is not included the scope of the present contract. For security reasons, it is now necessary to take up the construction of the compound wall with a gate on priority basis (sketch enclosed). The length of the compound wall will be about 400.0 m. This will cost **Rs.21.53 Lakh** (Details enclosed).

The FC approved the proposal.

3. Review of Selection of Architects for Important Buildings.

The BOG vide resolution No BOG-40(2014)- 05, dt. 09.05.2014, on the recommendation of the Finance committee has approved the proposal to take up the following important works.

- 1) Planning & Architecture Building
- 2) 120 Seated Married students' Hostel
- 3) Construction of Boundary Wall and Building NIT, Rourkela Extension Center at Bhubaneswar.
- In addition to the above buildings, earlier it was approved by BOG vide resolution No BOG-38(2014)- 05, dt.17.01.2014, to take up Renovation of Existing Academic Buildings on priority.
- Hence, the selection of Architects will be done for the four buildings/ items out of the followings Architects who were qualified for the Major Projects (Phase III) and also who have worked for the Institute in the past.:
 - 1) M/s Jay Ambe Ground Designers Pvt Ltd, Ahmedabad
- 2) M/s Arch-en Design, New Delhi
- 3) ENARCH Consultants (P) Ltd., Noida, New Delhi
- 4) M/s Suresh Goel & Associates, Nw Delhi
- 5) M/s Development Architects Pvt Ltd., Kolkata
- 6) M/s DDF Consultants Pvt Ltd., New Delhi
- 7) M/s Mukesh Associates, Solem, Tamil Nadu
- 8) M/s Inform Architects, Bangalore
- 9) M/s BOSE BROTHERS ARCHITECTS, Kolkata
- 10) M/s Vastukar Architects, Bhubaneswar
- 11) M/s Space Arch, Bhubaneswar
- 12) M/s Design Techno, Bhubaneswar
- They have been asked to submit Conceptual plan for each of the buildings and participate in the presentation. The selection will be done based as quality cum cost basis. The last date of receipt of Conceptual plan has been kept on 04.08.2014 and the presentation date on 16.08.2014.

The FC noted the above. M/s Inform Architects, Bangalore has been recommended by the committee for the above project.

4. Construction of (1) Planning & Architecture Building (2) Married Students' Hostel (3) Bhubaneswar Extension Centre (4) Renovation of Existing Buildings.

The BWC was informed that in view of the budget crunch, all new project proposals have been put on hold; but the above four projects have been approved by the BOG in view of their urgency.

The BWC reviewed the progress of the architectural competition and approved the composition of expert committee given in Annexure. The Committee authorized the Chairman to approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee and recommend to BOG for award of consultancy contract as per their recommendation.

It was further felt that the two buildings - that of Planning & Architecture and the Married students' Hostel are small structures compared to the present contract with M/s Shapoorji Pallonji and are of same nature. The cost involved can be accommodated within the safety margin of the estimate of the ongoing work plus permissible deviation.

The BWC recommends to BOG to approve inclusion of the two buildings costing less than **Rs.45 Crores** in the existing contract, if M/s Shapoorji Pallonji agrees to work at the original rate without asking for escalation. Time extension up to one year may be given if requested. If permitted by the BOG, the institute may discuss with M/s Shapoorji Pallonji regarding other terms and conditions. The other two contracts will be put on tender after receiving BOG approval.

The FC considered the proposal and directed the following:

- 1) Only the Planning & Architecture Building should be considered.
- 2) The proposal should be sent to CPWD for clarification on procedure and legal issues.
- 3) Since civil construction of M/s Shapoorji Pallonji is going on which is likely to be completed soon. Chairman, BOG was authorized to approve the proposal after receiving reply from CPWD which may be reported in the next meeting.

[Annexure-A6, Page No.52 - 72]

F.C-29 (2014)-09: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

ii. Proposal for Transfer of surplus funds from CCB-2012 and CSAB 2013 to corpus fund of the Institute.

NIT Rourkela had the opportunity of hosting the JEE counselling for two years- Admission year 2012 and Admission Year 2013. All transactions of CCB-2012 are over, and those of CSAB-2013 are nearly complete. Audited Accounts Statement has been submitted to MHRD and CBSE. Arrear dues to the tune of Rs. 4 crore (approximate) is expected to be received from CBSE.

Accounts of CSAB-2013 are under preparation, and the same will be submitted to MHRD and CBSE shortly. Another Rs.4 crores (approx) is also expected to be received from CBSE on this account. Pending expenses include approximately Rs.0.5 crore towards reimbursement of student deposits and, if so directed by the Central Government, 1.2 crores towards refund of 50% dues paid by private colleges of Uttara Pradesh. There are no pending court cases, and none is anticipated. However if any such case appears in future, the institute will meet the legal expenses.

The total surplus from CCB 2012 and CSAB-2013 are expected to be between Rs. 14 and 16 crores. It is proposed to transfer this amount in two installments to the Institute corpus fund.

It is further proposed that in the short run, the plan grant may take a loan from the Corpus fund to this extent and meet essential academic expenditure (e.g. opening of L. C. For procurement of Transmission Electron Microscope and grants for product development by faculty and students) which are being delayed, waiting for grants to be received from the Ministry.

Finance Committee and BOG are requested to approve receipt of the surplus funds from CCB-2012 and CSAB-2013 and deposit on Institute Corpus Fund. BOG is further requested to permit temporary loan of money from Institute Corpus Fund to institute plan grant for facilitating procurement of TEM (already approved by BOG) and meeting other essential academic expenses, particularly towards product oriented research. On receipt of plan funds from ministry, the money is to be returned to Corpus grant. If enough money does not come from the Ministry under plan head, the expenditure will be met from the Corpus Fund.

The FC approved the proposal.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

(S.K. Upadhyay) Registrar and Secretary Finance Committee, NIT, Rourkela (B. S. Sudhir Chandra) Chairman Finance Committee, NIT Rourkela