

Minutes of the 54th (virtual) meeting of the Finance Committee of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi held on October 1, 2020 at 9.30 a.m. through Webinar.

The following members attended the meeting: -

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| 1. Prof. Geshe. N. Samten
Vice-Chancellor, CUTS | Chairman |
| 2. Ms. Amita Prasad Sarbhai,
Joint Secretary, Government of India
Ministry of Culture, New Delhi | Representative of
Ministry |
| 3. Shri Harish Kumar
Director(IFD)
Government of India
Representative of Dy. F.A.(IFD)
MoC, New Delhi | Member |
| 4. Dr. S.P. Mathur
Registrar, IIT, BHU, Varanasi. | Member |
| 5. Dr. Himanshu Pandey
Secretary
Officiating Registrar(CIHTS), Sarnath. | Member |

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Finance Committee- particularly to Ms. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, Jt. Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi (who attended the meeting as Director/BTI Ms Deepika Pokharna was on leave) and Shri Harisha Kumar, Director (IFD), Government of India, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi for their presence in the F.C. on Webinar. He also thanked Dr. S.P. Mathur for attending the meeting despite other pressing works at IIT, BHU, Varanasi. He further expressed that expertise contributions of the members of the Administrative Ministry and Dr. S.P.Mathur, Registrar, IIT, BHU in the CIHTS activities will be very helpful to tune the financial implications in a better way.

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

**Agenda item
No. 54.1** **Confirmation of the Minutes of the last (53rd)
meeting of the Finance Committee held on
September 21, 2019.**

Minutes of the last (53rd) meeting of the Finance Committee held on September 21, 2019 were discussed and confirmed.

**Agenda Item
No. 54.2** **Action taken/present position on the decision
of the Finance Committee taken at its last (53rd)
meeting held on September 21, 2019.**

- The matter relating to the approval for separate budget for installation of CF 3000(which cost Rs. 30.00 Lakhs) was discussed. The Chairman apprised the members that last time the F.C. approved the proposal with condition to meet out the expenditures of Rs. 30.00 lakhs within the sanctioned budge. However, due to shortage of fund in concerned head, it could not be done. He also apprised the members about its importance for preserving ancient rare manuscripts available in the digital form and other texts like films, microfiches, journals as well as electronic documents etc., which are available in the Institute's Library. The F.C. was in consonance what the Chairman stated. Moreover, the Jt. Secretary, (MoC) and Director (IFD), Ministry of Culture stated that due to fiscal crunch on account of Covid-19, separate proposal for sanction of Rs. 30.00 Lakhs will delay the issue for a longer time. It was suggested that the Institute should provision the same 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 3rd quarter. 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.

- The matter 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 also stated that in absence of minimum requirement of man-power and related infrastructure, the CIHTS may not be allowed to run the Sowa-Rigpa Courses. He stated that presently the requirement of man-power is being managed engaging experts on contractual basis, which may not be allowed for a longer period. With support of donation funds, wages of some contractual employees are being managed. The Chairman also informed the F.C. about temporary arrangements of funds i.e. for a year or so or till the fiscal situation improves. Both the J.S. MoC. and Director (IFD, Ministry Culture emphasized that the Institute should submit a fresh proposal separating the requirement of man-power for teaching work and Sowa-Rigpa Teaching Hospital for consideration so that the matter can be taken up with DoE. In case of non-consideration by DoE for the present due to Covid-19 they will look for alternate arrangement to keep the Sowa-Rigpa activities continued.

With above observation the Action Taken Report was endorsed.

Agenda Item No. 54.3 Audited Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2018-19

The F.C. considered and approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 54.4 Revised Budget for the year 2019-20, Budget Estimate for the year 2020-21 and approved B.E. for the year 2020-21

Head(s)	RE 2019-	BE 2020-21	B.E. Approved
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	20		2020-21
Grant in Aid salary (3.5.36)	3511.80	2907.66	3013.56
Grant in Aid General (3.5.31)	623.12	813.91	600.00
Grant for creation of Capital Asset 3.5.35	400.00	660.00	430.00
96-31	1.00	3.00	200.00
Total	4535.92	4384.57	4045.56

The F.C. considered and approved the same.

54.5 Implementation of recommendation of 7th CPC in respect of Pensioners.

The F.C. 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. deferred the same for the time being.

Agenda Item No. 54.6 Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2019-20.

The F.C. approved the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2019-20 and recommended it for the approval of the BOG.

54.7 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Item No. 1. Considering way of implementation for extending medical facilities to the employees of the Institute including pensioners.

The matter relating extension of medical facilities to the employees of the Institute and pensioners was discussed

elaborately. The F.C. observed that accepting the proposal would be increasing the liability on the part of the Government as well as on the Institute as the contribution, so received, from the employees under CHSS would not be sufficient to cover the reimbursement of medical bills. Therefore, it would be better to explore alternate ways to provide medical facilities to the employees of the Institute through Health Insurance Schemes.

Item No. 2 Considering R.E. for the year 2020-21 and B.E. for the year 2021-22.

The matter related to R.E. for the year 2020-21 and B.E. for the year 2021-22 was discussed and the F.C. approved the R.E. 2020-21 subject to availability of fund and that too within the 70% of the sanctioned budget. As regards B.E. for the year 2021-22, it was decided that the Institute would prepare afresh B.E. for the year 2021-22 including the expenditures to be incurred on account of implementation of pensioners liabilities etc. and send the same to the Ministry.


Item No. 3 Considering the matter relating construction of Sowa-Rigpa Bhawan.

The matter related to construction of Sowa-Rigpa Bhawan was discussed. The Chairman apprised that the budgetary allocation for 1st phase construction of Sowa-Rigpa Bhawan was for Rs. 45.91 crore against which the Ministry released a sum of Rs.10.00 crore on 11-12-2018 for payment of initial deposit to NBCC Ltd. Further 2nd time on 31st March, 2020, the Ministry released Rs.1.34 crore. Thus total Rs.11.34 crore has been released and upto 31st July, 2020 a sum of Rs.11.30 crore has already been spent. Presently, the work is going on and many bill of the construction agency are pending for payment. After detailed deliberations, it was decided that the Institute will submit a detailed proposal to MOC clearly stating therein the urgent requirement of fund during the current financial

year and for the next financial year, for better appreciation.

There being no further items of discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. Hinanshu Pandey)
Officiating Registrar


(Prof. N. Samten)
Vice-Chancellor