

**Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi held on February 11, 2022 at 02.00 p.m. through Video Conferencing.**

The following members attended the meeting: -

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| 1. <b>Prof. W. D. Negi</b><br>Vice-Chancellor (I/c), CIHTS  | Chairman         |
| 2. <b>Ms. Deepika Pokharna</b><br>Director (BTI), Representative of<br>Ministry of Culture, New Delhi | Member           |
| 3. <b>Shri Harish Kumar</b><br>Director (IFD), MOC<br>Government of India, New Delhi                  | Member           |
| 4. <b>Dr. Himanshu Pandey</b><br>Registrar (I/c), CIHTS   | Member Secretary |

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Finance Committee particularly Ms. Deepika Pokharna, Director (BTI), MOC, Government of India, New Delhi and Shri Harish Kumar, Director (IFD), Government of India, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi for their presence in the F.C. through video conferencing. He also greeted the members as this is going to be the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting after his assumption of the charge as V.C. (I/c) and Dr. Himanshu Pandey as Registrar (I/c) of the Institute. He said it would have been a pleasure to welcome all the members in the Institute premises but due to busy schedule of the members, it could not happen. He further informed that Dr. S. P. Mathur, Joint Registrar, BHU and member of the F. C. has sent his regret to attend the meeting due to some unavoidable circumstances. He further expressed that suggestions of the members of the Administrative Ministry and Dr. S. P. Mathur shall be of utmost importance in the development of CIHTS activities in achieving its goal in a befitting manner.

Thereafter, the agenda items were discussed point-wise and decided as under:

<p>Agenda Item No. 55.1</p>	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the last (54<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Finance Committee held on October 1, 2020.</p> <p><i>Minutes of the last (54<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Finance Committee held on October 1, 2020 were discussed and confirmed.</i></p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 55.2</p>	<p>Action Taken/Present Position on the decision of the Finance Committee taken at its last (54<sup>th</sup>) meeting held on October 1, 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The matter relating to procurement of CF 3000 was discussed. The Chairman apprised the members that the Finance Committee, in its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on April 10, 2019 had given its approval to explore the purchase of CF 3000 at the cost of Rs. 30 lakhs, and, in its 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on September 21, 2019 gave its approval towards purchase of this equipment for protection of the valuable rare books including Kangyur/Tengyur, ancient rare manuscripts available in digital form and other texts like films, microfiches, journals as well as electronic documents kept in the Library because it is well equipped with water mist solution having required capability; subject to the condition that expenditure on this account would be met by the institute from its own budgetary allocation. In the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the F.C. held on October 01, 2020, the institute informed that due to the shortage of funds in concerned head the procurement of the equipment could not be made and as such a separate proposal for sanction of Rs. 30 lakh was sought to be submitted, to which, the Jt. Secretary (MOC) and Director (IFD) stated that due to the fiscal crunch on account of Covid-19, separate proposal for sanction of Rs. 30.00 lakhs will delay the issue for a longer time. Rather, it was suggested that Institute should provision the same from within the annual budget grant. The Director (IFD) also suggested that CIHTS can make a formal request to be allowed to spend beyond the ceiling limit of 45% of the sanctioned budget under 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and the Institute should send its proposal detailing priorities of its demand under related Heads depicting requirement of additional funds of urgent nature so that the Ministry can consider and allocate as per urgent requirements.</li> </ul>

*Considering the availability of adequate amount of fund in the concerned head of the grants for the FY 2021-2022 and removal of Covid-19 related restrictions on the expenditure, the FC re-approved to go ahead with the procurement of CF 3000 Fire Extinguishing System for the Library.*

- *The issue related to minimum requirement of man-power for the faculty of Sowa-Rigpa having 15-students intake capacity for under Graduate Courses (BSRMS) within the CCIM norms was discussed elaborately. The Chairman informed the members about the necessity of minimum requirement of man-power to run the Sowa-Rigpa courses in the Institute. He further informed that in consonance of the decision in the last meeting of the FC, the Institute, vide its letter bearing no. CIHTS/ADM/REG/MOC/501-30 dated 14.09.2021 has sent a fresh proposal for man-power requirement but no decision has been taken till date.*

*The Director (BTI) informed that fresh proposal sent by the Institute is not different from the proposal sent earlier. As therefore, it was stated that the Institute should resend the proposal in consultation with the Ministry officials following proper pattern, which shall then be examined and submitted with the Ministry of Finance for its approval.*

- *The matter relating to the Implementation of recommendation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC in respect of Pensioners was discussed. The Vice Chancellor informed that the F.C., in its last meeting had discussed the matter elaborately and it was noted that due to fiscal crunch on account of Covid-19, management of fund to meet out the arrears etc. in respect of pensioners would be difficult one for the present. Hence, the F.C. had deferred the same for the time being.*

*The society in its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on January 15, 2021 discussed the issue related to implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC in respect of pensioners and decided to implement the same subject to availability of funds within the sanctioned budget under the concerned head.*

	<p><i>The Chairman informed that the action has been taken accordingly, which was endorsed by the F.C.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The members discussed the action taken / present position on the Item nos. 54.6 (Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2019-20), 54.7.1 (Considering way of implementation of extending medical facilities to the employees of the Institute including pensioners), 54.7.2 (Considering R.E. for the year 2020-21 and B.E. for the year 2021-22) and 54.7.3 (Considering the matter related to construction of Sowa-Rigpa Bhawan).</li> </ul> <p><i>After thorough deliberations, the Finance Committee endorsed the above.</i></p>																														
<p>Agenda item No. 55.3</p>	<p>Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2020-21.</p> <p><i>The F.C. considered and approved the same.</i></p>																														
<p>Agenda item No. 55.4</p>	<p>B.E. (proposed) &amp; BE approved for the year 2021-22, RE for the year 2021-22 and B.E. for the year 2022-23.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rs. In Lakhs</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="534 1176 1444 1568"> <thead> <tr> <th>Head(s)</th> <th>BE Proposed 2021-22</th> <th>BE Approved 2021-22</th> <th>RE 2021-22</th> <th>B.E. (proposed) 2022-23</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>GIA salary (3.5.36)</td> <td>3093.63</td> <td>3480.00</td> <td>2861.00</td> <td>3632.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GIA General (3.5.31)</td> <td>748.41</td> <td>457.00</td> <td>457.00</td> <td>559.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CCA (3.5.35)</td> <td>430.00</td> <td>1463.30</td> <td>2964.50</td> <td>550.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SAP 96-31</td> <td>3.00</td> <td>1.40</td> <td>1.40</td> <td>003.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>4275.04</td> <td>5401.70</td> <td>6283.90</td> <td>4745.87</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>The F.C. considered and approved the same with the clarification that the enhancement made in the R.E. under CCA (3.5.35) head is solely for the Sowa Rigpa Building Project and so it must not be used for any other projects. Further, F.C. also suggested that B.E. for F.Y. 2022-23 in the head GIA Salary be examined again at the Institute level.</i></p>	Head(s)	BE Proposed 2021-22	BE Approved 2021-22	RE 2021-22	B.E. (proposed) 2022-23	GIA salary (3.5.36)	3093.63	3480.00	2861.00	3632.96	GIA General (3.5.31)	748.41	457.00	457.00	559.91	CCA (3.5.35)	430.00	1463.30	2964.50	550.00	SAP 96-31	3.00	1.40	1.40	003.00	Total	4275.04	5401.70	6283.90	4745.87
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<p>Agenda item No. 55.5</p>	<p>Considering the observation of Audit related to implementation of EPF and ESI for temporary Employees (contractual/daily wagers).</p> <p>The Registrar, while seeking a directive from F.C., informed that the Audit from the AGUP, Prayagraj has brought its observation (Appendix-H of the Agenda) in light through AIR that the CIHTS is not implementing Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) and Employee State Insurance (ESI) schemes stating that it is obligatory on the part of the Institute to implement social security bills as "provisioned constitutional requirement" and non-participation to these schemes is causing increasing statutory financial liability on the part of the Institute.</p> <p>The Director, IFD and the Director, BTI expressed serious concern over the continuation of Daily Wager employees on the Institute's pay roll and suggested to immediately shift such employments on the outsourcing mode as the engagement on daily wages and contractual basis for a long time shall increase the liability of the institute with regard to their imminent demand in future for paying gratuity and pension etc. More so, temporary employment cannot be for years, rather it is only for short duration in project work.</p> <p><i>Differing to the Institute's demand for entering into agreement for EFP and ESI, the members from the Ministry suggested for changing the mode of employment of these employees to outsourcing one in a way that present employees do not suffer. It was further stated that the outsourcing agency itself, shall take care of their registration for EPF and ESI.</i></p>
<p>Agenda item No. 55.6</p>	<p>Considering for opening and operating the designated "FCRA Account" as provided under the amended section of 17 (1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010.</p> <p>The matter related to opening of a designated FCRA account in the specified branch of State Bank of India in order to receive Foreign Contributions was discussed. The Registrar described</p>

	<p>the need of doing so by reading out salient points of the Public Notice bearing F. No. II/21022/23(35)/2019-FCRA-III dated October 13, 2020 of the MHA as placed at <i>Appendix - I</i> of the agenda.</p> <p><i>The F.C. endorsed the proposal with the observation that an annual detailed report relating to funds received in the designated "FCRA Account" and the amount used from it by the Institute be put up before the governing bodies like BoG &amp; FC of the Institute so as to have a documented record of the working and transactions of this account for future references, if needed.</i></p>
<p><b>Agenda item No. 55.7</b></p>	<p>Considering the matter related to continuation of the programmes under the Centre for Teacher Education (CTE).</p> <p>Opening the discussions on the issue, it was informed by the Registrar that the Institute has been providing B.A. B.Ed. (4 years integrated course), and B. Ed (2 years course) from the grant received from MHRD under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission of Teacher and Teaching (PMMMNTT) Scheme since November, 2018.</p> <p>Under said PMMMNMTT scheme, the Ministry of Education sanctioned Rs. 9.5 crore under two different heads i.e. Recurring &amp; Non-recurring. Further, Rs. 5.41 crores was sanctioned for the construction of new building of Centre for Teachers Education (CTE). The same has been completed by NBCC (India) Ltd and handed over to the Institute in October, 2021.</p> <p>The courses of CTE are duly approved and sanctioned by National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi which is the apex body of controlling and monitoring teachers' education in India.</p> <p>The course curriculum holds true spirit of NEP-2020 by focussing on Philosophy and logic and teaching through didactic and dialectic method common for both Science and Art stream.</p>


	<p>The PMMMMNMTT scheme has been discontinued by the Govt. of India in March, 2021. Thereafter, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, CIHTS, the Institute has been maintaining the expenditures incurred in the shape of the remuneration to the employees of CTE as well as miscellaneous expenditures and stipend etc. from donation fund of the Institute. Keeping the said course continued with support of donation fund would not be possible for a longer period. Therefore, the matter is being brought to the notice of the F.C. for consideration and decision so that the continuity of the said courses could remain intact in the interest of the students. The expected financial implication for running the said programmes of CTE shall be approximately Rs. Eighty lakhs annually.</p> <p><i>After much deliberations on the issue of running the course further, it was suggested by both the Directors from the Ministry to seek approval from the "Society" of the Institute.</i></p>
<p>Agenda item No. 55.8</p>	<p>MoU executed between the Ministry of Culture (MoC), Govt. of India and Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi for year 2021 - 22</p> <p><i>The F.C. considered and approved the same.</i></p>
<p>Agenda item No. 55.9 55.9.1</p>	<p>Any other item with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>Enhancement of scholarship to students of Ph. D.</p> <p>It was briefed by the Registrar I/c, CIHTS that the amount of scholarship being given to Ph.D. pursuing students of the Institute is only Rs. 8000/- per month after its enhancement from Rs. 7000/- per month in the year 2016. The Research Fellows are voicing that this much amount is not adequate enough to meet the desired expenses for accomplishing a standard research work, given the hike in the related expenses.</p>


	<p>In view of the demands raised by the students, a committee was set up by the Institute to review the same and recommend for an appropriate amount to be reimbursed as scholarship. Putting the report of the Committee on the table, the Registrar sought approval of FC to enhance the scholarship from Rs. 8000/- to Rs. 25000/- per month as recommended by the Committee on the basis of UGC Public Notice No. F. 4-2/2018 (BSR) dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.</p> <p>On this, the members from the Ministry stated that it will not be appropriate to enhance the scholarship almost three times of the present amount at one stake. The estimated expenditure in lieu of this hike may go up to the tune of Rs. 35 lakhs per annum which shall not be possible to be met from the GIA Salary head of the Institute. The Director, IFD suggested that amount of scholarship should be monitored on yearly basis and revisions be made accordingly.</p> <p><i>After thorough discussions on the matter, it was decided that for this time, the Research Scholarship be fixed at Rs. 10,000/- per month.</i></p>
55.9.2	<p>Matter related to procurement &amp; installation of 11 KV / 415V Electricity Substation.</p> <p>Briefing the matter to the Committee, the Registrar informed that the Administrative Ministry vide its letter no. 13011-23/2019-Vig. Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 has directed the Institute to keep the above matter as an agenda before the Society/Finance Committee along with the view of the Vigilance Division. Hence, this matter is being placed before the Committee along with Report of the Committee constituted to examine the tender process adopted by the Institute in the award of tender.</p> <p><i>On this issue, the Director, BTI suggested that a reply to the complaint be prepared and approval be sought by the FC through circulation so that a proper reply may be sent to the Administrative Ministry and the complainant.</i></p>



55.9.3	<p>Construction of Kitchen-cum-mess (Mrigarmata Bhojnalaya) for the students of the Institute.</p> <p>It was informed by the Vice Chancellor that the kitchen and dining space for the students of the Institute is on the top floor of the Boys Hostel which is not appropriate location wise because of two reasons- (i) any incident of fire in the Kitchen shall be dangerous for the students and their belongings and (ii) It is very inconvenient to carry all the cooking and dining related materials to the top floor of the building which involves undue time consumption and hardship on the part of the students and related work force. So, in view of giving top priority to the safety of the students, it is proposed to build a Kitchen-cum- mess (Mrigarmata Bhojnalaya) on an earmarked location between Boys and Girls Hostel inside the Institute premises. Also, a BoQ (at the cost of approx. 2.5 crore) prepared by the consultant agency of the Institute has been approved in the meeting of Building committee held on 10.02.2022.</p> <p><i>The FC approved the proposal with the observation that the expenditure be made from the Head for CCA (3.5.35), if available after assessment done by CPWD.</i></p>
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There being no further items, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
 (Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
 Registrar I/c

  
 (Prof. W. D. Negi)  
 Vice Chancellor I/c