

National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES

74th Meeting of Finance Committee

[Through Offline/VC mode]



Date : 1st December, 2025 (Monday)

Time : 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Venue: Board Room, NIT Rourkela

**Finance Committee
NIT, Rourkela**

Members present

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA

MINUTES OF THE 74TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA HELD FROM 10:30 AM TO 10:45 AM ON 01.12.2025 (MONDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE.

FC-74(2025)-01: Welcome to all members to the meeting by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting.

FC-74(2025)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 73rd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28.06.2025 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The minutes of the 73rd Meeting of the FC held on 28.06.2025 at NIT Rourkela in offline/VC mode were circulated by e-mail to all the members. No comments were received from the members. A copy of the minutes is given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A1, Page 5(a)-9]

The FC confirmed and approved the Minutes.

FC-74(2025)-03: Approval of the Minutes of the following agenda items discussed in the 55th BWC meeting held on 17.11.2025.

S. No.	BWC Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item / Name of the project(s)	Approx. cost of the proposed project	Source of funds	View of the BWC
1.	BWC: 55(2025)-04	Review of ongoing Civil Projects	-	-	The BWC perused the report and took note of it.
2.	BWC: 55(2025)-05	Review of ongoing Electrical Projects	-	-	
3.	BWC: 55(2025)-06	Construction of Multi-Disciplinary Academic Building for the Departments of Food Process Engineering, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Planning and Architecture, and School of Management.	Rs. 162 crores	₹120 Crores from HEFA and the balance from the Institute's Corpus Fund, if required.	BWC recommended this proposal to FC/BOG for approval.
4.	BWC: 55(2025)-07	Construction of Civil Engineering Department Building (Phase-I).	Rs. 91.18 crores	Institute's Corpus fund	BWC recommended this proposal to FC/BOG for approval.

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S. No.	BWC Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item / Name of the project(s)	Approx. cost of the proposed project	Source of funds	View of the BWC
5.	BWC: 55(2025)-08	Construction of a New Institute Guest House	Rs. 33.51 crores	Institute's Corpus fund	BWC recommended this proposal to FC/BOG for approval.
6.	BWC: 55(2025)-09	Construction of Avenue Road Project at NIT Rourkela.	Rs. 20.52 crores	Institute's Corpus fund	BWC recommended this proposal to FC/BOG for approval.
7.	BWC: 55(2025)-10	Completion of Renovation Work for the Balance 50 Toilets in FR Faculty Residences.	Original Sanction: ₹3.6875 Crores Available Fund: ₹0.49 Crores Revised Estimate: ₹1.26 Crores Additional Amount Required: ₹0.76 Crores	Institute's Corpus fund	BWC recommended this proposal to FC/BOG for approval and advised that proper supporting documentation should be provided, clearly indicating the items for which unit rates were adopted based on DSR or market rates.

[Annexure-A2, Page 10-16]

After a thorough discussion, including the observations given by IFD, the FC considered the agenda item and recommended it to the BOG for approval with a suggestion to engage CPWD to carry out these projects.

FC-74(2025)-04: Upgradation of Datacenter Infrastructure and Establishment of GPU-based High-Performance Computing (HPC) Cluster.

The existing server and storage infrastructure at NIT Rourkela data centre, supporting critical academic and administrative applications such as institute website, email, NITRIS, DNS/DHCP, firewall, Tally, HPC operations etc., is more than 10–13 years old, technologically obsolete and has reached end-of-life support. This has created concerns regarding security, operational reliability, compatibility with current software versions, and risks of downtime and data loss. Therefore, upgradation of servers, storage, SAN switches and creation of a Disaster Recovery system has become essential.

To address this need, it is proposed to replace the current infrastructure with 12 new blade servers, 500TB SAN storage, 32Gbps SAN switches, 250TB backup storage with de-duplication and compression capability, along with virtualization and backup software including 3-year support and

full migration of existing VMs and SAN configurations. The estimated financial requirement for this infrastructure upgradation is ₹10 crore.

In addition, considering the growing computational requirements for AI/ML, Deep Learning, Data Science and simulation-based research across multiple departments, it is proposed to establish a GPU-based High-Performance Computing (HPC) Cluster. This facility will accelerate research, support NEP-2020 aligned curriculum, enable resource optimization, and enhance competitiveness. The proposed HPC infrastructure includes GPU/CPU compute nodes, storage nodes, management and login servers, high-speed network switches, racks, power backup and cooling systems. The estimated cost of establishing the GPU cluster is ₹35 crore.

Approximate cost: ₹45 crore (10 crore + 35 crore)

Fund source: OH-35 of CIC (10 crore) + funding from external probable source (35 crore).

[Annexure-A3, Page 17-21]

The FC recommended an initial proposal of ₹10 crore for the kind approval of the BOG and advised the Institute to place the complete details of external sources for ₹35 crore after the arrangement before the FC.

FC-74(2025)-05: Approval for floating FMS Tender.

The Computer & Informatics Centre currently manages three Facility Management Services (FMS) contracts for Network Management, Server Management and Software Helpdesk Support, procured through open tendering in 2023 for a period of three years, which are set to expire on 28.02.2026. In view of the requirement to continue these essential services, approval of the Finance Committee is requested to float fresh tenders.

Considering the expansion of network infrastructure, including FOC installation in residential areas and increased CCTV surveillance coverage, it is proposed to enhance manpower for Network Management from 7 to 8 personnel. For Server Management and Software Maintenance & Helpdesk Support, the existing manpower strength of 7 and 12 respectively has been assessed as adequate, and no change is proposed.

The estimated budget requirements for the three years are ₹180 lakhs for Network Management, ₹170 lakhs for Server Management and ₹210 lakhs for Software Maintenance & Helpdesk Support.

Approximate cost for 3 years: ₹5.6 crore (1.7 crore + 1.8 crore + 2.1 crore)
Fund source: OH-31 head of CIC.

[Annexure-A4, Page 22-23]

The FC considered the proposal and recommended it for approval by the BOG, with the suggestion to include suitable performance criteria in the tender for a better support services vendor with suitable experience in offering services to reputed institutes.

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FC-74(2025)-06: Approval of the Draft Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the year 2024-2025.

The Draft Separate Audit Report (SAR) was received from CAG on 22.09.2025 and the Institute sent the reply on 25.09.2025. The final SAR is yet to be received from CAG. On receipt of final SAR, the same shall be approved by the BOG (via circulation). Therefore, the draft SAR is placed for recommendation of FC to BOG.

[Annexure-A5, Page 24-57]

The FC considered the proposal and recommended it for the approval of the BOG.

FC-74(2025)-07: Tender for Maintenance of Lawn and Garden for Academic & Administrative Areas, Campus Street and specified green Areas.

The tender for Maintenance of Lawn and Garden for Academic & Administrative Areas, Campus Street and specified green Areas will be floated through GeM / e-Procurement portal. As per the delegation of financial power in the Institute, the approval of BOG is required for inviting bids, selecting and awarding the contract to L1 bidders for the tender.

Approximate cost: Rs. 1,56,00,615/- (Rupees one crore fifty-six lakh six hundred fifteen only)
Fund source: OH-31

[Annexure-A6, Page 58-60]

The FC considered the proposal and recommended it for the approval of the BOG.

FC-74(2025)-08: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

1. Special Provisions for Scientific Ministries/Departments in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

In accordance to the Office Memorandum F. No. 33-3/2022-TS. III dated 07.07.2025 issued by the Technical Section-III, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, the enhanced limit is as follows:

Revised Purchase Procedure for implementation of Amended GFR 2017 applicable strictly for Scientific Equipment and Consumables required for Research purpose (Ref. O.M. No.: F. No. 33-3/2022-TS.III dated : 7th July 2025)

****For purchases under Institute and SRICCE funds.***

GFR 2017 Rule No.	NIT Rourkela Purchase Limits	Process to be followed	Competent Authority for Approval	Competent Authority for Financial Approval (Payments)
Rule 154: Purchase of Goods without quotation	Up to INR 2,00,000/-	Purchase can be made through directly from the supplier/ GeM/ NITR Rate Contract/ Offline Mode /Digital Platforms. (Subject to submission of GeMARPTS for non-GeM purchases).	HOD/HOC/PI/ Registrar/ Dean (SR)	Registrar / Dean (SR)

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GFR 2017 Rule No.	NIT Rourkela Purchase Limits	Process to be followed	Competent Authority for Approval	Competent Authority for Financial Approval (Payments)
Rule 155: Purchase of Goods by Purchase Committee	INR 2,00,001/- to INR 5,00,000/-	Local Purchase Committee (at least 3-member committee), subject to submission of GeMARPTS for non-GeM purchases.	HOD/HOC/PI/Registrar/Dean (SR)	Registrar / Dean (SR)
	INR 5,00,001/- to INR 10,00,000/-		Director/Dean (SR)	Director/Dean (SR)
	INR 10,00,001/- to INR 25,00,000/-		Director	Director
Rule 162: Purchase of Goods through Limited Tender Enquiry	Up to INR 50,00,000/-	Limited Tender Enquiry (GeM / CPPP)	Director	Director
	INR 50,00,001/- to INR 1,00,00,000/-		FC & BOG	Director
Rule 161: Purchase of Goods through Advertised Tender Enquiry	Above INR 1,00,00,000/-	Advertised Tender Enquiry (GeM / CPPP)	FC & BOG	Director
Rule 161(iv): Purchase of Goods through Global Tender Enquiry	Up to INR 200,00,00,000/-	Global Tender Enquiry (GeM / CPPP)	FC & BOG	Director

***Please note: the above provision shall not be applicable for other items like furniture, other consumables and office equipment in the institute by claiming that these are needed for research.**

[Annexure-A7, Page 61-68]

The FC considered the proposal and recommended it for the approval of the BOG.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


15/12/2025
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Registrar and Member Secretary
FC, NIT Rourkela


[Shri S. N. Subrahmanyam]
Chairperson (ex-officio)
FC, NIT Rourkela