

**National Institute of Technology
Rourkela**

MINUTES

53rd Meeting of Finance Committee



DATE : 25th June, 2020 (Thursday)
Time : 15:00 – 16:00 Hours
Venue : Board Room, NIT Rourkela



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, राउरकेला
National Institute of Technology, Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 53RD MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ROURKELA HELD DURING 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM ON 25.06.2020 (THURSDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE INSTITUTE.

Members Present:

Sl. No	Name	Contact No.
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FC-53(2020)-01: Welcome to the members by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting.

FC-53(2020)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12.06.2020 at NIT, Rourkela.

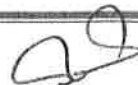
The minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the FC held on 12.06.2020 at Rourkela were sent by E-mail to the members. The copy of the minutes was given in the Annexure for confirmation and approval of the FC.

The representative of MHRD, Mr. D. K. Singh, Dy. Secretary, Finance, communicated vide mail dt.24.06.2020 with regards to modification on minutes of FC-52(2020)-04 which is stated as follows:

“BWC minutes may only be noted. The proposals are required to be placed before BOG with details as mentioned in IFD, MHRD email dt.06.03.2020 circulated to all the NITs”

However, there was a discussion further on the agenda item under BWC: 37 (2020)-03 relating to installation of Elevators, Annual Maintenance Contract (Electrical), Resurfacing of Bituminous road for NIT campus and Open Air Theater (OAT), adjacent to the proposed Sports Complex and Common Facilities.

The Director, NIT, Rourkela brought to the notice of all the members that the OAT is an integrated part of the sports complex which was approved in the 57th BOG vide No.BOG-57(2017)-08 and was proposed to be funded by HEFA. But during the process of approval of HEFA loan by MHRD for projects including the sports complex, the sanctioned amount was reduced. Due to which the funding for OAT component of sports complex was not considered. In the meantime, the CPWD has been identified to carryout the construction works of Sports Complex without OAT. Further, Resurfacing of damaged Bituminous road inside the NIT campus needs an urgent attention which has not been maintained since last one decade.



In response to the observation of the member from MHRD, Director expressed his views that sports complex with OAT is an old approved project and the road project is a maintenance work which does not fall under new project category. Further, a certain component of IRG (FY-2019-2020) has already been earmarked for OAT and road surfacing projects. He also stressed upon that considering the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute, the BWC recommendations may be considered for approval.

However, he assured the FC that in future the guidelines as in IFD, MHRD, will be followed for the new project(s).

The Chairman, BOG advised administration that some part of the IRG should be spent in knowledge development rather than spending only in construction work. He also advised to frame a policy with regards to spending of IRG money in judicious manner.

The FC recommended for the approval of agenda item under BWC: 37 (2020)-03 relating to installation of Elevators, Annual Maintenance Contract (Electrical), Resurfacing of Bituminous road for NIT campus and Open Air Theater (OAT), adjacent to the proposed Sports Complex and Common Facilities in the BOG.

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FC-53(2020)-03: Discussion to be made on Annual Budget Allocation to NIT, Rourkela by MHRD for the FY-2020-21 in line with the advise of Chairman, BOG in the 52nd FC meeting held on 12.06.2020.

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 funds should be placed before the Finance Committee/BOG immediately for discussion.

In the 52nd FC meeting, that was placed and the committee was interested to know what is the basis/ parameters on which the allotment is made by MHRD to different NITs. Most of the external members of FC advised to make a comparison among the NITs who have received more allotment than NIT, Rourkela on the following parameters;

- a) Sanctioned Student strength per year for all the programmes
- b) Total no. of enrolled students in a year.
- c) Total no. of enrolled P.G./M. Tech students

- d) Total no. of enrolled Ph.D. students (2020)
- e) Total no. of faculty
- f) Land area of the Institute Campus (in Acres)
- g) NIRF – 2020 overall rank
- h) NIRF – 2020 Engineering rank

Keeping this in view, a comparison has been made among the NITs, those who have received tentative Annual Allocation more than NIT, Rourkela in the following table:

Criterion	NITR	NITT	NITW	NITK	MNNIT	NITDGP	Remarks
Sanctioned Student Strength per year	1872	1807	1619	1751	1613	1212	Sourced from NIRF data available on websites of the respective institutes
Enrolled Students	6268	5732	5135	4865	4758	3945	Sum total of all students
PG students	985	870	802	861	659	502	Includes 2 year and 3 year PG programs
Ph.D. students	1157	1176	642	799	512	647	Includes Part-time Ph.D.
Faculty strength	338	358	302	384	294	224	Includes Ad-hoc/Contractual Faculties
Land Area (in acres)	648	800	248	295	222	187	Sourced from Institute websites
NIRF-2020 Overall Rank	32	24	46	33	93	96	Sourced from NIRF website
NIRF-2020 Engg. Rank	16	9	19	13	48	47	Sourced from NIRF website
Budget Sanctioned (in crores)	158.94	185.95	215.14	165.50	189.35	184.66	MHRD vide F.No.36-6/2019-TS.III, dated 02.04.2020,
Budget Allocated/students in Lakhs	2.535	3.244	4.189	3.402	3.979	4.681	NIT, Rourkela has received the lowest grant per student.

The FC may discuss the matter and recommend accordingly to MHRD for re-consideration favorably with regards to allotment of fund to NIT, Rourkela for the Finance Year 2020-2021.

The Chairman, BOG informed the Board that he has already sent a letter to the Ministry in the matter of tentative fund allocation to NIT Rourkela which is Rs.2.535 lakhs per student and is very minimal compare to other NITs, as is listed in the above table.

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While debating on the fund allocation to different NITs, the MHRD representative claimed that due to 20% reduction of budget under OH-36 and 47% reduction under OH-31 the total budget allocated to different Institutions in comparisons to the last year has been reduced. However, drawing the attention of the MHRD representative, the members requested that a fare mechanism should be adopted while allocating the budget to different Institutions. They also mentioned that NIRF ranking, students and faculty strength and overall performance of the Institutes should be taken into the consideration while allocating the budget.

The Chairman, BOG requested the members from MHRD to arrange an online meeting between Joint Secretary & Finance Advisor and Addl. Director General and Director & Registrar, NIT, Rourkela regarding the financial allocation to NIT, Rourkela.

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FC-53(2020)-04: Proposal for Advertisement for Ph.D. admission in Autumn Semester 2020-2021.

During the last budget allocation meeting held on 18.12.2019 at Delhi, Mrs. Darshana Momaya Dabral, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor and Shri Madan Mohan, Additional Director General, MHRD advised the Registrar, NIT, Rourkela verbally that one faculty can only be allotted two Ph.D. scholars with Institute Fellowship.

However, he/she may supervise more number Ph.D. Scholars from his/her project grant, or the students getting research grant from some other sources.

The Institute is planning to float the advertisement for admission into Ph.D. programme for Autumn 2020-2021 session. The following facts with regards to enrolled Ph.D. students of the Institute till date are presented for kind perusal of the members of FC:

At present, the total number of enrolled Ph.D. students in the Institute is 1157, out of which, these are the number under different categories:

- ii) No. of Ph. D. scholars getting Institute fellowship: 584
- iii) No. of Ph.D. scholars admitted under project funding but now getting Institute Fellowship: 31
- iv) No. of Executive Ph.D.: 115
- v) No. of Other categories: 427
- vi) Further, Students who have given synopsis seminar and due to submit thesis by July 2020: 23.

Till date there are 338 faculties on roll in the Institute and 34 more faculties are expected to join the Institute in upcoming months. There by the total number of Ph.D. Scholars with Institute Scholarship can be admitted = $(338+34) * 2 = 744$, as per instruction from MHRD

Hence, the total number of Ph.D. students that can be admitted with Institute Fellowship (for Autumn 2020-21) = $744 - 584 - 31 + 23 = 152$ in number.

Regarding Ph.D. advertisement, the Chairman, BOG suggested to go-ahead with the advertisement without mentioning the number of vacancies. However, based on the fund availability, the Institute may decide the number of intake at the time of admission.

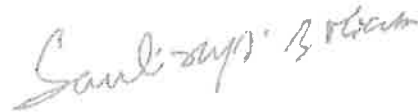
Drawing the attention of others Padmashri N.R. Mohanty advised that at the time of admission of Ph.D. students, the Institute should give emphasis on fund availability and quality of students rather than filling of vacancies. Participating in the debate Director, NITR claimed as the research is the major strength of our Institute, which is reflected in NIRF ranking, more fund should be allocated under OH-31 to maintain the research culture of the Institute.

FC-53(2020)-05: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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Chairman
BOG, NIT, Rourkela