

The 22nd meeting of the Council of IITs was held on March 16, 1982 in the Ministry of Education and Culture, New Delhi. The following were present :

1. Smt. Sheila Kaul Chairman
2. Prof. S.N. Sen
3. Dr. R. Ramanna
4. Prof. R.N. Dogra
5. Shri G.K. Chandiranani
6. Dr. Shankar Lal
7. Prof. A.K. De
8. Dr. P.V. Indiresan
9. Prof. S. Sanpath
10. Dr. O.P. Jain
11. Dr. Mrs. Madhuri Shah
12. Dr. G.S. Siddhu
13. Prof. S. Ramaseshan
14. Prof. C.S. Jha
15. Shri J.A. Kalyanakrishnan
16. Smt. Anna R. Malhotra
17. Dr. M. Santappa
18. Dr. Subrananian Swamy
19. Prof. Ajit Kumar Mehtra
20. Dr. K. Gopalan Secretary

The following members regretted their inability to attend the meeting :

1. Shri A. Sivasailan
2. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
3. Prof. B. Nag
4. Shri Sarosh J. Ghandy
5. Shri Prakash Tandon

- 6. Shri B. Ramachandra
- 7. Shri Ladli Mohan Nigan

Shri S. Vedanthan, Deputy Educational Adviser (Tech.) attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Before commencing the meeting, the Council condoled the death of Shri B.P. Poddar, former Chairman of the Board of Governors of IIT Kharagpur who was a member of the Council from April 30, 1977 to March 5, 1981 and observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

The Chairnan accorded a special welcome to the new members and also placed on record the Council's gratitude to the retiring members for the valuable services rendered by them to the Council.

Dr. Subramanian Swamy raised a point of order regarding the non-inclusion of a certain item suggested by him in the agenda. It was explained that the subject matter of the item suggested by him did not come within the purview of the Council, but that he could discuss the matter separately with the Chairnan.

Item No.1 : To confirm the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Council.

The minutes of the 21st meeting of the Council were confirmed as circulated.

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Item No. 2 : To report changes in the membership of the Council.

The changes in the membership of the Council were noted.

Item No. 3 : To report the action taken on the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Council.

While noting the action taken on the minutes of the 21st meeting, it was explained that the 2 schemes which had been prepared to facilitate better utilisation of the seats reserved for SC/ST candidates in the IITs were under discussion with the agencies concerned.

It was suggested that the 'means' criteria (for the award of merit-cum-means scholarships) communicated by the Ministry to the IITs need to be checked and clarified.

Several members expressed the view that the merit promotion schemes of the IITs should not be linked with those of the UGC and that the former should be finalised and implemented without any further delay.

Item No. 4 : To report the action taken by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

While noting the action taken by the Chairman, it was explained that representations received from the employees' unions on the Scheme of Promotional Opportunities for the Non-Academic Staff of the IITs had already been discussed with

the Directors and that it was being modified taking into account some of the genuine grievances. It was agreed that the modified scheme should be communicated to the IITs before April 30, 1982 for their reaction and comments. The scheme should be finalised well before June 30, 1982 for implementation with effect from July 1, 1982. Till then (i.e. till June 30, 1982) the IITs could operate their old schemes.

Item No. 5 : To report the assurance given to the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table regarding laying of Annual Reports and Audit Reports in respect of IITs before Parliament.

The Council noted the assurance given by the Education Secretary to the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table and directed the IITs to ensure that the time/schedule prescribed for laying the Reports before Parliament was strictly adhered to.

Item No. 6 : To consider the proposal of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India regarding laying of certified accounts before Parliament.

The Council resolved that the IITs should obtain the approval of their respective Boards of Governors to the Audited Accounts before sending them to the Ministry for presenting before Parliament. A provision to this effect in the IIT Act was not considered necessary.

Item No. 7 : To consider special concessions to be given to handicapped people in the matter of admission to the IITs.

It was resolved that the physically handicapped people appearing in the JEE merit-list should be given the subject and the Institute of their choice subject to their being found medically fit to pursue the course of their choice.

Item No. 8 : To consider the Report of the Review Committee on Centres of Advanced Studies in the IITs.

The Council placed on record its appreciation of the excellent work done by Prof. Menon and his Committee in reviewing the Centres of Advanced Studies in the IITs. The report of the Review Committee was approved. It was stressed that the IITs should implement the various recommendations effectively and report back to the Council.

Item No. 9 : To consider the proposal to introduce in the IITs a B.Sc. programme as an intermediate degree.

It was resolved to refer back to the Directors the proposal to introduce in the IITs a B.Sc. programme as an intermediate degree.

Item No. 10: To consider upward revision of rates of Research Associateship at the IITs.

The proposal to enhance the rates of Research Associateships to Rs.1100/-, Rs.1300/- and Rs.1500/- per month for categories A, B and C respectively

was approved. It was also agreed to raise the contingency grant from Rs. 2000/- per annum to Rs. 3000/- per annum.

Item No. 11: To consider the status of M.Sc. students in the IITs.

The Council approved the suggestion made by the Directors that all M.Sc. students should be treated as B.Tech students for purposes of the statutes to be applied to them.

Item No. 12: To consider the guidelines framed by the IIT Directors to regulate consultancy services at the IITs.

The guidelines framed by the Directors to regulate consultancy services were approved and the Institutes were directed to submit the detailed rules formulated by them for the approval of the Council/Government.

Item No. 13: To consider the proposal of IIT Kharagpur to change the name of its Industrial Management Centre to Department of Industrial Engineering and Management.

The proposal of IIT Kharagpur to change the name of its Industrial Management Centre to Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, was approved.

Item No. 14: To consider the proposal for the creation of a Department of Earth Sciences at IIT Bombay.

The proposal of IIT Bombay to create a Department of Earth Sciences was approved.

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Item No. 15: To consider the proposal to establish separate Departments of Computer Science in the IITs.

The proposal to establish separate Departments of Computer Science and Engineering in the IITs was approved. It was, however, pointed out that Computer Centres should continue to function in all the IITs separately and independent of the proposed Departments of Computer Science and Engineering.

Item No. 16: To consider the proposal of IIT Madras regarding in-charge arrangements in the absence of the Director.

The proposal of IIT Madras to amend the Statute 9(14) as under was approved :

"The Director may, during his absence from Headquarters, authorise the Deputy Director or one of the Deans or the seniormost professor present, to sanction advances for travelling allowance, contingencies and medical treatment of the staff and sign and countersign bills on his behalf and authorise him for assuming such powers of Director as may be specifically delegated to the Deputy Director or one of the Deans or the seniormost Professor present by him in writing".

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Item No.17 : To consider the proposal regarding the age of retirement of the Mess employees of the IIT Hostels.

It was resolved to refer the proposal regarding the age of retirement of the mess employees to the Dr. Jai Krishna Committee which was already looking into the demands of the mess employees of the IITs.

Item No. 18: To consider the proposal regarding qualifying service for purposes of pensionary benefits.

The Council approved that the services rendered by an employees under autonomous organisations and corporate bodies of the Central/State Governments prior to his appointment at any of the IITs should also be counted for pensionary benefits subject to the condition that proportionate liabilities in respect of the services rendered prior to joining the IITs would be shared by the previous employers. It was also resolved to amend the relevant provisions of the Pension Rules (Schedule F) accordingly.

Item No. 19: To consider amendments to the Conduct Rules contained in Schedule B of the Statutes.

Since the Council Secretariat/Ministry had already undertaken separately review of the terms and conditions of service of the IIT employees in the light of the various amendments to the Rules governing the Government employees, the item was withdrawn.

Item No. 20: To consider the proposal to streamline the administrative machinery of the IITs and to review the staff structure of their engineering sections.

The Council authorised the Chairman to constitute a High-Level Technical Committee consisting of, among others, the Financial Advisers of the Ministries of Education and Works & Housing to review the staff structure and staff requirements of the engineering sections in the IITs.

The Chairman was also authorised to appoint a separate Committee to look into the administrative structure and administrative staff requirements of the IITs.

Item No. 21: To consider the proposal to have a common entrance examination for the IITs, BHUIT and BITS Pilani.

The Council did not approve associating other Institutions with the conduct of the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). The Council had no objection to the IIT System making available to other institutions an extended merit list for their use. However, the Council approved the proposal of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport that students desirous of taking admission in the Marine Engineering Colleges at Calcutta and Bombay may appear in the JEE conducted by the IITs. The list of qualified candidates opting for Marine Engineering would be made available to the Ministry of Shipping and Transport for further necessary action.

Item No. 22: To receive the analysis of the Joint Entrance Examination 1981.

The Council note the analysis of the Joint Entrance Examination 1981.

Item No. 23: To receive the Annual Reports of the IITs for the year 1980-81

The Council noted the Annual Reports of the IITs for the year 1980-81.

Item No. 24: To report the Revised/Budget Estimates approved for the year 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 for the IITs.

The Council noted the Budget provisions for the various IITs.

Item No. 25: To report the acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on F-oreign Technical Assistance received by the IITs. etc.

The Council noted that the Government had accepted the report of the Review Committee with the modifications suggested by the Empowered Committee.

Item No. 26: To report the acceptance of the recommendations of the Review Committee on Post-Graduate Education and Research in Engineering and Technology.

The Council noted that the Government had accepted the report of the Review Committee with the modifications suggested by the Empowered Committee.

The members commended highly on the quality of the report and stressed the need for finding out ways and means of implementing the various recommendations. It was pointed out that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.V. Indiresan was already working out the details for implementing some of the key recommendations.

Item No. 27: To consider amendments to the IIT Act.

The consideration of this item was deferred. It was resolved to have a meeting of the Council some time in June 1982 to consider this item.

Item No. 28: To consider the proposal to appoint a Standing Committee of the Council to examine the issues relating to the IITs.

The proposal to appoint a Standing Committee of the Council to examine various issues relating to the IITs was not approved. It was suggested that an informal meeting with the Directors could be held a day or two prior to the Council meeting to discuss and sort out various issues.

Item No. 29: To consider the proposal for setting up a Committee to review the working of the IITs.

The Council approved the proposal to recommend to the Visitor to appoint a Committee to review the working of the IITs.

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am enclosing the minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Council of IITs held on January 12, 1983. Comments, if any, may kindly be sent so as to reach me by March 10, 1983.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S. Vedantham)

To:

(All members of the Council
of IITs) (Prof. C.N. Lakshminarayana)