

Indian Council of Historical Research

Minutes of the 149th Research Project Committee meeting held
on 14.06.2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New
Delhi

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Members Present:-

1. Professor Y. Sudershan Rao	Chairman, ICHR (<i>In Chair</i>)
2. Professor Narayan Rao	Member
3. Professor Michel Danino	Member
4. Professor Purabi Roy	Member
5. Dr. Meenakshi Jain	Co-opted Member
6. Professor Ishwar Sharan Vishwakarma	Co-opted Member
7. Dr. Anand Shanker Singh	Member Secretary

Dr. Nanditha Krishna could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Director (Research) coordinated the meeting.

Item 1: To Confirm the Minutes of the 148th Research Project Committee meeting held on 21.03.2017 at 2.00 p.m. in Conference Room of ICHR, New Delhi.

Noted and approved.

Item 2: Action Taken Report-148th Research Projects Committee (RPC) held on 21.03.2017.

Noted and approved.

Item 3: To report minutes of various Committee & Sub-Committee meetings held between 22.03.2017 and 14.06.2017.

(i) To report the minutes of the Thirteenth meeting of the Advisory/Monitoring Committee of the North East Regional Centre of ICHR held on 13.04.2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the premises of ICHR's North East Regional Centre, Guwahati.

Noted and approved (Annexure-A)

- (ii) To report the minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting of Editorial Board of ITIHAS (*Shodh Patrika*) held on 20.04.2017 at 03:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

Noted and approved (Annexure-B)

- (iii) To report the minutes of the Experts' Committee meeting of the ICHR's Special Project on *Modern India: Princely States* held on 21.04.2017 at 03:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

Noted and approved (Annexure-C)

- (iv) To report the minutes of the 1st Experts' Committee of the ICHR's Special Project entitled: '*Historical Encyclopedia of Towns and Villages in India*' held on 05.05.2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

Noted and approved (Annexure-D)

- (v) To report minutes of the 16th Monitoring/Advisory Committee Meeting of the Southern Regional Centre of Indian Council of Historical Research, Bengaluru held on 16.05.2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the premises of ICHR, Southern Regional Centre, Bengaluru.

Noted and approved (Annexure-E)

- (vi) To report the minutes of the Sub-Committee of Seminar/Conferences/Workshop meeting held on 13.06.2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

Noted and approved (Annexure-F)

However, with regard to criteria/guidelines for considering the applications for the Seminar Grant the RPC recommended to also include the following points in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee of Seminar Grants under the criteria/guidelines:

- **There should be defined focus in the theme of the seminar proposal.**
- **The proposal should have sufficient history content.**

- (vii) To report the minutes of the Sub-Committee of Foreign Travel Grant Committee meeting held on 13.06.2017 at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

Noted and approved (Annexure-G)

- (viii) To report the minutes of the Sub-Committee of Study-cum-Travel Grant meeting held on 13.06.2017 at 03:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

Noted and approved (Annexure-H)

- (ix) To report the minutes of the Sub-Committee of Research Projects meeting held on 13.06.2017 at 04:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

Noted and approved (Annexure-I)

- (x) To report the minutes of the Sub-Committee of Monograph Series & Publication meeting held on 14.06.2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

Tabled and approved (Annexure-J)

- Item 4: To report the result of Search-cum-Selection Committee of Disciple (*Shishya*) held on 20.04.2017 at 2.30 p.m. under ICHR Gurukul Fellowship.

Noted and approved.

- Item 5: To consider and approve to publish the proceedings of Two day national seminar on **Hundred years of "Nriya Bharateeyam"** held on 1st & 2nd June 2017 at Chennai.

The Committee decided that Padmabhushan awardee Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam (the Convener of the seminar) should be requested to work as Editor of the proceedings of the seminar. The proceedings will be published by the ICHR SRC, Bengaluru.



Item 6: To discuss and consider a Research Proposal entitled: "*Vedic Dharma and Original Dhamma of the Buddha*" received from the Chairman, ICPR for ICHR-ICPR Joint Research Project.

The Committee approved the proposal and decided to constitute an Experts' Committee for the Research Projects. The Committee also approved an amount of Rs. 10 Lac as initial grant for the project.

Item 7: Requests relating to the Research Funding Rules (RFR), September 2015.

(i) RFR rule regarding minimum daily allowance per day for FTG as stated in Chapter V Clause 5b.

5b. Payment of daily maintenance allowance should be equal to a maximum of \$100 (One Hundred US dollars) a day, if the period of stay abroad is of seven day or less, or \$80 (eighty US dollars), if the said period is of more than seven days, or \$60 (Sixty US dollars), if the said period is of more than fourteen days or minimum \$ 1120 (One Thousand one hundred

The Committee discussed it in detail and resolved that in order to rationalise the payment of Daily Allowance being given to the scholars under the FTG scheme of ICHR should be adopted as per the rates of daily allowance for journeys performed in various countries as notified in this regard by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, vide their order No. Q/FD/695/3/2000 dated 21st September 2010.

The scholars who are sanctioned foreign travel grant under FTG scheme would be given daily allowance at the rate prescribed in the Annexure-K.

Full Daily Allowance shall be applicable up-to 14 days, 75% of full Daily Allowance for next seven days.

(ii) Request to resolve the RFR rule regarding the minimum gap /cooling off periods an eligibility criterion to apply for ICHR's another Fellowship/ Grant after completing the earlier grant.

RFR rule regarding the eligibility criteria to apply for ICHR's another Fellowship/ Grant as stated in Chapter I Clause 10.

"A scholar is not eligible to apply for Research Project grant & Foreign Travel grant within a gap of three years after completing the earlier grant. A PDF & SAF scholar is not eligible to apply for SAF, Research Projects & FTG within three years of completion of his PDF/SAF. However, a JRF scholar can apply for PDF immediately after having completed".



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The Committee took a note of the misprint of these points in the RFR and decided that these should be omitted from the RFR. The gap between the fellowships/grants should be as mentioned in Chapter I Clause 10 of RFR.

RFR rule regarding the eligibility criteria to apply for ICHR's another Fellowship/ Grant as stated in Chapter II Clause 15

"A Fellow who has availed of a Fellowship (except JRF) from the ICHR will not be eligible for another Fellowship from this Council for the next five years from the date of the acceptance of the final report by the Council. In addition no scholar will be awarded the same Fellowship more than once".

RFR rule regarding the eligibility criteria to apply for ICHR's another Fellowship/ Grant as stated in Chapter V Clause 7

"No one may normally be considered for a foreign travel grant for more than once in five years, but funding for a foreign trip provided for under Clause 8 shall not be counted as a foreign travel grant for the purpose of this clause".

RFR rule regarding the eligibility criteria to apply for ICHR's another Fellowship/ Grant as stated in Chapter VI Clause 2b

"An applicant who has already availed of publication subsidy from ICHR for work as enumerated in clause (1) other than periodical publications indicated in sub clause (f) shall not be eligible for such a grant for another work for the next five years from the year of publication of the last ICHR funded publication".

- (iii) **Request to consider the Terms and Conditions of ICHR Gurukul Fellowship for inclusion in the Research Funding Rules (RFR) of ICHR.**

The RPC noted that since the 147th RPC and 84th General Council meeting have already approved the Terms and Conditions of the ICHR's Gurukul Fellowships. Therefore, the same should be included in the Research Funding Rules (RFR).

Item 8: Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.

(i) Modern India: Princely States

The 145th RPC of the Council held on 13th August 2016 has approved a sum of Rs. 5 Lakh for this project. The Chairman constituted a Expert Committee. The first meeting of the Experts' Committee was held on 21.4.17. Further, the Committee recommended to constitute Core-Committee for suggestions. Accordingly, the Core-Committee of the project met on 05.05.2017. The Committee recommended the ICHR to grant Rs.20 Lakh as initial grant for the Project and also decided to take up the study of *Cooch Behar* and *Manipur* Princely States.

The Committee accepted the suggestions of the Core-Committee of the project and approved an initial grant of Rs. 20 Lac.

(ii) 15 day Training/Workshop programme on under water archaeology.

The Committee resolved that the ICHR should conduct a 15 day Training/Workshop programme on under water archaeology. Also, the Committee decided that Professor Alok Tripathi should be requested to be the convener/coordinator of the programme.

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

