

## MINUTES OF THE 55<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE OOM ROOM, NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

#### PRESENT:

1. Dr. (Mrs.) G Aghila Officiating Chairperson & Director, NITT Member 2. Smt. Veena Dunga Member\* Deputy Secretary, MoE 3. Shri. Anil Kumar Member\* Director (IFD), MoE 4. Dr. S Kumanan Member 5. Dr. N Thamaraiselvan **Member Secretary** 

\*Through Video Conferencing

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#### **GENERAL MATTERS**

### WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. (Mrs) G Aghila, Officiating Chairperson, Finance Committee welcomed the members to the meeting. She placed on record the valuable contributions and outstanding services rendered by Shri.Bhaskar Bhat during his term as the Chairperson of Finance Committee and the Board of Governors and then initiated the deliberations of the agenda items.

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#### **ITEM NO. 55.1** CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 54TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 22.06.2023

The Minutes of the 54th meeting of the Finance Committee was circulated to the members of the Finance Committee and No comments are received.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/1

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the 54th Meeting of the Finance Committee be confirmed.

#### **ITEM NO. 55.2** ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Action Taken Report of the previous meetings of the Finance Committee was discussed and noted.

**RESOLVED THAT** the action RESOLUTION taken report be noted. 55/FC/2023/2

#### APPROVAL ITEMS

#### ITEM NO. 55.3 **PROPOSALS PRIORITIZATION** OF THE SUBMITTED IN THE 31ST MEETING OF THE **B&WC**

The Board in its 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting has instructed the BWC to prioritize the works along with the source of funding for the works recommended by the BWC in its 31st Meeting. Accordingly, the BWC in its 32nd meeting has prioritized the works as furnished below:

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SI. No	Project Title	Project Cost (in Crores)	Source of Fund (Proposed)	Priority
1	Construction of Boys and Girls hostel	160	HEFA	1
2	Construction of 100 Nos of Faculty quarters at NIT Trichy	81	HEFA	3
3	Construction of 70 Nos of Non- teaching staff quarters at NIT Trichy	30	HEFA	2
4	Construction of 100 Nos of Research scholar's quarters at NIT Trichy	30	HEFA	1
5	Construction of 250 Single seated International Hostel	70	PPP	1
6	Construction of 350 seated Conference Hall	5	RECAL / HEFA	4

The BWC has recommended that Projects with Sl. No. 1 & 4 are proposed as First Priority projects to initiate at the earliest to fulfil the institute requirements for an estimated amount of Rs. 190 crores under HEFA fund. The rest of the work will be carried out subsequently in a duration of next 5 years.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval of the above works under the respective source of funding with the priority mentioned above.

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RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/3

**RESOLVED THAT** the six works as prioritized by the BWC under the respective source of funding be recommended to Board for approval.

#### ITEM NO. 55.4 CONSTRUCTION OF INNOVATION HUB

In order to promote innovation, incubation and start-ups to support the entrepreneurship activities, it is felt to have dedicated spaces such as office spaces, workshop areas and commercial marketing zones. Hence it is proposed to have a state of art building in a 15 acres land area which is located in the western side of the Institute with direct access from National Highways.

As a first phase, a building with an approximate area of 1000 sq.m accommodating amenities such as firefighting, conducive facilities for differently abled people, elevators etc, is proposed under balance fund available from the BoG approved [Resolution No.52/BoG/2018/4] Research SEED fund [Start-up Grant] (3.5 Crore). It was requested to grant the balance fund (Rs. 3.6 Crore) from OH-35. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended to FC & BoG to execute the work under IRG.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval of the construction of Innovation Hub at the cost of 7.1 Crores.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/4

**RESOLVED** THAT the Construction of Innovation Hub at the cost of Rs.7.1 Crores be recommended to Board for approval.

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#### ITEM NO. 55.5 CONSTRUCTION OF ADMIN ANNEX BUILDING

In order to meet out the requirement of office premises for the activities pertinent to Student welfare, faculty welfare, academic related matters, alumni relations, Institute developmental activities. research consultancy activities, Planning and Development activities. It is proposed to construct an Administrative Annex building with an initial plinth area of 4500 sq.m. As a part of Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Institute. the proposal of the Admin Annex building is planned to complete during the year (2023-24) itself. This can be achieved by means of new technology using Pre-cast concrete structures which is planned for Admin Annex building construction.

Institute's R&C fund of Rs.8.0 Crore and IRG amount of Rs.20.4 Crore is planned to be used for this proposal. The Building works Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended to FC & BoG for the employment of Precast Technology and further Administrative and Financial Approval.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval of the Construction of Admin Annex Building at the cost of Rs.28.4 Crores (Rs.8 Crores from Institute R&C Fund and Rs.20.4 Crores from IRG).

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/5

**RESOLVED** THAT the Construction of Admin Annex Building at the cost of Rs.28.4 Crores be recommended to Board for approval.

#### **ITEM NO. 55.6**

SETTING UP OF KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SCHOOL & PROVIDING LAND AND ACCESS ROAD TO KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SCHOOL IN NIT TRICHY CAMPUS

Owing to the lack of schools nearby, most of the campus residents send their children to schools that are almost 8



to 15 km from the Institute. Considering these aspects, it is felt to have a centrally funded Kendriya Vidyalaya school in our institute campus which will be one of the best choices to facilitate better education to the wards of the campus residents and other beneficiaries in the nearby villages/localities.

KV officials have formally requested NITT to provide land and an access road to set up a new campus for Kendriya Vidyalaya school in NIT Trichy premises. The Institute campus has adequate land area that can be provided for the construction of the KV school. It is proposed to provide land near Siemens Center for KV to build a school along with access from National Highways for people residing in the neighbouring locality. It was proposed to the Building and Works Committee to consider and accord approval for the land allocation: approximately 12 Acres from the Institute enabling the construction of KV School.

The BWC members opined that any land lease within the campus premises to outside institutions/organization has to be executed only with the prior permission from the Ministry. Accordingly, BWC directed NITT to submit this proposal to the Ministry for necessary approval to issue the land on lease basis with concurrence of FC and Board of Governors. The Ministry of Education has issued guidelines on opening new Kendriya Vidyalaya vide OM F.No.32-30/2023-TS.I dated 13.12.2023 is placed as annexure, wherein it is permitted to use HEFA loan for infrastructure of KV.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter on meeting out the recurring and non-recurring expenditure of KV. In view of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education dated 13.12.2023, the Finance Committee has recommended to defer the matter.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/6

**RESOLVED THAT** the matter of Setting of KV School be deferred.

### ITEM NO. 55.7 CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (STP)

The Institute has two sewage treatment plants of 800 KLD and 300 KLD functioning in two zones such as hostel zone and quarters zone, respectively. Both the STPs were constructed more than 10 years ago considering the then requirement of the campus. At present, the total population inside the campus has crossed 8000 and is expected to increase more in the coming years. The effectiveness of the sewage treatment may be ensured only by increasing the capacity and technology of the existing STPs. 800 KLD capacity STP shares its boundary close to VOC Nagar (neighbouring residential area). Frequent complaints have been received from these residential inmates for its shutdown. Also, the provision of a centralized STP can reduce the running or maintenance cost to half.

Hence, after considering these aspects it is proposed to establish one centralized STP of 2MLD capacity with advanced technology that is efficient and cost effective. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposed cost estimate of Rs.12.65 crore for the proposed Construction of Centralized Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and it was recommended to forward the proposal for FC & BoG under OH-35. Also, the Ministry representative has informed to divide the expenditure in two Financial year.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the construction of STP at the cost of Rs.12.65 Crores under OH-35 in two-phase.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/7

RESOLVED THAT the Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) under OH-35 at the cost of Rs.12.65 Crores be recommended to Board for approval.

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#### **ITEM NO. 55.8**

EXPANSION OF ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FOR INCREASED LOAD DEMAND AND SIX NEW ANNEX BUILDING-REVISED PROPOSAL

In the 31st meeting of BWC held on 24 April 2023, this proposal was approved with an amount of 3.92 crores under OH 35. The earlier proposal was to expand the power house with 2x1000 kVA, 11kV/433V transformer and necessary indoor substation expansion. However, in the later discussion and considering other technical aspects for long-term plans, it proposed to relocate the substation near the existing outdoor substation. This new substation includes supply, commissioning of necessary RMU, panels and cables in addition to the two 1000 kVA transformers. The estimated cost is reduced from 3.92 to 2.45 crore. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal for Electrical distribution network with a cost estimate of Rs.2.45 crore and recommended it for FC & BoG under OH-35.

### RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/8

**RESOLVED** THAT the Expansion of Electrical Distribution Network at the cost of Rs.2.45 Crores under OH-35 be recommended to Board for approval.

### ITEM NO. 55.9 ESTABLISHMENT OF 2 MW SOLAR POWER PLANT

As an initiative for a sustainable campus, exploring green energy resources like solar PV power plant is important. The NITT plans on investing in a 2 MW solar power plant, fuelled by high grid tariffs and increased energy demand. The pros and cons of CAPEX model and RESCO Model with zero investment was discussed. Under RESCO model, the third-party developer owns the system, and NITT shall pay only for the electricity used

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as per the power purchase agreement. NITT can utilise the solar energy generated at a subsidised cost without worrying about the associated operations and maintenance issues. NITT can pay only a pre-decided monthly tariff, which is lower than the prevailing grid electricity tariff. Around 7 acres of land is required to install a 2 MW Solar power plant. Hence, it is proposed to have a RESCO model-based Solar power plant in the campus.

The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended the same FC & BoG to proceed with the proposal without any financial implication to the institute.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the establishment of Solar Power Plant under RESCO model.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/9

**RESOLVED** THAT the Establishment of 2 MW Solar Power Plant under RESCO model be recommended to Board for approval.

### ITEM NO. 55.10 CONSTRUCTION OF ANNEX BUILDING FOR THE ECE DEPARTMENT

Owing to the increased strength of students and faculty, the existing ECE department requires additional space. Hence, it is proposed to construct an annex building in the campus near to the existing ECE building with an approximate area of 4200 sq.m. The proposed building shall be provided with all amenities such as firefighting, conducive facilities for differently abled people, elevators etc,. The Building and Works Committee was requested to review the proposal for annex building for the ECE department for a cost estimate of Rs. 27.4 crore under HEFA Scheme. It was agreed by the committee members and recommended the proposal to FC & BoG under HEFA fund for approval.

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The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the construction of Annex Building for ECE Department at the cost of Rs.27.4 Crores under HEFA.

**RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/10** 

**RESOLVED** THAT the construction of Annex Building for ECE Department at the cost of Rs.27.4 Crores under HEFA be recommended to Board for approval.

### ITEM NO. 55.11 MODERNIZATION OF MAIN ENTRANCE FOR NITT CAMPUS

The campus entrances significantly contribute to the image of the Institute. The existing NITT entrance is approximately 50 years old and requires a facelift particularly in the occasion of the Institute commemorating its Diamond Jubilee celebrations this year.

The main entrance also serves as the interface between the city and the Institute in regulating circulation and security. The current design requires redesign to facilitate better infrastructure accommodating the growing needs like management of heavy vehicular movement and additional security check points. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal for the Modernization of Main entrance for NITT campus and was recommended to forward it to FC & BoG under IRG fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the modernization of main entrance of the Institute under IRG.

**RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/11** 

**RESOLVED** THAT the modernization of Main Entrance of the Institute under IRG Fund be recommended to Board for approval.

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#### ITEM NO. 55.12 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING FOR NURSERY SCHOOL

The NITT nursery school has 100+ students studying in the classes of Pre-KG, LKG & UKG. One of the old staff quarters buildings that was constructed during later 1960s was modified to provide space for the functioning of the nursery school. The school administration finds it extremely difficult to accommodate the students in these rooms. Also, the school has minimal infrastructure to accommodate a Teachers room, adequate number of wash rooms, toilets etc. There is a limited scope to modify the existing building to accommodate these facilities. Hence, it is proposed to construct a new building for the nursery school at the far end of 1st street, sharing a boundary with the Temple (as shown in Fig.6). The proposed area of the school is 500 sq.m in two floors that can include all essential requirements of a nursery school. The estimated cost is Rs. 2.5 Crore.

The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal for the Construction of New Building for Nursery School. In principle approval has been granted by the Members of BWC subject to the availability of the Alumni fund and informed to collect the nominal rent from the school. Further suggested to operate the school through a registered society preferably by the Alumnus. The Building works Committee recommends the proposal to FC & BoG under Alumni fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the construction of new building for Nursery School under Alumni Fund. It is further affirmed to run the school through a registered society.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/12

**RESOLVED** THAT the Construction of new Building for Nursery School at the cost of Rs.2.5 Crores under Alumni Fund be recommended to Board for approval.

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### ITEM NO. 55.13 RE-CARPETING OF DAMAGED ROAD IN THE INSTITUTE – RESUBMISSION

In the 29th B&WC dtd, 17/06/2022, vide Clause 3(ii) a proposal was submitted for an amount of 8.09 Crores for re-carpeting the entire road network in the NITT Campus. It was resolved to propose the work in a phased manner.

In the 30th B&WC dtd, 21/11/2022, vide Clause 3(v) a revised proposal was submitted for an amount of 2 Crores for re-carpeting the road network in the hostel zone alone. The B&WC suggested to form a committee to technically evaluate the prevailing condition of the roads. As per the recommendation of 30th B&WC, a committee has been formed (as attached) with expert members from Transportation Engineering Division, Department of Civil Engineering of NITT. Detailed Survey has been carried out for the entire campus and the committee has submitted their findings through the attached report. As per the report, the majority of the roads were identified to be falling poor to very poor condition and a few of the roads were identified to be fair. Hence, the recarpeting work has been proposed for the entire campus as proposed in the 29th B&WC, with the funding from OH 31 (Revenue Expenditure), Ministry fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the re-carpeting of damaged road in the Institute at the cost of Rs.8.09 Crores under OH-31.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/13

**RESOLVED THAT** the recarpeting of damaged road in the Institute under OH-31 at the cost of Rs.8.09 Crores be recommended to Board for approval.

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### ITEM NO. 55.14 CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTEL UNDER PM-AJAY SCHEME

In the 72nd BoG, a hostel block worth 30 Crores was proposed for approval as recommended by B&WC. It was confirmed that 7.5 crore funding would be received from PM- AJAY Scheme upon the submission of institute proposal to the Ministry of Social Justice. As per the BOG resolution (Ref: 72/BoG/2023/18) it was resolved that B&WC may identify the fund other than OH 35 for further processing as recommended by FC. Further to the above, it was discussed and proposed to allocate the balance amount of 22.5 Crore from IRG. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal for the Construction of Hostel under PM-AJAY scheme and recommended to FC & BoG under IRG fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the construction of Hostel under PM-AJAY scheme at the cost of Rs.30 Crores (7.5 Crores from Ministry of Social Justice and Rs.22.5 Crores from the IRG).

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/14

**RESOLVED** THAT the Construction of Hostel under PM-AJAY Scheme at the cost of Rs.30 Crores be recommended to Board for approval.

### ITEM NO. 55.15 SETTING UP FOR 5G CASE LAB AND CONTRIBUTION OF 20% OF CAPEX COST

The Department of Telecommunications, Government of India along with Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) has invited applications to be a part of 100 5G Use Case Labs for Higher Educational Institutions. The Institute is desired to be a part of NextGen 5G Lab and submitted its application. The Institute is selected for setting up NextGen 5G Lab and Dr.E.S.Gopi of Electronics & Communication Department will be Principal Investigator under the

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theme "Machine Learning Algorithm for Wireless Communication Applications in agriculture domain".

The total cost of the Project is Rs.1 Crore. Under the scheme, the Government would be funding 80% of CAPEX for the laboratory setup and 100% of OPEX expenses. The Institute is required to contribute the remaining 20% of the CAPEX. Accordingly, the Institute would be required to pay Rs.20 lakhs to TCIL as 20% of the CAPEX cost.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the allocation of Rs.20 Lakhs from IRG towards the contribution of 20% CAPEX cost to TCIL.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/15

**RESOLVED** THAT the contribution of Rs.20 Lakhs towards 20% of the CAPEX for setting up 5G Case Lab from IRG be recommended to Board for approval.

#### ITEM NO. 55.16 CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF NON-TEACHING STAFF GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE

Consequent upon implementation of Recruitment rules issued time to time, certain pay anomalies/grievances of Non-Teaching employees were brought to the Ministry. In order to address the grievances, Ministry has constituted Oversight committees to address the issues/grievances common to all NITs. Further, Ministry vide Recruitment Rule 2019, F No 35-5/2018-TS III dated 20 Feb 2019, para 6, instructed that "Institute specific issues in isolation are left upto the Institute and may be sorted out at the Institute/Board level."

Accordingly, Institute had constituted the Grievance Redressal Committee including external experts viz Dr. Jane Prasad, Registrar, IIT-Madras, & Prof. A.K. Kandasamy, Professor (HAG) & Former Dean, NIT-K

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Surathkal, for Non-Teaching staff to consider their grievances with respect to the employment and working conditions and examine the same within the framework of rule and regulations and general principles of justice.

Based on the observations & discussions in the above said meetings various similar Grievances were grouped as five different Grievances which are listed below:

Case-1: Implementation of Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure's) O.M. No.8-23/2017-E.IIIA dated. 28-09-2018

Case-2: Issues in Ministerial lower and Technical lower cadre

Case-3: Issues of Ministerial lower cadre staff not covered under resolution-2

Case-4: Long pending issues in connection with promotions in the supporting staff (attendant) cadre

Case-5: Pay Protection in respect of Shri Girish Kumar G, Senior Technical Officer

The recommendations of Grievances Redressal Committee and other relevant documents/OMs have been placed before the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and approved the Case-1 and Case-5 as these are implementation of instructions of Govt. of India. Since the Case-2, Case-3, Case-4 are related to the redistribution of posts, it is suggested to refer these matters to the Ministry for scrutiny along with relevant document.

**RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/16** 

**RESOLVED THAT** the Cases grouped at No.1 and No.5 be recommended to Board for approval. Cases grouped at No.2, No.3 and No.4 may be referred to the Ministry of Education.

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### ITEM NO. 55.17 ALLOCATION OF FUND FOR CELEBRATION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute was established in the year 1964 as Regional Engineering College. The upcoming year of 2024-25 will be Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute. It is proposed to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute in a thematic manner. A lot of programme under different themes among all stakeholders viz., alumnae, students, faculty & staff members, former Principals & Director and all NITT community members are proposed to be conducted in the upcoming year. An amount of Rs.2 crores is required to conduct the above programmes in a phased manner.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the allocation of Rs.2 Crores under IRG for the celebration of Diamond Jubilee Year.

RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/17

**RESOLVED** THAT the allocation of Rs.2 Crores for the celebration of Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute from IRG Fund be recommended to Board for approval.

#### **REPORTING ITEMS**

### ITEM NO. 55.18 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACTS

The Institute is entering into several annual maintenance contracts and other service contracts on a routine basis in order to upkeep the Institute Assets and properties. In the current practice adopted by the Institute, each such maintenance contracts and service contracts are taken up with the Finance Committee and Board of Governors for approval, whenever the contract value goes above Rs.25 lakhs. This present practice makes the process lengthy and cause delay in awarding the contracts. The annual maintenance contracts and other service contracts are

routine in nature and falls under the regular operational matter. Hence the annual maintenance contracts and other service and manpower contracts for any amount may be carried out as per GFR provisions with the approval of the Director and the details of award of contracts may be placed in the next meeting of the FC and BoG as reporting items.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and considering the exigencies of such nature of services, it is recommended to ratify the contracts awarded till date in this FY 2023-24 and to approve the proposals of such contracts of this financial year i.e., 31.03.2024.

#### RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/18

RESOLVED THAT the ratification of the contracts worth Rs.25 Lakhs & above (Annual Maintenance and Service Contracts) awarded till date and the approval for the proposals of contracts worth Rs.25 Lakhs & above during the remaining period of the Financial Year 2023-24 be recommended to the Board.

## ITEM NO. 55.19 REVISION OF EMOLUMENTS AND GUIDELINES ON SERVICE CONDITIONS FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS OF THE INSTITUTE

The Ministry of Education, Government of India has issued a communication F.No.33-2/2023-TS.III-Part (1) dated 13.09.2023 on revision of emoluments and guidelines on service conditions for research personnel engaged in R&D programme. As per the communication F.No.12-2/2023-U1 dated 11.09.2023, annexed therein, the emoluments for the JRF and SRF are revised subject to various provisions mentioned in the communication.

Category	Existing	Revised	
	Emoluments	<b>Emoluments</b>	
JRF	Rs. 31,000/- p.m.	Rs. 37,000/- p.m.	
SRF	Rs. 35,000/- p.m.	Rs. 42,000/- p.m.	

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The date of implementation of the above revision as per the communication is 01.01.2023. The above order is implemented to all existing 428 Ph.D scholars (252 JRF + 176 SRF) are pursuing the Research degrees of the Institute with effect from the month of October 2023. The arrears amounting ~Rs.3.5 crores will be paid shortly.

The Finance Committee noted the implementation of revision of emoluments and service conditions of research scholars as per MoE's Communication No. F.No.33-2/2023-TS.III-Part (1) dated 13.09.2023.

### RESOLUTION 55/FC/2023/19

**RESOLVED THAT** the revision of emoluments and service conditions of research scholars of the Institute be noted.

## ITEM NO. 55.20 PROCUREMENT OF THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT UNIT UNDER DST-SERB PROJECT

Dr.Kumaran S, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering has been awarded a project titled "Tuning Figure of Merit of Nanocrystalline Bi-Sb-Te-Se-Sn Thermoelectric Alloys via High Entropy Phenomena and Band Engineering" by Science and Engineering Research Board of Department of Science & Technology (DST-SERB). An amount of Rs.29 lakhs has been received under the project as first instalment. It is proposed by the Principal Investigator to procure Thermal Conductivity Measurement Unit under the project at the cost of Rs.28 Lakhs.

The Finance Committee noted the proposal for the procurement of Thermal Conductivity Measurement Unit at the cost of Rs.28 Lakhs under DST-SERB Project.

**RESOLUTION** 55/FC/2023/20

**RESOLVED THAT** the procurement of Thermal Conductivity Measurement Unit under DST-SERB Project be noted.

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### ITEM NO. 55.21 FINAL SAR ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE FY 2022-23

The Annual Accounts of the Institute for the FY 2022-23 has been approved by the Board of Governors through Circulation. The approval of the Board to the Annual Accounts 2022-23 has been communicated to the CAG Office for issuing the Final SAR.

Accordingly, the Office of the Principal Director of Audit (Central) Chennai, Indian Audit and Accounts Department vide Letter No. PDA(C)/CE/II/28-82/23-24/71 dated 08.11.2023 has forwarded the Separate Audit Report on the accounts of NIT Tiruchirappalli for the year 2022-23 along with the Statement of Accounts. The same is placed before the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee noted the Final SAR on the Annual Accounts of the Financial Year 2022-23.

**RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT** the final SAR on the Annual Accounts of the FY 2022-23 be noted.

# ITEM NO. 55.22 GRANT-IN-AID RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DURING THE FY 2023-24 UNDER RECURRING AND NON-RECURRING HEADS (OH-31, OH-35 & OH-36)

The FC noted the grants received by the institute.

**RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT** the grants received be noted.

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the chair.

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Chairperson, FC