

Indian Council of Historical Research

Minutes of the 81st General Meeting of the Council held
on 23rd September 2015, ICHR, New Delhi

Members Present:

1. Professor Y. Sudershan Rao	Chairman
2. Professor Michel Danino	Member
3. Dr Meenakshi Jain	Member
4. Professor Nanditha Krishna	Member
5. Professor C.I. Isaac	Member
6. Professor Purabi Roy	Member
7. Dr Saradindu Mukherji	Member
8. Dr. M.D. Srinivas	Member
9. Professor P.T. Haridas	Member
10. Professor Baidyanath Labh	Member
11. Professor R.S. Agrawal	Member
12. Professor Nikhilesh Guha	Member
13. Professor I.S. Vishwakarma	Member
14. Professor Rahman Ali	Member
15. Professor K. Ratnam	Member
16. Shri Fazal Mahmood	Deputy Secretary, Nominee of Financial Advisor, MHRD
17. Dr. M.A. Haque	Deputy Director, Nominee of Director General, National Archives, New Delhi
18. Shri Arnab Aich	Under Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Nominee of Secretary (Culture), Govt. of India
19. Dr. S.K. Aruni	Member Secretary (Officiating)

The following Council Members could not attend the meeting

1. Prof. Dilip K. Chakrabarti	Member
2. Prof. Gangmumei Kamei	Member
3. Prof. Sachidananda Sahai	Member
4. Prof. Narayan Rao	Member
5. Shri Atul Rawat (UGC Nominee)	Member
6. Director General, Archaeological Survey of India	Member
7. Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD	Member

Item 1: To confirm minutes of 80th General Meeting of the Council held on
27th March 2015 at 11:00 A.M.

Noted and approved.

Item 2: To report action taken on the Minutes of the 80th General Meeting of the Council held on 27th March 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Noted and confirmed.

Item 3: To report major activities of the Council during 11.03.2015 to till date.

Noted and approved.

Item 4: To report and approve the Annual Accounts of ICHR for the year 2014-2015.

The Council noted and approved the Annual Accounts of the Council for the year 2014-2015. Further, the Council directed the Accounts Unit to adopt the revised format of the Accounts issued by the MHRD in its vide Letter dated 17-04-2015. The Council also stressed the need to adhere to the new Accounts format from the current financial year as suggested by the representative of the Financial Advisor.

Item 5: To approve estimated budget of the Council for the financial year-2016-2017.

The Council approved the budget estimate of the Council for the year 2016-2017. The Council also recommended to enhance Council's fellowships as par with the ICSSR and UGC's JRF/Senior/Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship. The Council requested the Chairman to take-up the matter with the MHRD for consideration.

The Representative of the Finance Advisor of MHRD Shri Fazal Mahmood stressed that the proposed budget of year 2016-17 should be submitted with realistic assessment of requirements of both academic and non-academic programmes. As regards to the construction of NERC building of ICHR at Guwahati (Assam), he explained that everything should be in a proper format as per Government's norms. Further, he apprised that allocation of fund to Regional Centres of ICHR should be made from the Plan Budget of the Council and not from Non-Plan Budget.

Item 6: To approve the draft Annual Report for the year 2014 -2015.

The Council approved the draft of the Council's Annual Report of 2014-2015.

Item 7: To consider filling- up of various vacant posts in the Council.

The Council noted and approved proposal of the filling up the vacant post in the Council. The Council authorized the Chairman to take up the matter with the ministry for filling up of the vacant posts at the earliest.

Item 8: To report and consider the status on ICHR's Western Regional Centre.

The Council approved the proposal of the shifting of the Western Regional Centre from the University of Mumbai campus to the Deccan College, PG & Research Institute, Pune (Maharashtra).

Item 9: Setting up of Eastern Regional Centre at Varanasi.

The Council approved the proposal in principle and authorised the Chairman to send justification to the MHRD as suggested by Shri Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Director (ICR) vide his letter No.F.3-7/2014.U3 of 21.09.2015 for opening the Centre since Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi has requested the ICHR to open our Regional Centre at Varanasi for which they provide accommodation on their Campus.

Item10: Establishment of ICHR's Regional Centre at Hyderabad.

The Council approved the proposal in principle and authorised the Chairman to send justification to MHRD as detailed in **Item-9** for opening the Centre in the Campus of Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Item11: To consider assigning the work to the Regional Centres to execute monitoring the Fellowships/ Research Projects etc. pertaining to their regions.

Approved in principle.

Item12: To report the draft of amended Research Funding Rules (RFR) of ICHR, published in April 2014.

The Council approved the draft of amended Research Funding Rules (RFR) of the ICHR.

The amendments are of general nature without touching the basics of various research programs which are unaltered. In view of the provision of the RFR shown above, the Council unanimously approved the draft of the Research Funding Rules (RFR) with amendments and it was resolved to adopt the same for funding/subsidy awards for academic activities w.e.f. from the date of this Council meeting. However, amended rules will be submitted to the MHRD as required.

Item 13: To consider hiring a suitable accommodation for a Guest House for ICHR official purpose.

The Council approved the proposal of hiring suitable accommodation for the Guest House for the Council activities as approved by the Administrative Committee in its 68th meeting held on 29.07.2015 vide Item No. 7 (I).

In the light of above, the Council authorized the Chairman to send justification to the MHRD for opening ICHR Guest House in New Delhi.

Item14: To constitute Sub-committees under the Research Project Committee (RPC) for vetting of the proposals received under ICHR's schemes viz. STG, FTG, Publication Subsidy, Seminar/Conference/Workshops proposals and JRF & PDF extension/leave/relinquish etc., requests.

The Council considered and approved. The Council authorised the Chairman to constitute Sub-Committees for different research programmes as per the need.

Item 15: To receive and approve minutes of various Committees of the Council held from October 2014 till date.

Noted and approved.

Item 16: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

a) To consider a request submitted by Professor Purabi Roy, Member of ICHR, to retrieve and publish the manuscript related to Indian National Army (INA).

The Council noted and approved the proposal. The Council requested Professor Purabi Roy to submit a detailed proposal to the Council for taking-up of its publication.

b) Proposal for the grant of suitable Honorarium as a token of respect to the incumbent holding the office of Chairman, ICHR.

As the matter was related to the Chairman Professor Y. Sudershan Rao, the Chairman of the Council who was chairing the Council meeting withdrew from the meeting. The Council requested Professor R.S. Agrawal, the senior member of the Council to chair the meeting. Accordingly, Professor R. S. Agrawal chaired the meeting and conducted the remaining session”.

Shri Fazal Mahmood, Dy. Secretary, Finance, the Representative of Financial Advisor, MHRD, however, opined that the matter should be referred to the MHRD for the approval.

The members of the Council unanimously resolved that the ICHR should convey its recommendation to the Ministry of HRD for approval.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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