

**Minutes of the 56th meeting of the Finance Committee of the
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi held on
January 11, 2023 at 03.30 p.m. in the Committee Room, Academic
Building, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi.**

The following members attended the meeting: -

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| 1 | Prof. (Geshe) Ngawang Samten
Vice-Chancellor,
CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi | Chairman |
| 2 | Shri Harish Kumar
Director (IFD),
Ministry of Culture, New Delhi | Member |
| 3 | Shri. Niraj Kumar
Director (BTI),
Ministry of Culture, New Delhi | Member |
| 4 | Shri S. P. Mathur
Joint Registrar,
BHU, Varanasi | Member |
| 5 | Dr. Himanshu Pandey
Registrar (Additional Charge)
CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi | Member Secretary |

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Finance Committee particularly Shri Niraj Kumar, 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. in person and through video conferencing respectively. He particularly thanked Director (BTI) Shri Niraj Kumar ji to come all the way from Delhi in unpredictable climatic situation. Shri Harish Kumar informed that he wanted to join the meeting physically but due to foggy weather, he could not make it. Further, the Chairman said that it was a pleasure to welcome all the members and hoped 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.

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

Agenda Item No. 56.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the last (55 th) meeting of the Finance Committee held on January 11, 2022. Minutes of the last (55th) meeting of the Finance Committee held on February 11, 2022 were discussed and confirmed.
Agenda Item No. 56.2	Action Taken/Present Position on the decision of the Finance Committee taken at its last (55 th) meeting held on February 11, 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The matter related to procurement of CF 3000 for the Library. The Vice Chancellor informed that the process of procurement and installation of the CF 3000 Fire Extinguishing System has been completed in the Library. The Finance Committee endorsed the action taken.• The matter related to minimum requirement of man-power for the faculty of Sowa-Rigpa. Briefing the background of the matter, the Vice Chancellor informed that the Institute had sent a fresh proposal for requirement of man-power for the faculty of Sowa-Rigpa vide letter No. CIHTS/ADM/REG/MOC/501/2022-3100 dated 30.05.2022 after which, the Administrative Ministry, vide its email dated 15 Nov, 2022 sought to furnish the proposal after making amendments as discussed and the Institute has sent its reply with justifications as discussed through email dated 13.12.2022. Shri Niraj Kumar, Director, BTI Section informed that still there are certain queries and the matter is under consideration in the Ministry.



- **Considering the observation of Audit related to implementation of EPF and ESI for temporary Employees (contractual/daily wagers).**

The Vice Chancellor informed that in the last meeting of the "Society" held on 07.06.2022, the Institute put up the matter for re-consideration on the issue. After detailed discussions on the issue, the Chairman of the Society stated that *"the matter is not the one which can be resolved right here in the meeting as it involves various other aspects also to be considered. For a separate reference of the matter, he advised, that the Institute should send a write-up of the whole issue along with the precedents of other centrally funded Universities etc. to be considered by the Administrative Ministry."* In response, the Institute vide its letters bearing no. CIHTS/ADM/REG/MOC/501-3157 dated 27.08.2022 (Appendix-J, Pg. 28), has submitted a detailed write-up of the whole issue along with the precedents of Banaras Hindu University for consideration by the Administrative Ministry.

The Institute was continuously receiving several letters/notices from the ESIC along with the "notice of demand to defaulter" from the office of the Recovery Officer, ESIC, Varanasi for payment of the sum Rs. 25,53,471/- (with interest).

On the matter of observation of audit, It was resolved that since the EPF & ESI contribution is a statutory requirement and mandatory, the Institute shall go ahead with the EPF/ESI contribution as per the existing rules.

Further, on the issue of long term demand of posts by the Institute, It was suggested by the Director (IFD) to make a review and assessment about the requirement of the posts other than Sowa Rigpa and the Ministry will pursue with Department of Expenditure on the that basis.

The Chairman informed that the Institute has written several times about the requirement of the posts. It was also informed that from the last 30 years, no post has been sanctioned, however, the work of the Institute has increased multifariously, acknowledged by whole of the academic world.

The Chairman stated that as the Institute has already brainstormed on this issue and put up a developmental plan along with creation of posts in the Institute, a fresh Proposal for Creation of Posts (apart from Sowa Rigpa) shall again be put up before the Administrative Ministry for persuasion with the Department of Expenditure.



- **Matter related to opening and operating the designated "FCRA Account" as provided under the amended section of 17 (1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010.**

It was informed by the Registrar that after receiving the approval of the FC and BoG, the Institute has applied for opening the FCRA Account, which is under process.

The Finances Committee noted the action taken.

- **Matter related to continuation of the programmes under the Centre for Teacher Education (CTE).**

The Chairman informed that the matter was put up for consideration in last meeting of BoG which approved to use up to Rs. 10 Lakhs per annum to meet the other miscellaneous (non-wages) expenses from the Institute's fund under GIA General (3.5.31) Head. After this, the Institute approached Society in its meeting held on 07.06.2022 in Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi to consider for funding the CTE from the grant received by the Institute from MoC, Govt. of India so that the continuity of the said courses could remain intact in the interest of the students and to accomplish the mission in the perspective of National Education Policy - 2020. It was also informed in that meeting that the expected financial implication for running the said programmes of CTE shall be approximately Rs. Eighty lakhs annually. The Chairman of the Society stated in the meeting that:

"it is quite praiseworthy that the students of this Centre are employed in the feeder cadre of various Government and Non-Government institutions of the country and therefore, the proposal is approved. CIHTS, Sarnath should send a fresh proposal for creation of the required number of posts for the CTE along with justification, which shall be followed up by the Administrative Ministry at the right forum for permission."

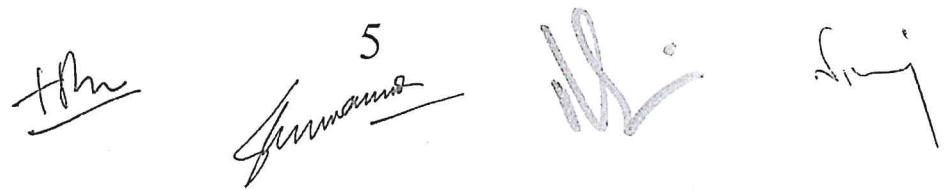
Accordingly, vide its letter bearing no. CIHTS/ADM/REG/MOC/501-3158 dated 27.08.2022 the Institute has submitted a detailed proposal with the Administrative Ministry for creation of the required number of posts for the CTE along with justification.

The Finance Committee noted the action taken.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Enhancement of scholarship to students of Ph. D. <p>The Chairman briefed that after receiving the approval of the F.C. on the matter, the Institute has issued an Order to this effect.</p> <p>The Finance Committee endorsed the action taken.</p> ◦ Matter related to procurement & installation of 11 KV / 415V Electricity Substation. <p>It was suggested in the last meeting of F.C. 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.</p> <p>The Draft of the reply letter to be given was put up for kind perusal and approval of the august members of the Finance Committee.</p> <p>The Finance Committee approved the draft of the letter.</p> ◦ Construction of Kitchen-cum-mess (Mrigarmata Bhojnalaya) for the students of the Institute. <p>It was decided to put up a detailed Construction Plan (DPR) along with financial implications in the next meeting of the Finance Committee.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 56.3</p>	<p>Annual Audited & Certified Statement of Accounts for the year 2021-22.</p> <p>The Finance Committee considered and approved the same with the observation.</p>

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**Agenda item
No. 56.4**

**B.E. (proposed) & BE approved for the year 2022-23,
RE for the year 2022-23 and B.E. for the year 2023-
24 (proposed).**

Rs. In Lakhs

Head(s)	BE 2022-23 (Proposed)	BE 2022-23 Approved by MoC	RE 2022-23 Proposed	B.E. 2023-24 Proposed
GIA salary (3.5.36)	3632.96	3050.00	2968.94	3897.86
GIA General (3.5.31)	559.91	457.00	843.00	728.90
GIA CCA (3.5.35)	550.00	1400.00	1400.00	500.00
SAP 96-31	3.00	1.50	1.50	2.00
Total	4745.87	4908.50	5213.44	5142.77

The F.C. considered and approved the same. Further, the F.C. also observed that in approved R.E., the Administrative Ministry approved Rs. 500.00 Lakh in GIA (General) vide O.M. No. G-20018/6/21-Budget dated 06.01.2022 (23). However, the Institute had proposed Rs. 843.00 Lakh in R.E. (2022-23). After discussions, the Finance Committee allowed the Institute to use its internal resources/income fund to meet out the expenses of GIA (General) for the F.Y. 2022-23.

**Agenda item
No. 56.5**

**MoU executed between the Ministry of Culture
(MoC), Govt. of India and Central Institute of Higher
Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi for year 22 - 23**

The MoU was considered and approved.





**Agenda item
No. 56.6**

**Approval for a new Power supply line for Sowa-
Rigpa Hospital Building from M/s UPPCL**

It was informed by the Chairman that for fulfilling the requirement of Power Supply to the Sowa Rigpa Hospital building, a new uninterrupted Power Supply line is required. For the same, a request letter was sent to M/s UPPCL. In response, M/s UPPCL has informed vide letter no. 25/न.वि.नि.ख.-द्वि.(वा)/ dated 05.01.2023 that a sum of Rs. 55925194.00 has to be deposited with the M/s UPPCL along with the request for required supply line of 33KVA.

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	<p>The matter is brought before the Finance Committee to consider for grant of above stated sum of Rs. 55925194.00 to be deposited with the M/s UPPCL for required 33KVA Power Supply line.</p> <p>The Finance Committee approved the expenditure in principal with the suggestion that a separate opinion regarding expenditure in this regard be also taken from an independent agency/PSU for having a better negotiation with M/s UPPCL.</p>
<p>Agenda item No. 56.7</p>	<p>Reporting Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring of Chartered Accountant as Internal Auditor <p>It was informed in the meeting that in its last meeting under Agenda Item No. 60.12 on the issue of granting extension to the Services of Internal Auditor for another term of three years on the existing terms & conditions, the Board of Governors of the Institute resolved that it will not be advisable to give the extension due to the reason that the Internal Auditor in an organization should be changed every three years. It further stated that the engagement should be on yearly basis extendable up to three years. The Institute should hire Internal Auditor from among the empanelled list of auditors of CAG.</p> <p>The Institute started the process of empanelment by floating advertisement on the Institute's website. The process has been completed and M/s Vijay Prakash & Co. (Chartered Accountants) has been given the charge of Internal Audit of the Institute Accounts vide letter no. CIHTS/ACCOUNT/Audit/2022-23 dated 03.12.2022. The Firm has accepted and started the work w.e.f. 06.12.2022.</p> <p>The Finance Committee noted the action and endorsed.</p>

<p>Agenda item No. 56.8</p>	<p>Any other item with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>Considering increase in the rate of wages of daily wagers in the light of the order F. No. 1/4(3)/2022-LS-II dated 24.07.2022</p> <p>The Member Secretary, CIHTS informed that in pursuance of the order F. No. 1/4(3)/2022-LS-II dated 24.07.2022, the Institute has issued order no. के.उ.ति.शि.संस्थान/प्रशासन द्वितीय/2020 दिनांक 13.10.2022 for implementation of the order.</p> <p>The Finance Committee noted the action and endorsed.</p>
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There being no further items, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)
Registrar (Add. Charge)



(Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten)
Vice Chancellor

