



Minutes/ 24th BOG/ NITA
25th August 2012

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AGARTALA
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**MINUTES OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD ON 25th AUGUST 2012**

At Conference Room of NIT Transit House

The 24th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on August 25, 2012 at 12:30 pm in the Conference Room of NIT Transit House, Kunjaban, Agartala.

Prof. P. N. Singh, Chairman of the Board of Governors (BOG), NIT, Agartala, presided over the meeting and introduced the new Registrar (I/C), Mr. Sumanta Chakrabarti to the members of the Board of Governors (BOG).

The following members were present in the meeting :

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| (1) | Prof. P. N. Singh | : | Chairman, BOG of NIT Agartala. |
| (2) | Prof. P. K. Bose | : | Member, Director of NIT, Agartala |
| (3) | Shri Shailendra Kumar | : | Dy. Secretary (Technical Bureau)
MHRD, Govt. of India. (Representative
of Joint Secretary (Tech), MHRD, Govt.
of India). |
| (4) | Shri Satpal Sharma | : | Under Secretary, IFD, MHRD, Govt. of
India (Representative of Financial
Advisor, MHRD, Govt. of India) |
| (5) | Prof. Nitindra Nath Som | : | Member, Former Professor of Jadavpur
University. |
| (6) | Prof. Sekhar Datta | : | Member, Professor of Tripura Institute of
Technology. |
| (7) | Shri P. N. Das | : | Member, Representing Faculty, NIT,
Agartala. |
| (8) | Shri Sumanta Chakrabarti | : | Secretary, Registrar (I/C), NIT, Agartala |

Dr. Bindu Dey, Advisor of Biotechnology, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India and Shri Tridip Chakraborty, Principal, Women's Polytechnic, Government of Tripura, could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman and the Director welcomed Shri Shailendra Kumar, Dy. Secretary, MHRD and Shri Satpal Sharma, Under Secretary, MHRD and also the other members of the BOG.

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The Chairman then invited the Director and the Registrar to initiate discussion on agenda items.

Item No. 24.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 23rd Board of Governors Meeting.

The minutes of the 23rd Board of Governors meeting of NIT Agartala, held on May 20th 2012 were circulated to all Members for comments/observations. The Minutes of the 23rd BOG was confirmed with the following observations :

The recommendation of the 19th Finance Committee meeting held on 25th August, 2012, as regards to Sports Complex and purchase of Vehicles are noted, and be taken for consideration for further action.

Item No. 24.2: Action taken on the decision of the 23rd meeting of the Board of Governors held on 20th May 2012.

The Action Taken Report were noted in the meeting with the following observations/suggestions :

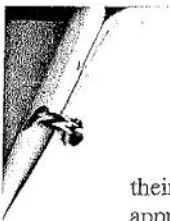
On Agenda Item No.23.4 (Sl. No.2) : The Chairman read out a letter from MHRD No.F.3-12/2010-IFD dated 24th August, 2012, addressed to the Chairman, BOG, by Shri A.N. Jha, Joint Secretary (FA), drawing the attention of the Board about awarding the Work Order for construction of Sports Complex at a cost of Rs.54.108 crores disregarding the prior intimation of this Ministry. It is stated that due to shortage of fund, the MHRD would not be able to support the construction of the proposed Sports Complex in NIT Agartala. MHRD representatives suggested that the work be stopped immediately by withdrawing the Work Order from the contractor.

The majority Members of the Board opined that Sports Complex construction is very much necessary for an Institution like NIT Agartala having the students strength of about 3000 and likely to exceed 4000 or more in a year or so. On careful discussions and having regard of the need of the Sports Complex, the majority of BOG members resolved that despite the apprehension of MHRD and a contrary note on this matter withdrawal of contracts at this moment will create legal problems and unnecessary extra expenditure. Hence, the Works could be completed in a phased manner by prioritizing the sequence of works and limiting the cost to Rs.10 to 15 crores per year and the cost be met from the fund allotted to on-going projects which are behind the time schedule. However, it was not acceptable to MHRD representatives.

After considering all pros and cons and happenings of the fatal accidents of students during the last four years, the majority of Board members resolved to continue the construction of Sports Complex in a phased manner limiting the cost to Rs. 10 to 15 crores per year by prioritizing the work schedule. The MHRD representatives expressed

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their dissent to this decision. The MHRD officials suggested that NIT Agartala should approach the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India to provide necessary fund for this project. Further, the MHRD representatives opined that the works of Sports Complex may be proceeded only after getting no-objection from MHRD and ex-post approval has to be obtained for the expenditure already incurred due to consultancy fees, mobilization cost, work already done and the compensation therein from MHRD.

Item No. 24.3: To consider the recommendation of the Sarangi Committee regarding teachers qualifications, Career Advancement Scheme, recruitment rules etc.

BOG accepted the Sarangi Committee Reports in principle. However, in case of any specific matters related to Pay anomalies, implementation of Career Advancement Scheme and Recruitment Rules, the matter will be placed before the Special Committee constituted by MHRD vide letter No.33-7/2011-TS-III dated March 14, 2012 and decisions of the Special Committee will prevail in such matters.

Item No. 24.4: To consider proposal to pay Special Allowances to Dy. Director, Deans, Associate Dean, Chief Warden and Associate/ Asstt. Warden in NIT Agartala.

BOG approved the proposal and the same be implemented. However a clarification from MHRD on the issue of Associate Deans / Asst. Wardens and Chief Warden be obtained as designations of such functionaries vary from institution to institution though duties and responsibilities are similar in nature.

Item No. 24.5: To consider the superannuation age upto 60 years for all categories of regular Non-Teaching employees of NIT Agartala instead of 58 years.

The BOG approved the proposal as per Government of India orders.

Item No. 24.6: To consider the minutes of 24th Building & Works Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.

The BOG approved the decision taken in the 24th BWC meeting held on August 17, 2012, and accorded administrative approval with the following observations :

1. *Agenda Item 24.3 of 24th BWC meeting* : It was suggested by the MHRD representatives to approach CPWD for taking up the construction of 1500 seat capacity Boys' Hostel with a stipulated conditions for completing the works within eighteen months along with Liquidated Damage clause. If there is a need, the penalty clause for over running agreed time be introduced in the contract. If

CPWD does not comply with such conditions, tendering process as followed by the Institution (NIT Agartala) for other works be adopted. BOG accorded the Administrative Approval for construction of 1500 seat capacity Boys' Hostel.

2. MHRD officials suggested to start e-tendering process in future at least for some items and local NIC centre may be approached for supports.

Item No. 24.7: To consider the minutes of 19th Finance Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.

The BOG approved the decisions taken in the 19th Finance Committee meeting held on August 25, 2012, and accorded financial approval & expenditure sanction.

Item No. 24.8: To consider the contract appointment of Dr. Harwant Singh Chhabra in the Department of MBA, NIT, Agartala and Prof. Saroj Kumar Mukhopadhyay in the Department of Production Engineering.

Regarding contractual appointment, the BOG agreed in principle the proposal and suggested to constitute a Three Member Committee headed by Prof. Nitindra Nath Som and two other members of this Committee will be nominated by the Chairman, BOG. An advertisement for engagement of such faculties is to be floated in the NITA website.

Item No. 24.9: Items approved by the Director or Chairman submitted for ratification of the Board.

Action Taken by the Chairman:

- (A) *The minutes of 18th Finance Committee meeting held on 20th May 2012 at 11 am in the Conference Room of NIT Transit House, Kunjaban, Agartala.*

This item was withdrawn as the proceedings of the 18th Finance Committee has been looked into and confirmed under Item No.24.7.

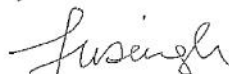
- (B) *To consider the foreign visit by the faculty members.*

Ratified.

Action Taken by the Director:

- (A) *Telephone bill reimbursement facility was extended to the following officers/ staffs of NIT Agartala.*

Ratified and approved the proposal of providing telephone reimbursement facility @ Rs.500/- per month to the Chairman, Library Committee.



Item No. 24.10: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

Addl. Item No. 24.10.1: To consider the recommendations of Selection Committee (for interview) for appointment of Associate Professor and Assistant Professors at NIT, Agartala.

The recommendations made by various interview committees in respect of interviews held on 18th, 19th, and 20th August 2012 at Conference Room of IIT Extension Centre, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, were placed before the Board after opening the sealed envelopes during the meeting. As per recommendations of selection (interview) committees, the Board approved the appointments in sequence, as per available vacancies, with additional increment benefits of the following candidates mentioned against each case:

Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Designation	Remarks
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (As per prescribed Pay Band and GP for Asstt. Prof.):			
1.	Dr. Anirudha Bhattacharya (GEN)	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.7000/- in PB-3 and 11 additional increments.
2.	Sri Shankar Prasad Ghosh (Gen)	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.6000/- in PB-3 with 2 additional increments. On contract basis against permanent vacancy. He can be regularized subject to the completion of Ph. D. within 5 years otherwise increment will be stopped and service will be discontinued. Pay protection as per rules.
3.	Ms Jayashree Das (SC)	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.6000/- in PB-3 with 2 additional increments. On contract basis against permanent vacancy. She can be regularized subject to the completion of Ph. D. within 5 years otherwise increment will be stopped and service will be discontinued. Pay protection as per rules.
4.	Sri Biman Kumar Roy (GEN)	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.6000/- in PB-3 with 2 additional increments. On contract basis against permanent vacancy. He can be regularized subject to the completion of Ph. D. within 5 years otherwise increment will be stopped and service will be discontinued. Pay protection as per rules.
5.	Ms Shova Gupta (GEN)	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.6000/- in PB-3 with 2 additional increments. On contract basis against permanent vacancy.

			She can be regularized subject to the completion of Ph. D. within 5 years otherwise increment will be stopped and service will be discontinued. Pay protection as per rules.
6.	Dr. Subhadeep Bhattacharya	Asstt. Professor	Promoted to PB-3 with AGP Rs. 8000/-.
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS (As per prescribed Pay Band and GP for Asstt. Prof.):			
1.	Dr. Suvra Prakash Mondal	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.7000/- in PB-3 and 11 additional increments.
2.	Dr. Biswajit Saha	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.7000/- in PB-3 and 9 additional increments.
COMPUTER SC. & ENGINEERING (As per prescribed Pay Band and GP for Asstt. Prof.):			
1.	Sri Ashim Saha	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.6000/- in PB-3 with 2 additional increments. On contract basis against permanent vacancy. He can be regularized subject to the completion of Ph. D. within 5 years otherwise increment will be stopped and service will be discontinued. Pay protection as per rules.
MASTERS OF BUSINESS OF ADMINISTRATION (As per prescribed Pay Band and GP for Asstt. Prof.):			
1.	Dr. Anirban Dutta (OBC)	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.7000/- in PB-3 and 7 additional increments.
SCHOOL OF HYDRO INFORMATICS ENGINEERING (As per prescribed Pay Band and GP for Asstt. Prof.):			
1.	Dr. Mrinmoy Majumder	Asstt. Professor	AGP – Rs.7000/- in PB-3 and 11 additional increments.
Department of Chemical Engineering (As per prescribed Pay Band and GP for Asstt. Prof.):			
1.	Dr. Ajoy Manna	Asstt. Professor	The BOG approved the proposal to engage Dr. Ajoy Manna as Assistant Professor in the AGP – Rs.7000/- in PB-3 with 9 additional increments.
Department of Electrical Engineering			
<i>To run the academic curriculum, the selection committee unanimously recommended Ms Nabamita Goswami, Ms Nivedita Laskar and Sri Bhaskaran Barman as contractual faculty and they may be offered consolidated monthly salary @ Rs.32,000/- (Rupees Thirty two thousands) and the period of engagement is 6(six) month.</i>			
Department of Physics			
<i>To run the academic curriculum, the selection committee unanimously recommended Dr. Sitangshu Bhattacharya, Dr. Manas Kumar Paul and Dr. Nilotpal Ghosh as contractual faculty and they may be offered consolidated monthly salary @ Rs.45,000/- (Rupees Forty-five thousands) and the period of engagement is one year.</i>			

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Addl. Item No.24.10.2: To consider the Guidelines regarding the presence of Respective HODs in the Selection Board (Committee) Meetings for Recruitment of Faculties of the various Departments.

The BOG suggested to follow the existing and prevailing norms.

Addl. Item No. 24.10.3: To consider the faculty position Viz., distinguished Visiting Professors, Honorary Professors, Professors (on contract) on term basis to make linkages of NIT, Agartala with the Industry and R & D. Organization (Public and Private) more effective and productive.

The BOG approved the proposal as per the Sarangi Committee Report.

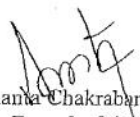
Addl. Item No. 24.10.4: To consider implementation of CAS to the regular Faculty members of NIT Agartala.

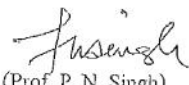
The BOG approved the proposal for adopting the CAS according to 5th CPC guidelines and as per the Ministry of HRD order No. F.33-7/2011-TS-III dated March 14, 2012.

Addl. Item No. 24.10.5: To consider the guidelines for utilization of TEQIP-II, Financial Support.

The BOG approved the proposed guidelines for utilization of TEQIP-II, Financial Support (non-procurement expenditure) as per MOU between MHRD and NITA and as suggested in the meeting of TEQIP to Financial Support Committee held on August 24, 2012.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chairs.


(Sumanta Chakrabarti),
Secretary, Board of Governors
& Registrar (I/C), NIT Agartala


(Prof. P. N. Singh)
Chairman, Board of Governors
NIT Agartala