



MINUTES OF THE 60TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2025 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. | Shri.Vikas Tripathi
Under Secretary, MoE | Member* |
| 3. | Shri.Harihara Sundaram
Under Secretary, MoE | Member* |
| 4. | Dr. N. Sivakumaran
Professor, NITT | Member |
| 5. | Dr.S.A.Senthil Kumar
Registrar, NITT | 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, introduced the newly joined Registrar, Dr.S.A.Senthil Kumar (Member Secretary) and then initiated the deliberations of the agenda items.

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**ITEM NO. 60.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE
59TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 16.12.2024**

The Minutes of the 59th meeting of the Finance Committee was circulated to the members of the Finance Committee and was concurred by the members.

RESOLUTION 60/FC/2025/1	RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 59 th Meeting of the Finance Committee be confirmed.
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**ITEM NO. 60.2 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 60/FC/2024/2	RESOLVED THAT the action taken report be noted.
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APPROVAL ITEMS

**ITEM NO. 60.3 CONSTRUCTION OF COMPOUND WALL FOR
GIRLS' HOSTEL COMPLEX (OPAL)**

The Opal Hostel complex has six blocks (Opal A-Opal F), accommodating nearly two thousand girl students. The existing compound wall around the Opal Girls hostel was constructed since 1964 at different time periods, with the perimeter of 1.4 km.

During December 2024, due to heavy rainfall, a 50 m stretch of the compound wall collapsed at the rear end of the Hostel. This stretch has been temporarily closed to avoid trespassing.

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The balance stretches of the compound wall, adjacent to shops, cycle parking facility, playground, walk way of the Girls' Hostel Complex are also significantly damaged. This needs to be reconstructed at the earliest, in order to ensure the safety of the inmates of the Girls Hostel Complex (OPAL A-F).

CPWD has submitted a rough cost estimate for the reconstruction of the wall approximately 1.4 km perimeter and 3.6-meter height, amounting Rs. 3.75 Crore.

Building and Works Committee has considered the matter in its 36th meeting held on 18.12.2024 and recommended the construction of compound wall for Girls' Hostel Complex at the cost of Rs. 3.75 crore under OH-35.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the construction of compound wall for Girls' Hostel Complex at the cost of Rs.3.75 Crore under OH-35.

RESOLUTION 60/FC/2024/3	RESOLVED THAT the construction of compound wall for Girls' Hostel Complex at the cost of Rs.3.75 Crore under OH-35 be recommended to Board for approval.
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ITEM NO. 60.4 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT FOR THE INSTITUTE

The campus at present supports above ten thousand residents staying in residential zones and hostels with the progressive increase in the intake of students. In order to facilitate hassle free supply of gas for kitchen usage in Hostel and Quarters Zone (Food preparation), the proposal for providing Natural gas supply through underground pipe line inside the campus is considered by the Building and Works Committee in its 36th Meeting held on 18.12.2024.

IRM Energy Limited holds the exclusive rights by the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) to develop the CGD (City Gas Distribution) infrastructure

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and supply Piped Natural Gas in Tiruchirappalli & Namakkal districts of the state of Tamil Nadu. This project promotes natural gas instead of LPG that will lead lower CO₂ emission.

The Building and Works Committee has reviewed the proposal in-principle and recommended to FC and BoG for a cost of Rs.0.4 crore under IRG fund. Further the Buildings and Works Committee resolved that the service/establishment charges borne by the institute shall be collected/managed from the users.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and discussed about the implementation processes such as collection/refund of deposits from users, laying of pipelines and its safety etc. The Finance Committee recommended the Board for the approval to implement Natural Gas Pipeline Project at the cost of Rs.0.4 Crore from IRG.

RESOLUTION 60/FC/2024/4	RESOLVED THAT the implementation of Natural Gas Pipeline Project at the cost of Rs.0.4 Crore from IRG be recommended to Board for approval.
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ITEM NO. 60.5 APPROVAL FOR UNDERTAKING CONTRACTS / PROCUREMENT WORTH RS.30 LAKHS & ABOVE

The Estate Maintenance Department (EMD) of the Institute is undertaking several Annual Maintenance Contracts (AMCs) in connection with regular maintenance related activities. The expenditure for these AMCs is being met from OH-31.

The list of AMCs proposed for the Financial Year 2025-26 from the EMD is considered and recommended by the Building & Works Committee in its 36th Meeting held on 18.12.2024.

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The 12 AMCs/Contracts for the FY 2025-26 costing Rs.30 Lakhs and above are listed at **Annexure**.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the approval for the above AMCs/Contracts of FY 2025-26.

RESOLUTION 60/FC/2024/5	RESOLVED THAT the approval for the 12 AMCs/Contracts proposed for FY 2025-26 be recommended to Board for approval.
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ITEM NO. 60.6 ADOPTION OF FEE REFUND POLICY NOTIFIED BY UGC

Several Admission Authorities (JoSAA / CSAB / CCMT / CCMN / NIMCET) are issuing business rules regarding refund of fees to the students. Earlier, the fee paid by the candidates, who is allotted a seat but fails to report for admission, were dealt by the Admission Authorities itself. In recent times, such fees are transferred by the admission authorities to the concerned institute where seat was allotted to the candidates.

Though as per existing norms of the Institute, the fee for those students is forfeited, the Admission Authorities are instructing to refund the fee by adhering to the UGC Guidelines. Further the candidates are frequently filing requests for refund through emails along with several reminders, filing grievances in online portal and filing complaints with UGC. In some cases, they filed petitions before the Hon'ble Courts. UGC disposed off those cases/complaints by directing to refund the fee.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and discussed about the Refund Policy notified by the UGC vide D.O. No. F.2-71/2022 (CPP-II) (C-114546) dated 12.06.2024. Further the Finance Committee noted the email correspondence from the Vice-Chairman of CSAB 2024 regarding the refund of fee.

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After discussion, Finance Committee recommended the Board to adhere the Refund Policy of CSAB.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED** **THAT** the
60/FC/2024/6 adherence of policy notified by the
CSAB for refund of fees be
recommended to Board for
approval.

**ITEM NO. 60.7 ADJUSTMENT OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES
FOR THE WORKS ENTRUSTED TO CPWD
DURING 2012 TO 2017**

The Building and Works Committee in its 34th meeting held on 30.05.2024 has deliberated the matter of ratification of adjustment of additional expenditures and according administrative approval. The B&WC earlier recommended the adjustment of additional expenditures for certain works, which have been placed before the FC in its 57th Meeting held on 04.07.2024.

In some cases, the B&WC directed to furnish additional documents / justifications. The B&WC has considered some of those cases in its 35th Meeting held on 28.10.2024 and 36th Meeting held on 18.12.2024 along with the relevant documents/justifications.

Work [Year]	AAES	Actual Expenditure	Difference	Justification
Dining Hall for Amber Hostel [2012]	1.72 Crore	2.16 Crore	0.44 Crore	Additional works towards internal water supply lines, sanitary installations, levelling and clearing of site pathways, providing cycle pathways.
Re-wiring of 9 Nos of Hostels (Emerald, Lapis, Pearl, Ruby, Sapphire, Topaz, Beryl, Agate and Diamond) [2014]	3.9106 Crore	4.7684 Crore	0.86 Crore	Additional works towards cabling, DWC pipe, outdoor panels, wiring, fittings, ceiling fans, etc.

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The BWC has deliberated the matter along with the justifications. The BWC has noted that presently there is no additional financial commitment except the administrative approval towards audit compliance. The BWC has ratified the requests for adjustment of additional expenditure for the above two works.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the revised administrative approval for the two works and adjustment of additional expenditures.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the revised
60/FC/2024/7 administrative approval for the
 two works entrusted to CPWD
 during 2012 to 2017 and
 adjustment of additional
 expenditures be recommended to
 Board for approval.

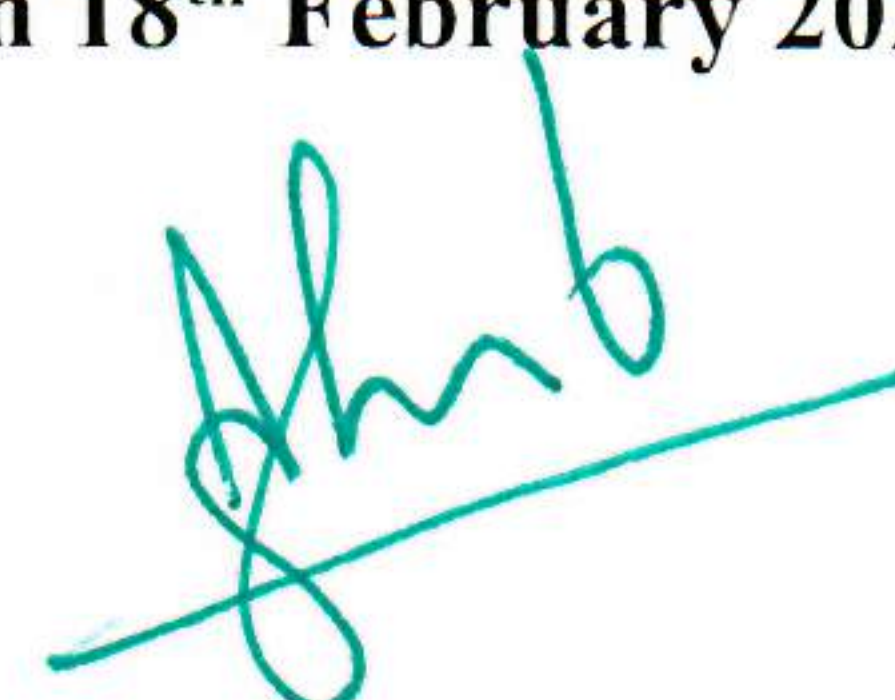
ITEM NO. 60.8 PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT UNDER SPONSORED PROJECTS

As per the BoG decision 52/BoG/2018/8, the procurement of project equipment costing above Rs.25 Lakhs (under Sponsored Research Projects) needs to be reported to the BoG. Such equipment proposed for procurement under Sponsored Projects are listed below:

Project Title	Equipment	Cost (in Crore)
FIST-Physical Science - Department of Science and Technology (DST)	X-ray Diffractometer	1.20
National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM) - Education 2.0, funded by Ministry of Textiles (MoT)	Cyclic Triaxial Testing Equipment for Soil/Geotextile including UNSAT(HKUST) and Bender element	1.59
National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM) - Education 2.0, funded by Ministry of Textiles (MoT)	Computerized Electronic Universal Testing Machine for Geotextile	0.39

The Finance Committee noted the proposals and recommended to the Board.

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RESOLUTION **RESOLVED** **THAT** the
60/FC/2024/8 procurement of three equipment
costing more than Rs.25 lakhs
under Sponsored Projects be
recommended to Board for
approval.

REPORTING ITEMS

**ITEM NO. 60.9 GRANT OF DEARNESS ALLOWANCE /
DEARNESS RELIEF AT REVISED RATE W.E.F.
01.07.2024**

The Ministry of Education vide Communication F.No.33-3/2022-TS.III dated 18.12.2024 has conveyed the concurrence of the Competent Authority in the Ministry for extending the revised/enhanced rate of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) to the employees / pensioners / family pensioners of NITs and IEST, Shibpur w.e.f. 01.07.2024.

The Finance Committee noted the contents of the communication from the Ministry vide F.No.33-3/2022-TS.III dated 18.12.2024.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the grant of
60/FC/2024/9 Dearness Allowance / Dearness
Relief at enhanced rate w.e.f.
01.07.2024 be noted.

ITEM NO. 60.10 AMENDMENT IN GENERAL FINANCIAL RULES

The Ministry of Education vide Communication F.No.33-8/2024-TS.III dated 20.12.2024 has conveyed the concurrence of the Competent Authority in the Ministry for extending the Office Memorandum No.F.1/3/2024-PPD dated 10.07.2024 of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance in connection with the Amendment in General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.

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The Finance Committee noted the contents of the communication from the Ministry vide F.No.33-8/2024-TS.III dated 20.12.2024.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED** **THAT** the
60/FC/2024/10 amendment in the General
Financial Rules be noted.

ITEM NO. 60.11 **GRANT-IN-AID** **RECEIVED** **FROM** **THE**
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DURING THE
FY 2024-25 UNDER RECURRING AND NON-
RECURRING HEADS (OH-31, OH-35 & OH-36)

The Finance Committee noted the grants received by the institute.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the grants
60/FC/2024/11 received be noted.

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