

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

General Council Meeting

The 52nd meeting of the General Council of NCERT was held on 3rd February 2015 at 4.45 p.m. at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001. Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India and President of the NCERT, chaired the meeting.

Prof. B.K. Tripathi, Director, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the Committee Members. Thereafter, Agenda items were discussed as under:

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 51st meeting of the General Council held on 03rd December, 2013

As no comments were received from the member of the General Council on the minutes of the 51st meeting, held on 3rd December, 2013, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on 03rd December, 2013

The Secretary, NCERT reported the action taken on the minutes of the 51st meeting of the General Council which was noted by the members.

Item No. 3: To approve the Annual Report of the NCERT for the year 2013-14

The Secretary, NCERT placed the Annual Report of the NCERT and stated that the Executive Committee of the NCERT has approved the Annual Report 2013-14. Following this, the General Council approved the Annual Report of the Council for the year 2013-14.

Item No. 4: To approve the Audited Accounts of NCERT for the year 2013-14

The General Council approved the audited annual accounts of the NCERT for the year 2013-14 to be laid in the table of the Parliament.

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General Discussion

Hon'ble Minister of HRD and President, NCERT thanked all the members for their presence and mentioned that MHRD has rolled out deliberations for the New Education Policy and invited comments from all stakeholders at mygov.in. She solicited the opinion of all the State Governments on this issue. Hon'ble HRM also desired that the NCERT may work out a structure in a time bound manner to have extensive consultations with the States. NCERT should complete the exercise by August, 2015 end and submit a report by September 2015.

Hon'ble Minister also observed that each year Republic Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm and different gallantry awards like Param Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra are awarded to the heroes of the War. She desired that the NCERT may come out with a book (Veer Gatha) on the stories of war heroes, so that future generations are acquainted with their Sacrifices. The book may be named VEER GATHA. Dr. Kiran Devendra, Member suggested that emphasis may be given to include the women achievers. Hon'ble HRM desired that this could be co-related with PM's programme "Beti Bachao, Beti Padoo". NCERT should interact with the States and the Ministry of Defence in this regard.

Education Minister of Punjab stated that the State could provide land near Chandigarh for opening of new RIE (as it was originally proposed in Chandigarh). The proposed land would be within proximity of the states of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. Responding, Hon'ble HRM desired that the State Govt. may send the proposal to the NCERT.

Education Minister of Arunachal Pradesh thanked the HRM for making available NCERT textbook easily in Arunachal Pradesh. The Minister emphasized on inclusion of Financial Education and education on Agriculture in the school curriculum. Hon'ble HRM asked him to make these a part of the deliberation on the new education policy.

Ms. Wattal stated that CBSE has booklet on the bravery of Army, Navy and Air Force personnel. She also said that there is no specific curriculum for Special Needs and whatever is there, is arbitrary and not focused. Hon'ble HRM desired that Chairperson, CBSE may coordinate for the development of such a

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book on valiance in the armed forces. She further observed that the focus on children with special needs be given in the New Education Policy deliberations.

Education Minister from Uttarakhand expressed the need for Govt. of India support for the construction of an SCERT building in the State. Education Minister of Chhatisgarh suggested setting up of Shiksha Mahavidyalaya to promote and preserve tribal languages and dialects. Hon'ble HRM observed that such issues may be taken up in the appropriate Forum.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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MINUTES OF THE 101st EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 101st meeting of the Executive Committee of NCERT was held on 3rd February 2015 at 02.30 p.m. at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001. Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India and President of the NCERT, chaired the meeting. The list of the participants who attended the meeting is attached herewith as Annexure - I.

Prof. B.K. Tripathi, Director, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the Committee Members. Thereafter, Agenda items were discussed as under:

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 24th September, 2014

The minutes of the 100th meeting of the Executive Committee, held on 24th September 2014 were circulated to the members. Since no comments were received, the Executive Committee confirmed the minutes.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 24th September, 2014

The Secretary, NCERT reported the action taken on the minutes of the 100th meeting of the Executive Committee. Further, the committee noted as below:

- (i) The work on calculation of retirement benefits on actuarial basis has been initiated.
- (ii) Recruitment Rules for non-academic staff of NCERT. The matter was under active consideration and likely to be finalized soon.
- (iii) It was mentioned that the NCERT has finalised the E-pub version of textbooks for classes 9-12. The E-pub versions of the remaining classes are in progress. Secretary, (SE&L), MHRD informed the members that the Hon'ble Prime Minister would launch the Digital India and the E-Pub version of NCERT textbooks. E-Pub versions may be uploaded only after the directions are received from MHRD. Hon'ble HRM desired that the NCERT may complete the E-PUB versions of the textbooks of all the classes by April 2015.

