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National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES

68TH MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS



DATE : 12th June, 2020 (Friday)

Time : 14:30 – 17:30 Hours

Venue : Board Room, NIT, Rourkela



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, राउरकेला
National Institute of Technology, Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 68th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ROURKELA HELD AT 2.30 PM - 5.30 PM ON 12.06.2020 (FRIDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM, NIT, ROURKELA

Members Present:

Sl. No	Name	Contact No.
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A. GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

BOG-68(2020)-01: *Welcome to all members with New member to the meeting by the Chairman.*

Prof. H. B. Sahu, Associate Professor, MN has completed his term as BOG members on 09.03.2020. Prof. Nihar Ranjan Mishra, Asso. Professor, Humanities & Social Science Department is nominated by the Senate as BOG member from Associate/Assistant Professor category w.e.f. 09.03.2020.

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting including Prof. N. R. Mishra, Asso. Professor, the new member. He appreciated the contribution made by Prof. H. B. Sahu, the former member of BOG.

BOG-68(2020)-02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 67th meeting of the BOG held on 11.02.2020 at Bhubaneswar.

The minutes of the 67th BOG meeting held on 11.02.2020 at Bhubaneswar was given in the Annexure for confirmation by the Board. The Chairman has approved the 67th BOG minutes through mail.

The Board confirmed the 67th BOG minutes and approved the constitution of "Standing Selection Committee" on the matter of Appointments on contract in line with Clause-28 of the First Statutes of the NITs for smooth running of academic and administrative activities in the Institute, which was an agenda under item No.BOG-67(2020) and was deferred in the last BOG meeting.

The "Standing Selection Committee" is approved as follows:

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| 1) Director | - | Chairperson |
| 2) Concerned HOD | - | Member |
| 3) Subject Expert to be
(nominated by Director) | - | Member |
| 4) Dean of respective section | - | Member |
| 5) Registrar | - | Member-Secretary |

The Board also advised that in any circumstances the no. of contractual employees should not cross the vacant sectioned post.

[Annexure-A1, Page 11-19]



BOG-68(2020)-03: To report on the action taken on the decisions made in the 67th Meeting of BOG held on 11.02.2020 to discuss matters arising out of the minutes.

The report on the action taken on the decisions made in the 67th Meeting of BOG held on 11.02.2020 was given in the Annexure for consideration of the Board.

The Board noted the action taken on the decisions in the 67th meeting of the BOG.

[Annexure-A2, Page 20]

BOG-68(2020)-04: To consider the Minutes of the 51st FC meeting held on 15.12.2019 at Bhubaneswar.

The minutes of the 51st FC meeting held on 15.12.2019 at Bhubaneswar is enclosed for confirmation by the Board. The Chairman has approved the 51st FC minutes through mail as he participated the 67th BOG meeting through video conferencing.

The above said item was discussed in details in the 52nd FC meeting held on 12.06.2020 before the BOG meeting. Both the FC and BOG members were present in that meeting and hence there is no need for further discussion. The Board approved the 51st FC minutes.

[Annexure-A3, Page 21-31]

BOG-68(2020)-05: To consider the Minutes of the 37th BWC meeting held on 29.05.2020.

The Minutes of the 37th BWC meeting held on 29.05.2020 is approved by the BOG held on 12.06.2020 with the following suggestions:

The above said item was discussed in the 52nd FC meeting in details held on 12.06.2020 before the BOG meeting. Both the FC and BOG members were present in that meeting and hence there is no need for further discussion. The Board approved the 37th BWC minutes.

The comments received from Mr. D.K. Sing, Dy. Secretary, Finance, MHRD with regards to 37th BWC minutes as a noting item was discussed in the 53rd FC and got clarified.

[Annexure-A4, Page 32-38]

B. POLICY AND IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

BOG-68(2020)-06: Authorization by the Board to sign the Agreement by the Director, NIT Rourkela with HEFA for term loan of Rs.64.00 Cr.

The 50th Finance Committee, held on 1st October, 2019 approved the proposal for term loan of Rs.64.00 Cr. under HEFA, in line with MHRD guidelines, vide the agenda No.FC-50(2019)-07 and which was subsequently approved in the BOG vide resolution No.BOG-66(2019)-03, dated. 15.12.2019.

In this regard an agreement was signed with HEFA at its Bangalore Office on 13.03.2020. Due to urgency, Chairman, BOG authorized Prof. Animesh Biswas, Director, of NIT, Rourkela to sign the agreement with HEFA for term loan of Rs.64.00 Cr. on behalf of the BOG. The copy of the signed agreement and approval of the Chairman, BOG are enclosed for ratification by the Board.

Further, it is proposed that the Board may authorize Director to sign such type of agreements with HEFA, if required by the Institute in future.

The Board ratified the approval of the Chairman, BOG in empowering the Director, NIT, Rourkela through mail to sign the agreement with HEFA Board on 13.03.2020. Further, the Board also authorized Director/Registrar to sign such type of agreement in future.

[Annexure-A5, Page 39 -60]

BOG-68(2020)-07: Detail Project Report (DPR) for financing 1000 seated Hostel under EWS scheme with 2nd Term Loan from HEFA including 10 yrs. Cash Flow Projections.

Due to increase in the intake of students under EWS scheme of Govt. of India, there is a need for a new hostel to accommodate additional students. The Govt. has approved a financial outlays of an amount of Rs.35.00 Crore vide MHRD letter F.No.35-4/2019-TS.III, dt.19.06.2019 for this purpose.

The Detail Project Report (DPR) for 1000 seated Hostel Project has been submitted to HEFA Board for consideration with an intimation to MHRD. Mr. D. K. Murthy, Vice President HEFA is informed vide mail dated 28.05.2020 about the cash flow of the institute for next ten years which is included for the information of all the members.

This agenda was discussed in the 52nd FC meeting held on 12.06.2020 before the BOG meeting in which the members of FC and BOG were present. Hence, there is no need for further discussion on this agenda. The Board approved the proposal. The next 10 Yrs. Cash Flow of the Institute should incorporate the appropriate figures year wise, which should be appraised to the Board in its next meeting.



The comments received from Mr. D.K. Sing, Dy. Secretary, Finance, MHRD with regards to the above project, the DPR to be sent to MHRD for approval.

[Annexure-A6, Page 61 -155]

BOG-68(2020)-08: Seeking first stage advice from CVC through MHRD in the vigilance case of Prof. R. K. Jha, Ex-Professor, CE.

A committee was constituted on 06.09.2019 to investigate the vigilance case in connection with purchase of a Software (ref:C-13011/163/2013-Vig.-CUC OM No.013/EDN/066-214398 and OM. No.19584/2014/Vigilance7 of Prof. R. K. Jha, (Ex-Professor, CE) who left the Institute on 06.05.2019 and joined NIT Patna. The committee submitted its report to the Institute authority with its recommendation (in the absence of the version of the suspect officer, Prof. Jha). The version of the suspect officer was sought from NIT Patna vide letter No.NITR/RG/2019/L/0554 dated 03.10.2019 and the compliance on complaint against Prof. Ramakar Jha has been received by the Institute vide No.NITP/3776/19, dt.09.10.2010.

The report of the committee was put to the BOG in its 65th Meeting held on 01.10.2019. The Board noted the matter awaiting the version of the suspect officer and decided to put up the matter in the next BOG meeting along with the version of the suspect officer and comments of the CVO of the Institute, at present Registrar.

Now, the report of the committee along with the version of the suspect officer received from NIT Patna and the comments of the CVO of the Institute is put up for the comments/recommendation of the BOG, the Disciplinary Authority in this case. Based on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Authority, the First Stage Advise will be sought from the CVC.

All the members went through the chronological events with regards to the Vigilance Case against Prof. R. K. Jha, Ex-Professor, CE. After going through the findings of the inquiry/investigation on each allegation(s) by the Committee and the comments/recommendations of the CVO of the Institute, the BOG found that there is no lack of integrity in process of procurement of the said software. Hence, the BOG, the Disciplinary Authority in this case recommended to clear and close the case. Further, the BOG recommended a robust process should be developed in procuring of software/high cost Scientific Equipments.

[Annexure-A7, Page 156 – 187(b)]

BOG-68(2020)-09: Discussion on representation of Prof. K. Pramanik, BM Dept., dt.23.05.2020 to the Chairman, BOG reg. Plagiarism.

Prof. Krishna Pramanik, Department of Biotechnology & Medical Engineering requested the Chairman through her representation, dated 21.05.2020 for formal consideration of her selection to the HAG scale.

She has stated that due to pending enquiry against her on the serious allegation of plagiarism, her case has not been considered for HAG Professorship, where as in case of Prof. S. S. Mohapatra, middle of an enquiry against him, albeit an another subject, he has been granted HAG Professorship. Similarly in case of Prof. K. K. Mohapatra, former Dean (Academic) and Prof. S. S. Mohapatra, , the plagiarism or similarity of text/image matter is reported by her to the Chairman on machine-detected similarities in the thesis supervised by them. But those evidences have not stood on the way of their selection to the HAG scale either.

On the above matter the Chairman, BOG was appraised vide NITR/RG/2020/L/0324, dated 25.05.2020, which is enclosed.

The representation of Prof. K. Pramanik, BM to the Chairman, BOG with regards to consideration of her candidature for HAG Professorship was discussed in detailed.

"The BoG decided not to re-open the matter at this stage as her case is under investigation and a charge sheet has been filed against her."

[Annexure-A8, Page 188 - 214]

BOG-68(2020)-10: Mapping of Non-Teaching posts in view of Recruitment Rule 2019

In the 67th BOG vide resolution No.BOG-67(2020)-05, dt.11.02.2020, the Mapping of Non-Teaching posts in view of Recruitment Rule, 2019 was approved except these two cases due to lack of time.

Sl No	Post	Existing status as per RR-2017		Proposed status as per RR-2019		Remarks
		Designation	GP	Designation	GP	
1.	Engineer	Engineer	Rs.5400	Executive Engineer	Rs.5400	No change in scale, only designation change. Those who have joined as Engineer with GP 5400/- should be designated as Executive Engineer as per RR-2014 with GP 5400/- and with 5 yrs. of service as *Engineer, they will go to GP Rs.6600/- with same designation. <u>References: (115-121)</u> i) RR.2014(P/16):- 1) Anomaly is in *Engineer/Executive Engineer? (which is an anomaly in RR) ii) RR.2017(P/19): Executive Engineer GP 6600/- No. mention of GP Rs.5400/- iii) RR.2019(P/36)-Executive Engineer-GP 5400/- (RR-2019:- After five years of service as

						<p><i>*Engineer with GP of Rs.5400/-, as incumbent will be assessed by DPC for moving to the higher GP of Rs.6600/- with the same designation)</i></p> <p>However, in the 39th BOG meeting held on 15,02,2014, under Agenda item No.03 (enclosed at Page 121(a) to 121(d) of Annexue-A9) where the BOG approved GP of Rs.5400/- (PB-3) for *Engineer and Rs.6600/- (PB-3) for Executive Engineer.</p>
02	Sr. Scientific Officer	Sr. Scientific Officer	Rs.6600	Sr. Scientific Officer	GP-7600	Change in scale and not in designation.

The BOG discussed the said case in details and approved as follows:

- i) The employee with designation of "Engineer" will be re-designated as "Executive Engineer". Further, the incumbent "Executive Engineer/existing employee with designation of Engineer" with GP of Rs.5400/-, after 5 years of service will be assessed by the DPC for moving to the higher GP of Rs.6600/- carrying the same designation, "Executive Engineer".**
- ii) The "Senior Scientific Officer" with GP Rs.6600/- shall have a change of scale to GP Rs.7600/- carrying the same designation of "Senior Scientific Officer" satisfying the RR-2019 norm but through DPC, with prospective benefit only.**

[Annexure-A9 Page 215 – 221(d)]

BOG-68(2020)-11: Proposal for establishing new School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) under umbrella of NIT, Rourkela, Odisha.

In reference to the D.O. No.1-4/2012-TS.IV, dated 16.03.2020, the DPR for establishing new School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) under NIT, Rourkela is submitted to MHRD for its permission. The Institute has a full-fledged department of Planning and Architecture with 105 students and 11 faculty members and can host the School of Planning and Architecture under its existing administrative and academic umbrella. The manpower and the infrastructure requirements are stated in the DPR.

During the detail discussion on DPR for establishing new proposed School of Planning and Architecture(SPA) under umbrella of NIT Rourkela, in line with the letter from MHRD, vide letter No.F.No.1-4/2012-TS.VI dated 16th March, 2020, the Chairman, BOG raised some serious concern.

He said that while respecting the instruction from MHRD, institute should open such Departments in which the institute has its core competency and there is demand in contemporary days. Further, he stressed that Institute should opt for opening new Department/

Centre in the area of Space Science which is an emerging area for future.

As per DPR of this proposal, around 33 teaching and 9 non-teaching staffs are to be sanctioned by the Ministry in next 5 years, in addition to the existing 11 teaching and 4 non-teaching staffs in the Department of Planning & Architecture. Taking participation in discussion, the board member representing MHRD clarified that it is quite difficult to give funding for creation of additional posts and they suggested to go ahead with existing faculties and staffs. So, BoG feels that in this juncture taking HEFA loan (Rs.38 Crores) for construction of School of Planning and Architecture(SPA) building is not a wise decision. It also advised for taking any further decision on this issue, the institute may discuss with MHRD about feasibility of additional funds towards capital expenditure to open SPA in the umbrella of NIT, Rourkela.

Further, there was a discussion on the heading 2(ii) of the MHRD letter, Vide F.No.43-1/2019-IFD, dated.19.02.2020, where it is stated that: "Opening of new Department where full strength of faculty is hired for handful of students" and all the members have shown their concerned in this matter.

Hence, there is a need to relook some of the academic programmes/ courses presently run by the Institute which are not able to attract good number of students, as the number of students getting admitted is far less than the sanctioned seats in that programmes/ courses. This issue has also been noted in the minutes of 66th BOG under Agenda item No. BOG-66(2019)-19. Those programmes may be stopped and if possible the manpower engaged for such programme to be used effectively.

The Chairman, BOG suggested that there is a need for man power planning based on the academic load of the institute.

[Annexure-A10, Page 222 - 340]

C. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

BOG-68(2020)-12: Proposal for MoU between NIT Rourkela and National Remote Sensing Centre(NRSC), ISRO, Balanaga, Hyderabad for Installation of Lightning Detection System, Monitorising and Investigations on Lightning Phenomena and its Associate Process.

One MoU has been signed between NIT Rourkela and National Remote Sensing Centre(NRSC), ISRO, Balanaga, Hyderabad for Installation of Lightning Detection System, Monitorising and Investigations on Lightning Phenomena and its Associate Process.

As per their request, the release of fund allocated to NIT, Rourkela to be made on/before 21st March after signing the MoU. Due to urgency, the due approval of the Chairman, BOG, the MoU was signed. Copy of the same is given in the Annexure for ratification by the BOG.

If this proposal is cost neutral to the Institute, then it is approved. Further, the BOG advised to put in the next BOG meeting the status of the MoUs which the Institute has signed so far with different organizations/ institute/ Universities.

[Annexure-A11, Page 341 - 353]

BOG-68(2020)-13: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

- 1) Discussion on Annual Budget Allocation to NIT, Rourkela by MHRD for the FY-2020-21.

MHRD vide F.No.36-6/2019-TS.III, dated 02.04.2020, has allocated the fund for various NITs and IEST, Shibpur for the financial year, 2020-2021. As advised by the Ministry, the allocation of funds should be placed before the Finance Committee/BOG immediately for discussion.

The same item was discussed in the 52nd FC meeting held on 12.06.2020 before the BOG meeting. Both the FC and BOG members were present in the meeting. Hence, there is no need for further discussion. The matter will be discussed in the next BOG meeting with needed facts and figures.

[Annexure-A12 Page 354 - 357]

- 2) Proposal for MoA between Mr. Venkata Narasimham Peri (an Almnus, NITR) resident of Plano, Texas, USA & at present Aditya Fort View, Manikonda Telangana and NIT, Rourkela to establish "Poverty Allevation Research Centre"(PARC).

Mr. Venkata Narasimham Peri, an Almnus, NIT, Rourkela has shown his interest to establish "Poverty Allevation Research Centre"(PARC) dedicated to undertake research scheme, project on no-profit-no loss basis to address issues arising out of or incidental to poverty and its alleviation.

Hence, in this regard an Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) is to be signed between Mr. Venkata Narasimham Peri and NIT, Rourkela. An endowment fund will be created with an initial deposit of 20 Lakhs on or before signing of MoA. The 2nd party will bring the 9 lakhs (currently in the NITR Account for LPCADS) into the PARC account and the additional Rs.11.00 lakh shall be submitted by the 1st party. In addition, Rs.40 lakhs to be added by the 1st party in due course in a period of 3 months.

The detail drafted MoA is enclosed which has been vetted provisionally by the Legal Advisor of the Institute.

The BOG approved the proposal and advised the Institute to send an appreciation letter to Mr. Venkata Narasimham Peri, Alumnus of NIT, Rourkela.

[Annexure-A13, Page 358 - 365]

- 3) **Proposal for MoA between Sri Dipti Ranjan Patnaik, S/O. Late Sri Brajabandhu Patnaik (Alumnus, 1972 batch, NIT Rourkela) and NIT, Rourkela for "D.R. Patnaik Chair Professor" in Chemical Engg. Department.**

The First party, Sri Dipti Ranjan Patnaik, S/O. Late Sri Brajabandhu Patnaik (Alumnus, 1972 batch, NIT Rourkela) has proposed for an endowment Chair Professor position in NIT Rourkela with name and Style "Dipti Ranjan Patnaik Endowment Chair Professor" in short "D. R. Chair Professor" in he Department of Chemical Engineering with specialization in any area of Chemical Engineering. The aims of the MoA is outstanding researcher as "Chair-Professor" to enhance the research output and the reputation as well as ranking of NIT Rourkela.

The endowment fund is to be created with an initial deposit of Rs.1 Cr. by Sri Dipti Ranjan Patnaik.

The detail drafted MoA is enclosed which has been vetted by the Legal Advisor of the Institute.

The Board approved the proposal and advised the Institute to send an appreciation letter to Sri Dipti Ranjan Patnaik, S/o. Late Sri Brajabandhu Patnaik (Alumnus, 1972 batch, NIT Rourkela and NIT, Rourkela).

[Annexure-A14, Page 366 - 372]

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair. The date of next meeting will be held on 25.06.2020 at NIT, Rourkela.



[Prof. P. K. Das]
Registrar and Secretary
BOG, NIT, Rourkela



[Dr. Santrupt B. Misra]
Chairman
BOG, NIT, Rourkela