



MINUTES OF THE 56th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 11th MARCH 2024 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE OOM ROOM, NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

PRESENT:

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

*Through Video Conferencing

GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. (Mrs) G Aghila, Officiating Chairperson, Finance Committee & Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli welcomed the members to the meeting and then initiated the deliberations of the agenda items.

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**ITEM NO. 56.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE
55TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 26.12.2023**

The Minutes of the 55th meeting of the Finance Committee was circulated to the members of the Finance Committee and the comments received are incorporated.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the minutes
56/FC/2024/1 of the 55th Meeting of the Finance
Committee be confirmed.

**ITEM NO. 56.2 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.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the action
56/FC/2024/2 taken report be noted.

APPROVAL ITEMS

**ITEM NO. 56.3 RENOVATION OF 1ST YEAR HOSTEL
BUILDINGS (5 HOSTEL BLOCKS)**

The Building and Works Committee of the Institute in its 33rd Meeting held on 09.02.2024 has considered the requirement of renovation of Hostel Building.

The Institute is currently having 23 Boys Hostel and 6 Girls Hostels in the Institute that were built during different time period. Few of the hostel buildings require moderate to severe renovation work to meet the functionality requirement. Among them, the following hostels namely, Garnet-A, Garnet-B, Garnet-C, Agate,

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and Opal-C are prioritised based on the needs. The renovation works include floor tiling, civil/electrical repair work and internal/external painting. The floors of these buildings are finished with cement concrete flooring while construction and surface damages have been observed in several locations. So, it is proposed to lay tiles to enhance the living conditions and enable efficient maintenance of the flooring of these hostel buildings.

All the above five hostels are of G+2 storey buildings constructed without lift facility. Considering the differently abled students residing in these hostels it is proposed to provide one lift in each hostel. As there are no provisions, new lift wells are to be constructed in each hostel. These works are of utmost priority and need immediate attention. The BWC has further suggested to ensure that the provision of lift in G+2 storied building will be as per CPWD norms.

The renovation of the aforementioned hostels with an estimated budget of Rs.8.5 Crores from the IRG and Hostel fund was proposed and recommended by the BWC.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter. Since there is no provision of lift for G+2 storey buildings, it is recommended to allocate the differently abled students in the Ground Floors of the Hostels. It is suggested to obtain the stability report on the buildings for proceeding the work. The Finance Committee, with the above suggestions, recommended the Board for approval for renovation of 1st year hostel buildings.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED** **THAT** the
56/FC/2024/3 renovation of five 1st year hostel
buildings at the cost of Rs.8.5
Crores from the IRG and Hostel
Fund be recommended to Board
for approval.

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ITEM NO. 56.4 PAINTING OF HOSTELS (SIX HOSTELS PROPOSED IN PHASE-I OUT OF IV)

The Building and Works Committee of the Institute in its 33rd Meeting held on 09.02.2024 has considered the requirement of painting of Hostel Buildings in a phased manner.

Since the Institute is a fully residential campus where all the UG and PG students are staying in the hostels, it is very much essential to provide a better environment so that they feel comfortable and motivated. The hostel buildings require both interior and exterior painting as the buildings are not painted in the last five to ten years.

Owing to the continuous occupancy of these hostels, the painting works can only be taken up in a phased manner. In this regard, six hostels [Amber-A, Amber-B, Coral, Topaz, Ruby, Opal-D] are identified for painting in the Phase-I. This routine procedure will ensure the painting of all the hostels once every four years.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval of the painting of 6 Hostels in Phase-I at the cost of 3.2 Crores from IRG/Hostel Fund.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the painting of six hostels in the Phase-I at the cost of Rs.3.2 Crores from IRG/Hostel Fund be recommended to Board for approval.

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ITEM NO. 56.5 CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL TOILET BLOCKS FOR BOYS HOSTEL (OLD BUILDINGS: 6 NOS.)

The Building and Works Committee of the Institute in its 33rd Meeting held on 09.02.2024 has considered the construction of additional toilet blocks for Boys Hostel (6 Buildings).

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The existing hostel buildings accommodates more than 90 % of the students in the institute and all these buildings are fully utilised. Few of the hostel buildings (Emerald, Lapis, Ruby, Sapphire, Topaz, and Pearl), were constructed around 50 years back (RR Masonry Type with G+2 Floors) and the existing toilet blocks and washroom facility in many of these buildings are beyond repair and maintenance. It has also been observed that there are severe leakage issues in the walls and floors adjacent to these toilet blocks.

In order to improve the hygiene and Health of the inmates and to address the several complaints of hostel inmates & their parents, it was proposed in 33rd B&WC to approve the construction of separate toilet blocks for all these hostels with access from different floors.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and it is suggested to obtain the stability report on the buildings for proceeding the work. The Finance Committee, with the above suggestion, recommended to the Board for approval of the Construction of Additional Toilet Blocks for the six Boys Hostel at the cost of 17.29 Crores from IRG/Hostel Fund.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED** **THAT** the
56/FC/2024/5 Construction of Additional Toilet
Blocks for the six Boys Hostel at
the cost of 17.29 Crores from
IRG/Hostel Fund be
recommended to Board for
approval.

**ITEM NO. 56.6 CONSTRUCTION OF OHT (3 LAKH LITRE) AND
SUMP (5 LAKH LITRE) FOR OPAL HOSTEL**

The Building and Works Committee of the Institute in its 33rd Meeting held on 09.02.2024 has considered the construction of OHT (3 Lakh Litre) and Sump (5 Lakh Litre) for Opal Hostel.

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The Opal hostel complex consists of 6 blocks (Opal-A to Opal-F) that accommodates around 1600 Girl students of the institute. The water supply to these blocks are from TWAD (Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board) Board and from Bore Wells. Currently, there is a water sump of only 0.5 Lakh litre capacity, which is insufficient to meet the existing demand. In this regard, the hostel committee has requested for an additional sump with a minimum capacity of 5 Lakh Litres.

Further, the newly constructed block, Opal 'F' hostel (G+4 floors), is experiencing insufficient water supply. Owing to this reason, water has to be pumped manually to the concerned hostel, even during night time. In order to avoid such a situation, it is proposed to provide an Overhead tank of 3 lakh Litre capacity which will ensure continuous supply of water for the Girls hostel and also any upcoming hostel building will obtain the benefit out of this facility.

A total of 31.53 Crore has already been allotted for the Opal-F project under HEFA. The project comprises Hostel building, Kitchen and dining area, Sump and OHT. The expenditure made by CPWD till date is Rs.27.28 Crores. The fund for the proposed work is estimated to be around 3.95 Crores and it was proposed to utilise the amount available under HEFA.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval of the Constructions of OHT and Sump for Opal Hostel at the cost of Rs.3.95 Crores, which is available under HEFA loan for the construction of OPAL-F Hostel.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED** **THAT** the
56/FC/2024/6 Constructions of OHT and Sump
for Opal Hostel at the cost of
Rs.3.95 Crores, which is available
under HEFA loan for the
construction of OPAL-F Hostel be
recommended to Board for
approval.

ITEM NO. 56.7 CONSTRUCTION OF MESS & GYM FOR AMETHYST HOSTEL

The Building and Works Committee of the Institute in its 33rd Meeting held on 09.02.2024 has considered the construction of Mess and Gym for Amethyst Hostel.

The Amethyst hostel project comprises Hostel building, UG Sump, OHT, Cycle stand, compound wall, Mess facility and Gym. The hostel building construction was completed in Jan 2024 and UG sump, OHT, Cycle stand & compound wall construction is under progress.

The other works under the project, including Student mess (Kitchen and dining hall for catering 250 students) & multi-Gym with a capacity to accommodate 300 students per day has to be initiated. It is proposed to construct a two-storey building to facilitate these amenities for the students.

A total of Rs.41 crore was allotted under the Ministry's EWS fund. An expenditure/commitment of Rs.36.1 crores have been made till date. Accordingly, BWC proposed to utilise the balance fund 4.9 crores available under OH-35 sanctioned for the 506 seated UG boys' hostel, for the aforementioned proposal.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the construction of Mess and Gym for amethyst Hostel at the cost of Rs.4.9 Crores available under OH-35.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED** **THAT** the
56/FC/2024/7 the construction of Mess and Gym for
amethyst Hostel at the cost of
Rs.4.9 Crores available under
OH-35 be recommended to Board
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ITEM NO. 56.8 REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW KITCHEN FOR OPAL MESS

In the 24th BWC (dated: 10-12-2019) & 59th BoG (dated: 23-06-2020), the proposal for the construction of a new kitchen (double storied RCC building with total plinth area of 540 Sqm) for Opal mess was approved for Rs.1.97 crores under IRG fund. CPWD has submitted Preliminary Estimate amounting to Rs. 1.99 crores vide Ltr No. 23(1)(11)/SE/Trichy/2020-21/804, Dtd. 05/02/2021.

Due to nation-wide lockdown and part-closure of Institute on account of Covid-19, no actions could be initiated immediately thereafter. When the Institute resumed the formalities for the commencement of work, CPWD pointed out that there is revision in DSR and GST. Further there is increase in floor area (from 540 Sqm. to 564 Sqm.) and height (from 3.15 m to 3.6 m). All these parameters result in substantial increase in the project cost which was intimated by CPWD when Administrative Approval (AA) and Expenditure Sanction (ES) was given to CPWD on 15.03.2023.

Moreover, the inclusion of additional provisions (kitchen exhaust and fresh air system, RO plant, water cooler, LPG pipe lines, firefighting systems) in both the floors has resulted in escalating the cost from 40 lakhs to 90 lakhs in electrical head of the project. Considering all these aspects, CPWD has revised the PE from 1.97 crores to 3.7 Crores. The Building and Works Committee of the Institute in its 33rd Meeting held on 09.02.2024 has approved the requested cost revision under IRG and recommended.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for revised Administrative Approval of Rs.3.7 Crores for the construction of New Kitchen for Opal Mess under IRG.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the revised
56/FC/2024/8 Administrative Approval of Rs.3.7
Crores for the construction of New
Kitchen for Opal Mess under IRG
to Board for approval.

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ITEM NO. 56.9

FELICITATION OF STAKEHOLDERS OF THE INSTITUTE DURING THE CELEBRATION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

In the 55th meeting of the Finance Committee, two crores from IRG has been allotted towards the celebration of Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute. As a part of the celebration, it is proposed to felicitate the stakeholders of the Institute who contributed/contributing to the Institute for its excellence and glory.

It is proposed to felicitate the employees of the Institute, pensioners and former Directors / Principals and other members who are/were closely associated with the Institute for their contribution towards the growth of the Institute from the Tiruchirappalli Regional Engineering College into National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli. It is estimated that nearly 1000 members will be come under the purview of the stakeholders of the Institute. Further it is proposed to earmark Rs.50 Lakhs from the allocated amount of two crores for the above purpose.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the earmarking of Rs.50 Lakhs towards the felicitation of stakeholders from the allocated two crores.

RESOLUTION 56/FC/2024/9 **RESOLVED** **THAT** the earmarking of Rs.50 Lakhs towards the felicitation of stakeholders from the allocated two crores be recommended to Board for approval.

ITEM NO. 56.10

PAYMENT OF EPF CONTRIBUTION TO NMR WORKERS-DEMAND FROM THE PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER

BoG in its 46th meeting vide Resolution No. 46/BoG/2017/10 consented to provide EPF coverage to all NMR workers in order to comply with the statutory provisions. Since the employees were working for several years and considering the statutory provisions, the

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remittance of EPF dues from 01.01.2003 to 01.06.2017 were worked out Rs.3.1 Crores. The BoG in its 65th Meeting (vide Resolution No. 65/BoG/2021/8) has approved the EPF dues to be remitted to EPFO for the period from January 2003 to June 2017 which worked to be Rs.3.10 Crores, along with the interest and penalty, if any.

Accordingly, the EPF dues has been paid with the EPFO. Upon remittance, the EPFO has issued notice for Interest and Damages under Section 14B & Section 7Q of the EPF&MP Act vide letter No.CB/TRY/0082473/000/Enf 514/Damages dated 08/14.11.2023. The EPFO has demanded Rs.6.42 Crores towards the Interest and Damages. The Institute has furnished a detailed reply against the notice to waive off the Interest / damages. The EPFO has informed that there are no provisions for waiving off the Interest/damages in the EPF Act.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and suggested that the Central Board established under EPF Act is empowered to waive 50% of the damages under Clause 32-B(c) of EPF Scheme. Further it is suggested that the Institute shall make representation before the Central Board for waiver of damages in accordance with the EPF Act.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the Institute shall make representation before the Central Board established under EPF Act for waiver of damages.
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REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 56.11 RATIFICATION/APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS WORTH RS.25 LAKHS AND ABOVE

FC in its 55th meeting has considered the ratification and approval for the Annual Maintenance Contracts and other Service contracts with a value of Rs.25 Lakhs and above. It is resolved to ratify the award of such contracts and to approve the award of future contracts. The list of such

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contracts entered/to be entered in the Financial Year was placed before the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee noted the list of such contracts awarded / proposed to be awarded.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the list of
56/FC/2024/11 contracts worth Rs.25 Lakhs and
above awarded/proposed to be
awarded be noted.

**ITEM NO. 56.12 BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR 2024-25**

The Ministry of Education vide Communication No.F.36-2/2024-TS.III dated 07.02.2024 has intimated to furnish the requisite information for finalization of Annual Allocation under various object head for the Financial Year 2024-25 (Budget Estimate). The Institute has furnished its budget requirement for the Financial Year 2024-25 vide letter NITT/BUDGET&ACCTS/2023-24/36 dated 15.02.2024.

The Finance Committee noted the budget estimate of the Institute for the Financial Year 2024-25.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the budget
56/FC/2024/12 estimate of the Institute for the
Financial Year 2024-25 be noted.

**ITEM NO. 56.13 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
56/FC/2024/13 received be noted.


Secretary


Officiating Chairperson