

**National Institute of Technology
Rourkela**

MINUTES

69th Meeting of Finance Committee

[Through Offline/VC mode]



Date : 26th April, 2024 (Friday)

Time : 05:00 P.M. - 05:15 P.M.

Venue : Board Room, NIT Rourkela

**Finance Committee
NIT, Rourkela**

Members present

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
1.	Shri S. N. Subrahmanyam Chairman (ex-officio), FC, Chairperson, BOG, NIT Rourkela and Chairman & Managing Director, Larsen & Toubro Ltd., L&T House, N.M. Marg, Ballard Estate, P.O. Box: 278, Mumbai-400 001, India.	Tel : 022-67525656 Email : sns@Intecc.com
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5.	Prof. Rohan Dhiman Registrar & Member Secretary (ex-officio), FC, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela-769 008, Odisha, India.	Tel : 0661-2462021(O)/ 2463780(R) Mob. : 8594828323 Email : registrar@nitrkl.ac.in

Special Invitee nominated by JS & FA, IFD

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
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Members absent

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
7.	Sh. Sanjog Kapoor Joint Secretary & Finance Advisor Office of JS & FA, IFD Room No. 122A, C-Wing, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi – 110001, India.	Tel : 011-23382696 Fax : 011-23070668 Email : jsfa-moe@gov.in



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला
National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 69TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA, HELD FROM 05:00 PM TO 05:15 PM ON 26.04.2024 (FRIDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE.

FC-69(2024)-01: Welcome to all members, including a new member, Prof. M. N. Sahoo (nominated member from the Senate, NIT Rourkela), to the meeting by the Chairman, followed by a note of appreciation to the outgoing member, Prof. Sabyasachi Mishra (nominated by the Senate, NIT Rourkela).

The Chairman welcomed all members, including a new member, Prof. M. N. Sahoo (nominated member from the Senate, NIT Rourkela), to the meeting and also appreciated the contributions of the outgoing member, Prof. Sabyasachi Mishra (nominated by the Senate, NIT Rourkela) during his term in FC.

FC-69(2024)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 68th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24.01.2024 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The minutes of the 68th Meeting of the FC held on 24.01.2024 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 6-8]

The FC confirmed and approved the minutes.

FC-69(2024)-03: Enhancement of the Institute's standing Counsel's Fee.

It is for the information of the FC that vide BOG resolution no. BOG- 59(2018)-25 dated 20.04.2018, the remuneration of legal counsels of the Institute was fixed.

Recently, reputed organizations like Rourkela Steel Plant based at Rourkela have also revised the remuneration. In line with this enhancement and request from the legal counsel, the Institute proposes to enhance the fee on similar lines.

The proposed enhancement is as follows:

S. No.	Entity	Old Slab	New proposed slab
1.	For Drafting/Setting of Pleadings/Written Argument:		
	(i) Main case	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 15,000.00

	(ii) Misc. case	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 3,000.00
2.	Hearing:		
	(i) Effective	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 15,000.00
	(ii) Non-effective	Rs. 2,500	Rs. 2,500.00
3.	Consultation/Conference/ Opinion	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000.00
4.	Cost/Expenses	Actual	Actual.
5.	Clerkage	10% of (2) above	10% of (2) above (no fees for Consultation/ Conference/ Opinion or Non-effective Hearing).

[Annexure-A2, Page 9-15]

The FC deliberated the matter and suggested to implement the fee revision as follows:

S. No.	Entity	Old Slab
1.	For Drafting / Setting of Pleadings / Written Argument:	
	(iii) Main case	Rs. 6,000
	(iv) Misc. case	Rs. 3,000
2.	Hearing:	
	(iii) Effective	Rs. 9,000
	(iv) Non-effective	Rs. 2,500
3.	Consultation/Conference/ Opinion	Rs. 5,000
4.	Cost/Expenses	Actual
5.	Clerkage	10% of (2) above (no fees for Consultation / Conference / Opinion or Non-effective Hearing).

The above fee revision is based on the Office Memorandum No. 26(1)/2014/judl. dated 01.10.2015 issued by the Judicial Section, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India.

FC-69(2024)-04: Proposal to procure a Liquid Nitrogen (LN2) plant at NIT Rourkela.

The Institute requires approximately 600 liters of liquid nitrogen per week in various departments such as CE, CH CY, LS, PH and other research and equipment. The Institute has a small LN2 plant, but it can only cater to the needs of some equipment of various departments.

An LN2 plant with a capacity of more than 100 liters per day (Cost – Rs. 1.5 crore approx.) may be procured to cater to equipment maintenance and facilitate smooth research at NIT Rourkela. The proposal has now been placed before the FC for a suitable decision.

The FC recommended the proposal for the approval of the BOG.

FC-69(2024)-05: Payment of Arrears of House Rent Allowance.

In accordance with Statute 24 (iii) of NIT Statutes, the employees of the Institute are entitled to allowance in addition to pay as admissible to Central Govt. employees. Accordingly, House Rent Allowance (HRA) is being paid to the employees of the Institute at the rates prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India from time to time for Rourkela city.

In terms of Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide OM No. 2/5/2014-E.II (B) dated 21.07.2015, the Rourkela city was reclassified as a 'Y' class city to grant HRA to the central govt. employees, and the effective date of such reclassification was 01.04.2015. Due to the upgradation of Rourkela city from the 'Z' class to the 'Y' class, the rate of payment of HRA to the central govt. employees by the 6th CPC recommendation (prevalent at that time) was revised from 10% to 20% of the Basic Pay.

The proposal for payment of HRA to Institute employees at the enhanced rate, i.e. @ 20% w.e.f. 01.04.2015, based upon the above-cited OM dated 21.07.2015, was put up before the BOG vide resolution no. BOG-55(2017)-08 for approval. However, the Board had approved the proposal to implement the enhanced rate of HRA from June 2017 without any arrear payment for the intervening period, i.e., from 01.04.2015 to 31.05.2017.

Regarding the non-payment of arrears, the concerned employees submitted their representations to the Internal Grievance Redressal Committee (IGRC) of the Institute. The Institute, based on the observations of the Committee, requested a few central govt. organizations having offices within the jurisdiction of Rourkela City, such as Income Tax, Provident Fund Commissioner, Regional Labor Commissioner and BSNL, to share the information regarding payment of arrears of HRA to their employees. Without any reply from their side, no further action could be taken.

However, the aggrieved employees are representing to settle their grievance regarding non-payment of HRA arrears, which is placed before the FC for kind perusal.

[Annexure-A4, Page 18-23]

After deliberations, the FC did not consider the proposal since a decision had already been taken in the 55th BOG meeting vide resolution no. BOG-55(2017)-08 dated 23.06.2017.

FC-69(2024)-06: Consolidated proposal from the Biju Patnaik Central Library (BPCL) in the order of preference for the renewal of e-resources from the budget of FY 2024-25.

Head, BPCL through Chairperson, BPCL has proposed to purchase/renew the following e-resources for the Library (both up to and above 50 lakhs) from the budget of FY 2024-25 in the order of priority set by the library advisory committee subject to the availability of the funds:

S. No	Name of the Goods/Services/ E-resource	Estimated Value (In Rs. and original currency Approximate.)*	Mode of Procurement (Offline/Gem/ eProcurement)	Process to be followed (Direct Purchase/LPC/ Single Tender/ Limited tender/ Rate contract/ Open Tender)	Head of Account
1	IEEE Xplore Digital Library / IEEE-IEL (Tire-2)	48,46,110.26 USD 49,190.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
2	Elsevier Science Direct (38 Core Titles + 5 Subject Collections-complimentary)	1,12,68,561.81 USD 1,34,969.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
3	Emerald Premier Collection	10,65,105.58 GBP 10,274.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
4	ACS - All Publications Packages	50,34,613.98 USD 60,302.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
5	Sage (EMS -Engg and Materials Sc. Collection)	34,98,648.45 USD 41,905.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
6	Wiley Online Journals (Existing Core + Custom)	47,81,046.50 USD 57,264.90	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
7	RSC Gold Excluding Archive	21,29,485.47 GBP 20,541.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
8	IOP Science Journals Collection	19,92,848.41 GBP 19,223.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
9	Taylor & Francis Journals Package (S&T) and (A&H)	28,67,808.86 USD 34,349.13 (21,949.13+12,400.00)	Offline	Single Tender	OH-35
10	Prowess IQ	2,54,880.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-31
11	Scopus	24,76,747.55 USD 25,140.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-31
12	BIS Standards	3,70,272.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-31
13	SciFinder-n	20,84,645.11 USD 21,160.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-31
14	ASTM SEDL	8,52,537.26 USD 9,725.00	Offline	Single Tender	OH-31

(1 USD= Rs.83.49; 1 GBP= Rs.103.67).

*There may be 5-10% inflation in future prices (GST extra as applicable).

[Annexure-A5, Page 24]

The FC recommended the proposal for the approval of the BOG.

FC-69(2024)-07: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

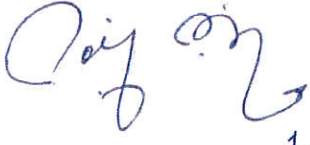
1. To approve the minutes of the following agenda items discussed in the 50th BWC meeting held on 24.04.2024.

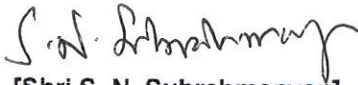
Sl. No.	BWC agenda item no.	Name of the Project(s)	Approximate cost of the proposed project	Source of Fund	View of the BWC
1.	BWC: 50(2024)-06	Additional scope of work for the rectification of buildings constructed under Phase I and Phase II of the major projects.	₹ 11.04 crores	Corpus fund	BWC recommended this proposal to FC for approval.

[Annexure-A6, Page 25-30]

The FC recommended the proposal for the approval of the BOG.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


1/5/2024
[Prof. Rohan Dhiman]
Registrar and Member Secretary
FC, NIT Rourkela


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