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Subject: Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Steering Committee for new NIPERs held on 7.10.09 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pharma).

A copy of the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Steering Committee for new NIPERs held on 7.10.2009 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pharma) is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

It is requested that action taken on relevant items may kindly be intimated to this Department.

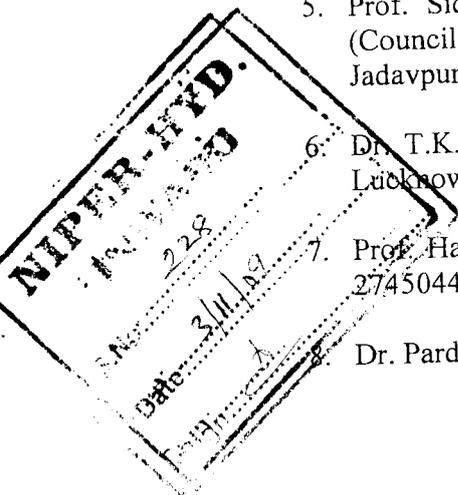
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Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Steering Committee for new NIPERs held on 7th October 2009 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pharma).

The meeting of the Steering Committee for new NIPERs was held on 7.10.09 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pharma);

List of participants is at annex.

2. After the introductions, Secretary (Pharma) at the very outset apprised all the participants that the Cabinet had approved:

- i) Running of the 6 new NIPERs as per present arrangements for another two years.
- ii) Launching of the PhD programme and
- iii) The appointment of a regular Director in each new NIPER.
- iv) To start core infrastructural activities.

He welcomed the sole representative of a State Govt. viz. Shri Sujit Gulati, the Industries Commissioner, Govt. of Gujarat.

Shri Arun Jha, Joint Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals then took up the agenda items.

3. Agenda item I - The minutes of the 4th meeting held on 23.3.09 were confirmed.

4. Agenda items 2 to 14

Land Allotment

4.1 NIPER Guwahati

4.1.1 NIPER Guwahati was still to get land for the approach road. Secretary said this had to be achieved within the next one month. A letter was to go to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam. He also apprised the participants of CIPET's reluctance to act as co-mentor institute for NIPER and the need to make alternate arrangements. He mooted the proposal to entrust the construction work to NPCC, and to start with the fencing work. The proposal was adopted.

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- 4.1.2 Secretary (Pharma), referring to Dr. Bhutani's survey report on the Herbal wealth of Bihar, apprised the participants of the proposal to set up a National Centre for Phytomedicines in Guwahati, which was adopted.
- 4.1.3 Secretary (Pharma) also apprised the participants of the proposal for starting a National Centre for Herbal Medicine & Natural Products at NIPER, Hajipur with a sub centre at Ranchi in collaboration with the proposed centre of Phytomedicines at Guwahati. These would provide the necessary linkages between NIPERs at Guwahati, Hajipur & Ranchi and would serve the hinterland of Assam, Jharkhand & Hajipur, Patna. The proposals were adopted.

4.2 NIPER Hajipur

Dr. P. Das, Project Director, NIPER, Hajipur desired a decision regarding mode of taking over of 12.43 acres of land and building allotted for NIPER, Hajipur by Government of Bihar. Secretary (Pharma) was of the view that the land should be taken on long lease (90 years) and once the land and building are taken over we could go in for permanent transfer. Secretary (Pharma) emphasized the fact that in Hajipur, it would be necessary to go in for vertical expansion. Dr. Das was of the view that a consultant could be appointed for the construction work. As their experience with NBCC was not satisfactory, it was decided to approach the NPCC in the matter as per the applicable rules & norms.

4.3 NIPER, Rae Bareli

As there has been no progress in obtaining land in Rae Bareli, Secretary decided that a meeting be convened with the authorities of ITI Ltd, Bangalore.

4.4 NIPER, Kolkata

As there has been no progress even after Secretary's letter to Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of West Bengal, it was decided to address the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal in the matter.

4.5 NIPER, Ahmedabad

Project Director, Dr. Padh intimated that fencing of allotted land is complete. They have also obtained electricity connection for which a two room construction had also to be done.

4.6 PPP Model

4.6.1 A thorough discussion was held on the PPP model. Secretary (Pharma) set the ball rolling by observing that the Union Cabinet was keen on developing the NIPERs on the PPP model and that he had given them the assurance that the PPP model with major private participation could be explored for the NIPERs at Ahmedabad and Hyderabad. Several models were discussed – one where the private partner would be able to provide only services before and after the normal working hours of the Institute, another model where they would also be permitted to run diploma/certificate courses, etc.

4.6.2 Whatever the model, Secretary (Pharma) observed that it would be necessary to keep the following issues within the control of Government of India viz.

- (1) Director of the Institute will be appointed by the GOI;
- (2) Chief of Finance will be from the Government;
- (3) The streams for which classes will be conducted and the number of students will be decided by NIPER and Govt. of India.
- (4) Curriculum to be set by NIPER
- (5) Admission through JEE to be conducted and evaluated by NIPER
- (6) Examinations would be held and degree awarded by NIPER.

These steps were to ensure that involvement of a private partner did not dilute standards.

4.6.3 Secretary (Pharma) requested Director, NIPER Mohali to furnish details of facilities / buildings available with them so that they could serve as a model for finalization of EOI with private partner for Ahmedabad & Hyderabad.

4.6.4 It was decided to entrust only basic infrastructure (classrooms, equipped Labs and Hostels) to be developed by the private partner so that the initial investment by the private partner will not appear to be too large. While inviting EOI it was decided to ask for options regarding running of courses and fee structure and on development of facilities as to whether they would be interested in taking up basic infrastructure only. In this connection, all NIPERs were requested to furnish the optimum requirement for:

- Lab equipments
- Lab facilities
- Type of courses to be started with number of students

4.7 Integrated Courses at UG Level

4.7.1 There was discussion on the launching of integrated 5 years courses at the undergraduate level after the + 2 stage. Secretary (Pharma) was strongly in favor of such integrated courses and cited the example of National Law School, Bangalore. Integrated courses would provide quality feeder grade for the Masters courses and also produce quality graduates, into the market. To begin with he said that 50 seats out of the total seats could be reserved for such integrated courses. Though some reservations were expressed regarding catering to UG students affecting the research oriented work of NIPERs, the idea was generally welcomed- Director, NIPER SAS Nagar along with Dr. K. K. Bhutani, Coordinator for all NIPERs, were requested to frame a curriculum for the same.

4.7.2 Project Director, NIPER Kolkata wanted to hold their 1st Convocation for award of degrees and wanted directions as to how to go about it in the absence of a Senate and BOG. Secretary (Pharma) wanted that NIPER Kolkata would submit a formal proposal in this regard to the Deptt for vetting by NIPER, Mohali and clearance- accordingly by the Department.

4.7.3 Thereafter there was a power point presentation by Dr. K. K. Bhutani on his Survey Report on the Herbal Wealth of Bihar. Dr. Bhutani was requested to develop proposals as at para 4.1 above.

4.8 Budget:

Agenda items 3 to 9, 11 & 12, flowed from the several observations made by IFD when grant files were processed. FA observed that Norms for expenditure needed to be decided for uniformity among all the NIPERs. For this FA has fixed a meeting on 16.10.09 at 11.00 A.M. where these issues will be discussed with all the NIPERs. For the time being the classification of expenditure being followed by NIPER, Mohali could be followed. NIPER Kolkata specifically raised the issue of late receipt of 1st installment of grant. Secretary did not see any problem in releasing 20% of the approved budget of the previous year in the month of April itself. FA observed that as the plan budget (RE) is finalized by October/November, there should be no problem in this regard. Also that the Budget Circular had already been circulated and

all NIPERs would give their requirements for RE 2009-10 as prescribed therein. The next release for 2009-10 will be in Oct 09 & final release may be made in Nov. 2009.

4.9 Procurement of equipment:

The following position was reported:

NIPER Guwahati: Not in a position to procure equipment. Only essential equipments have been procured.

NIPER Hajipur: equipments worth Rs. 50.00 lakhs are waiting to be procured

NIPER Rae Bareli: are having problems of space for keeping the equipment. They were advised to make another floor on the existing building.

NIPER Kolkata: Hiring of accommodation at Salt Lake City was not found feasible. Hence NIPER Kolkata was advised to work out some alternate arrangement.

NIPER Ahmedabad: have not purchased the required equipment as they are waiting for release of the entire budget claimed. However, they have earlier procured equipments of around Rs. 50 lakhs.

NIPER Hyderabad: have purchased equipment worth Rs. 50 lakhs.

4.10 Short Term Courses

Secretary invited all NIPERs to share their achievements, with regard to launching of short term courses.

NIPER Guwahati Short-term courses of Natural Products. Dr. Deka wanted to first have a curriculum. Dr. Bhutani stated that he had already sent the curriculum. Dr. Deka assured that he would start the courses. Dr. Bhutani would render assistance, if any required.

NIPER Hajipur Dr. Das assured that he would be launching the short term courses on Clinical Research by Jan 2010. He wanted certain clarifications whether approval of an Ordinance was

required. It was clarified that this was not required. He also wanted to know if the short term courses could be add on courses for the regular students. It was clarified that this was not possible. He also stated that it would not be possible to run a residential course and hence the intake will be reduced. He was also advised to visit NIPER Ahmedabad.

NIPER Rae Bareli

Dr. Dikshit said that he had submitted 2 proposals one on IPR and the other on Toxicology for a duration of 15-20 days. Position in this regard to be checked in the Deptt and NIPER Mohali. He said that he would be able to launch the courses in Dec. 2009.

NIPER Kolkata

referred to the problem of space.

NIPER Ahmedabad

Proposals for 3 courses are ready and will be sent to the Ministry soon and they would be starting the courses in Dec. 09. It was decided that short term course on Medical Devices also to be started in Dec. 09. This would be a 3 months course. NIPER, Ahmedabad may interact with concerned in AIIMS & IIT Delhi to device course structure.

NIPER Hyderabad

Dr. Ahmed Kamal stated that except for the course on Clinical Research, there was no response to the other short term courses. He said that the courses on Clinical Research & Instrumentation were slated to start by Dec. 2009.

4.11 PhD Programme

Secretary (Pharma) stated that as the Union Cabinet had approved the starting of the PhD programme, there should now be an academic Sub Committee of the Steering Committee. It will be headed by Dr. Rama Rao. Dr. Bhutani as Coordinator for all the new NIPERs will also be a member of the Committee. NIPER Ahmedabad, Hajipur, Hyderabad & Guwahati expressed their readiness to start the PhD programme. This Sub Committee could meet immediately on 16.10.09 after the meeting with AS & FA. Each of the four NIPERs will make a presentation covering the following issues:

- Existing facilities
- Guides
- Areas for research
- Equipments required
- Chemicals if any to be sourced from abroad
- Animal House facility

Secretary (Pharma) suggested that Animal house facility, if required, can also be extended by NIPER, Mohali.

4.12 Faculty

Guidelines for appointment of faculty were to be obtained from NIPER, Mohali. This could be circulated in the meeting slated for 16.10.09.

4.13 Placement

Secretary (Pharma) wanted to be apprised of the placement position. The following position was reported:

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| NIPER Guwahati | - | No batch has come out. |
| NIPER Hajipur | - | Out of 29 students, 18 were placed including 2 in the USA |
| NIPER Kolkata | - | Out of 29 students, 23 were placed |
| NIPER Rae Bareli | - | Out of 20 students who are going to pass out, 18 have already been placed. |
| NIPER Ahmedabad | - | Reported 75% placement. Secretary (Pharma) observed that NIPER Ahmedabad, being in the industrial area, should have a better placement record. |
| NIPER Hyderabad | - | out of 45 students, 35 were placed. |
| NIPER SAS Nagar | - | For MBA placement was 100% and for others 75%. |

Secretary (Pharma) stated that efforts will be made to get fellowships for students from NIPER Guwahati, NIPER Hajipur & NIPER Rae Bareli. For the others, industry sponsorship could be explored.

4.14 Dr. Bhutani's Report on performance of new NIPERs

Dr. Bhutani stated that after the last inspection, the reports are coming in regularly, Secretary (Pharma) appealed to all the Project Directors, not to view Dr. Bhutani's comments as criticism. Whatever constructive could be done should be addressed. He suggested an inter NIPER inspection team comprising of Dr. Bhutani and another person from any other NIPER. A new format for the purpose will be provided by Dr. Bhutani.

Secretary (Pharma) requested all the Project Directors to extend all help to Dr. Bhutani as he is a representative of the Ministry.

4.15 With regard to appointment of fulltime Directors for new NIPERs, Secretary (Pharma) observed that the Search Committee will have one representative of the DoP in addition to academics/experts. The present incumbents may also be considered for appointment as Director. A Search Committee to this effect would be constituted as per rule shortly.

Secretary (Pharma) further observed that till such time and even after the appointment of Directors the relationship with Mentor Institutes will continue.

4.16 Items relating to financial issues (agenda items 3 to 9, 11 & 12) will be further discussed in the meeting to be taken by AS&FA on 16.10.09.

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

List of Participants in the 5th meeting of the Steering Committee held on Monday the 7th October 2009 at 11.00 am in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Shri Arun Jha, Joint Secretary
Smt. Asha Rungta, Director, (Finance)
Shri R.C. Jha, Director
Smt. Jacinta Jose, Under Secretary

State Government

Shri Sujit Gulati, Industries Commissioner, Govt. of Gujarat

NIPER, SAS Nagar, Mohali

Prof. P. Rama Rao, Director
Prof. K.K. Bhutani Coordinator, New NIPERs

NIPER, Ahmedabad

Prof. Harish Padh, Project Director, NIPER, Ahmedabad

NIPER, Hajipur

Prof. Pradeep Das, Project Director, NIPER, Hajipur
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