

The 12th meeting of the Finance Committee of NIT Warangal was held at Room No. 103, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The following attended.

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| 1. Prof B L Deekshatulu
Chairman, BOG | Chairman |
| 2. Prof Y V Rao
Director, NITW | Member |
| 3. Shri NK Sinha
Joint Secretary, MHRD | Member |
| 4. Prof Narender Reddy
Member, BOG | Member |
| 5. Prof RV Chalam
Member, BOG | Member |
| 6. Prof CSP Rao
I/c. Registrar, NITW | Member-Secretary. |

Shri (S K Ray, Financial Advisor and Addl Secretary) MHRD could not be present. Shri Mohan Das, DEA(T), MHRD, and Mr. Bhandopadhyay Under Secretary, dealing with NITs Section, attended the meeting.

Chairman, Finance Committee welcomed the members. The committee noted that this meeting is the first meeting of finance committee after the re-constitution of the BOG and this meeting is held after 8 months with certain members attending for the first time.

~~At the outset, about the circulation of the agenda notes, the Chairman and most members expressed concern about the short notice. The members stated that the agenda notes was circulated by the NIT Warangal and received by the members only two days before the meeting. The members while taking serious objection to the short notice of circulation agenda, drew attention to the provisions in the Act and Statutes of NIT and even otherwise in general the requirement of circulating the agenda at least 15 days in advance, and unless there is any emergent item which could be placed on table with the approval of the Chairman. In this case, while particularly when this is the first meeting of finance committee of the re-constitution of the BOG, and when many members are attending for the first time, it would have been more relevant for the NIT to have circulated the agenda in advance with an advance notice of at least 10 to 15 days. Hence with the limitation of not having much time to peruse the agenda, the committee members observed that no justice could be done to the various items placed, particularly on those where decisions have already been taken and such proposals are kept either for confirmation of the committee or for ratification.~~

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The committee further observed that in the recent past, there have been a number of allegations on the functioning of the Director, NIT Warangal, and certain faculty on various administrative, financial and admission related matters. The decisions taken by the Director, NIT Warangal have been alleged to be not in accordance with the rules and provisions, particularly in relation to the construction activities, admission and other administrative matters. Pertinently some of these decisions taken by the Director NIT Warangal therefore formed a part of the agenda where the approval and ratification of the finance committee were sought which has financial implications and hence required detailed perusal. Hence considering the seriousness of the issues where the committee had to peruse the agenda in detail before taking decisions, else the ratification or approval of the agenda items would mean endorsement to the arbitrary decisions taken by the Director, NIT Warangal. Hence, the committee placed their objection to the short notice in which the committee had been constrained to give the approvals.

The committee also observed that the even the agenda notes on each item was not placed with complete details. Some of the important items included in the agenda notes such as the minutes of the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, i.e 11th meeting of the finance committee held on 11.07.09 placed as agenda item no. 12/1 for confirmation by the present finance committee was not in order. Similarly the reporting of the action taken on the 11th meeting of finance committee placed at item 12/2 were not reported properly. While at item no. 12/1, the item sought to confirm the minutes of the 11th meeting of the finance committee, there was no proper minutes of the 11th meeting of the said finance committee placed in the agenda nor circulated in advance. It was also not reported whether the minutes were earlier circulated to the members or not, and if any comments have been received or not. The committee observed the matter as serious lapse in the agenda and expressed constraint to peruse the items. Similarly on the reporting of the action taken in item no. 12/2, there was no complete details furnished.

The Chairman further also remarked, that since he took over in Oct'09, he has received several complaints including financial irregularities committed by the Director NIT Warangal especially in the Civil Works, administrative matters and admission of students. Hence considering the allegations that have already on record, he emphasized the need to properly scrutinize the items which are placed for ratification or approval which include some of the decisions taken in the 10th FC meeting and those which have a bearing in the present meeting.

The committee also learnt that the 11th FC Meeting was held with only three members and that too internal. It also was not sure whether the meeting was conducted with minimum quorum after following proper procedures. Particularly in the said 11th meeting of FC, minutes of the earlier four meetings of Buildings and Works committee had been approved.

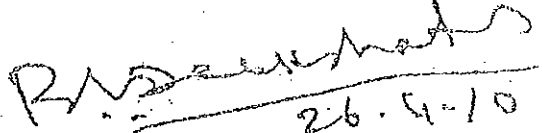
Given the above circumstances and clear violation of the procedures for conducting the present meeting held without reasonable time for perusal of the items, and after considerable deliberation, the committee decided that consideration of all the items placed in the agenda from 12/1 to 12/6 be deferred and taken up in the next meeting

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except items under 12/3.1 to 12/3.4, which were related to ratification of action on grant of Revised DA, etc, in accordance with the notifications and circulars of MHRD.

The Chairman, under item 12/2 on the action taken report on the decisions of the 11th meeting of finance committee held on 11.07.2009 under item no. 5 to consider and approve the Annual Report of the institute for 2008 - 09, observed that there was certain contradictions in the reporting of the facts. It was stated by the chairman that while the CAG auditors have raised many audit queries and objections in the annual audit report 2008 - 09, the Director NIT Warangal had concealed the fact. The chairman briefed the committee that the objections of the audit are in several paras referring to deviations in financial and building works payments in the Audit Report and (ii) the replies by NITW that the BOG has approved the excess percentage in the civil works. There is also an authentication for the replies by Dr. Y.V.Rao, Director in that document. Thus the Chairman observed that there are many areas where there is suppression of the facts and major contradictions and hence all these issues need to be examined in detail, including Annual Report for 2008 - 09 and approval of Budget for 2010 - 11.

Hence under the circumstances above, the committee resolved to peruse all the items as stated above in the next meeting. The committee however approved to make provisions for the routine expenditures such as payment of Salaries, Scholarships and other urgent and minor working expenditures till next meeting of the FC.


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Prof B L Deekshatulu
Chairman, FC - NIT-W