

Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Council
of IITs held on March 2, 1988

The 27th meeting of the Council of IITs was held on March 2, 1988 in Room No. 127-C, Shastri Bhavan, under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Human Resource Development.

The following were present:

1. Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao - In the Chair
2. Shri L.P. Shahi
3. Shri Pratap Bhanu Sharma
4. Dr. H.N. Sethna
5. Dr. D.V. Kapur
6. Dr. A.S. Ganguly
7. Shri A.L. Mudaliar
8. Shri Anil Bordia
9. Dr. V.R. Gowariker
10. Dr. V.S. Arunachalam
11. Prof. Ashoka Chandra
12. Shri S.P. Tuli (deputizing for Shri L.S. Narayanan)
13. Shri Ajit Singh
14. Dr. M. Santappa
15. Shri V. Krishnamurthy
16. Prof. B. Nag
17. Prof. N.M. Swani
18. Prof. A.K. Mallik
19. Prof. L.S. Srinath
20. Prof. K.L. Chopra
21. Shri I.B. Sangal - Secretary

The following members conveyed their inability to attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Yash Pal
2. Prof. P.N. Srivastava
3. Shri Russi H. Mody
4. Dr. Raja Ramanna
5. Prof. C.N.R. Rao

The following officers of the Ministry attended the meeting as special invitees:

1. Shri J. V. Raghavan, Secretary (HRD)
2. Dr. K. Gopalan, JEA(T)
3. Shri S.K. Srivastava, JEA(T)
4. Shri S.D. Awale, DEA(T)
5. Shri M.L. Gilautra, AEA(T)

Before taking up the agenda, the Chairman welcomed everybody present at the meeting. Shri A.L. Mudaliar, the new Chairman of the Board of Governors of IIT Madras was accorded a special welcome. The Chairman also placed on record his appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the outgoing Chairman of IIT Madras, Shri A. Sivasailam.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the 26th meeting of the IIT Council held on June 19, 1987.

The minutes of the 26th meeting of the Council held on June 19, 1987 were circulated to the members of the Council. The minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: To report on the action taken on the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Council held on June 19, 1987.

On Item 26.4.2, the Council noted that the issue regarding permission to appear in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) in Hindi and other Indian languages has also been raised by some students and other organisations. In this connection, the Council reiterated its earlier decision that until some satisfactory arrangements can be made to examine candidates in languages other than English, the latter will have to continue as the medium. The Council also noted that the English paper had been dropped

from the JEE from 1988 onwards. The Council noted that the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has already set up a Working Group on the question of use of Hindi and other languages in technical education system and decided to refer the question of holding of JEE in Hindi and other Indian languages to that Group with the request to expedite their report.

On Item 26.4.3, the Council noted that the Ministry will consider organising a meeting of the major sponsoring organisations to consider the question of payment of overheads by them and other related issues.

The Council noted the action taken on other recommendations of the Council.

Item No.3: To report appointment of the new Chairman, Board of Governors, I.I.T. Madras.

This was noted.

Item No.4: To consider the report of the Committee set up to examine the recommendations of the I.I.T. Review Committee.

The Council postponed consideration of this item to the next meeting.

Item No.5.1: To consider the proposal for students exchange between Institute National Des Sciences Appliquees De Lyon, France (INSA) and I.I.T. Delhi.

The Council agreed in principle to the proposal of IIT Delhi, but desired that the Institute should provide additional information in this regard for obtaining approval of the Chairman of the Council.

The Council also desired that it may be necessary for the I.I.Ts to work out details of cooperation including the areas in which they would like to cooperate with foreign institutions and International Organisations.

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Item No. 5.2: To consider parity in the rates of scholarship payable to foreign students under the Government of India Scholarship Scheme with the rates of scholarship to I.I.T. M.Tech./Ph.D. students.

The Council approved the recommendations made by the Directors of I.I.Ts at their meeting held on 11th May 1987 that the rates of scholarship for M.Tech./Ph.D. etc. for foreign students should be brought at par with those given to Indian students.

Item No. 5.3: To consider the enhancement of remuneration to Research Associates and Research Scholars.

The Council noted the recommendations made by the Committee of Directors of IITs that the present rates of remuneration for M.Tech., Research Scholars and Research Associates in the IITs were inadequate and should be increased. The Council was of the unanimous view that these remunerations should be uniform in all sectors such as the IIT system, CSIR and the U.G.C. The Council also noted that the question of revision of remuneration is already under the active consideration of the Government of India. The Council authorised the Chairman to enhance the remuneration in respect of IITs as soon as the decision of the Government of India is available.

Item No. 5.4: To consider the proposal regarding taking over the Regional Extension Services Centre established at I.I.T. Kharagpur.

The Council approved the proposal of IIT Kharagpur for taking over the Regional Extension Services Centre by the P.H.T. Centre of the Institute and to provide additional funds to the P.H.T. Centre for this purpose w.e.f. 1.9.1988 in the budget of the Institute.

Item No.5.5: To consider revision of salary scales for the faculty of IITs.

After detailed discussion, the Council felt that it would be useful to have further discussion in the matter.

Item No.5.6: To consider change-over from the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme to Pension Scheme - Implementation of the recommendations of the 4th Central Pay Commission.

The Council agreed that the IITs should be allowed to retain CPF-cum-Gratuity Scheme and GPF-Cum-Pension-cum-Gratuity Scheme so that the academic and non-academic staff of the IITs could take advantage of the mobility within the system.

Item No.5.7: To consider review of the scales of fees/receipts for services rendered like fees in educational institutions etc. taking into account the increase in the cost of services.

The Council felt that the rates of various fees being charged by the IITs are low and it is desirable that the Committee of Directors of IITs prepare a paper in this regard for consideration of the Council in the next meeting.

Item No.5.8: To consider the matter of lowering the age of super-annuation of Groups B, C and D categories of non-teaching employees (new entrants) of IITs.

The Council noted the decision of the Government of India with regard to the age of retirement as 58 years for new entrants in all Groups of employees. The Council also noted that in the case of D Group of employees there should not be any change in the present age of retirement of 60 years in the case of employees of IITs. The Council, however, decided that the age of retirement for new entrants for B & C Group employees of the IITs should be 58. The Council also decided that when the pay scales of Group A officers (non-faculty)

are revised the age of retirement to the new entrants in this category also should be 58 years. The Council also approved that relevant statutes of the IITs may be amended accordingly.

Item No. 5.9: To consider the proposal for amendment of the IIT Act to include therein the Indian Institute of Technology, Nagaon (Assam).

The Council approved the proposal to amend the IIT Act 1961 to include therein the IIT Nagaon (Assam).

The Council also approved the draft amendment Bill for the purpose.

Item No. 5.10: To consider the request of IIT Madras for changing the name of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering to Department of Aerospace Engineering.

The Council approved the proposal to rename the Departments of Aeronautical Engineering as Departments of Aerospace Engineering at the 4 IITs at Madras, Kharagpur, Bombay and Kanpur. It was decided that the relevant statutes of these Institutes may be amended accordingly.

Item No. 6.1: To report the progress made on the establishment of I.I.T. in Assam.

This was noted.

Item No. 6.2: To report changes in the Membership of Council

This was noted.

Item No. 6.3: To report the matter regarding evaluation of thesis submitted in Hindi and other languages.

This was noted.

Item No.6.4: To report exemption from Income Tax of the donations for prosecution or the provision of facilities for prosecution of scientific research in IITs.

This was noted. In this connection, it was pointed out that according to the Budget proposals 1988-89 the provision available under Section 35(1)(ii) of the Income Tax Act 1961 was proposed to be amended. This should be looked into.

Item No.6.5: To report the Plan and Non-Plan provisions approved for IITs during the current year and next financial year.

This was noted. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council may be held in about 3 months time. It was also decided that the role of the IIT Council vis-a-vis the All India Council for Technical Education, which has become a statutory body should be examined. The Committee of Directors of I.I.Ts was requested to give its recommendations in the matter for consideration of the Council.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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New Delhi, the 11th April, 1989

Dear Prof. Chopra,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the 28th meeting of the Council of IITs held on 7th March, 1989. I shall be grateful if you would kindly send us your comments, if any, at your earliest convenience but positively within a fortnight of the receipt of this letter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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