

राष्ट्रीय तकनीकी शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान

सेक्टर 26, चंडीगढ़ - 160019

AGENDA FOR THE
59th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: 19.03.2024
VENUE: NEW DELHI

F.59.0 Welcoming the Chairman and Members

Prof. (Dr.) Bhola Ram Gurjar, Member Secretary and Director of the Institute welcomes Prof. VG Talawar, Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors and other esteemed members of the Finance Committee.

PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NO. F.59.1	TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 58th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 31.10.2023 THROUGH ONLINE MODE/VIDEO CONFERENCING.
	The minutes of the 58 th meeting of the Finance Committee of the institute held on 31.10.2023 at NITTTR, Sector-26, Chandigarh were circulated amongst all the members vide Institute letter No. NITTTR/Dir/62 Board Meeting/PA/396 dated 24.11.2023 (Annexure – I). Approval of the Ministry of Education, New Delhi has also been received vide letter F.No.7-14/2023-TS.IV dated 14.12.2023 and advised the Institute to generate more funds under IRG, further FC members conveyed the Institute to either utilize the unspent balance in OH-35 or to process for remittance of the same to Ministry before the next financial year.
	(For Consideration & Confirmation)

ITEM NO. F. 59.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON PREVIOUS DECISIONS

ITEM NO.	AGENDA	DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
F.58.1	TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 57 th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 23.06.2023 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING	As no comments were received from members, hence, the minutes of the 57 th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23.06.2023 were recorded as confirmed.	Noted
F.58.3.5	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED POLICY TO UTILIZE CPDA FUNDS	After deliberation, the institute was advised to send the proposal of revising the institute policy to utilize CPDA funds to the Ministry for review and suggestions.	Action is under process.

ITEM NO. F.59.3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

ITEM NO. F.59.3.1	TO CONSIDER STATUS REPORT ON PROGRESS OF CAPITAL AND REVENUE EXPENDITURE UPTO 29.02.2024
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(Rs. In lakhs)

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Budget Estimates for 2023-24 approved by BOG</u>	<u>Opening Balance as on 01.04.2023</u>	<u>Grant Received from MoE/Gol</u>	<u>Internal Income Generated upto 29.02.2024</u>	<u>Total Fund Available upto 29.02.2024</u>	<u>Progressive Expenditure upto 29.02.2024</u>	<u>Balance as on 01.03.2024</u>
<u>Training and Pension (OH-31)</u>	1858.00	1202.38	150.00	-	1352.38	1302.15	50.23
<u>Capital (OH-35)</u>	3250.00	1552.59	-	-	1552.59	259.74	1292.85
<u>Salary and Retirement Benefits (OH-36)</u>	3695.50	708.58	2600.00	-	3308.58	2744.01	564.57
<u>Non-Salary out of IRG</u>	422.10	2683.21		849.96	3533.17	185.57	3347.60

FINANCE COMMITTEE MAY KINDLY CONSIDER, APPROVE AND MAKE SUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR APPROVAL.

ITEM NO. F.59.3.2	TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SIGNAGE/NAME PLATES OF BUILDING OF THE INSTITUTE TO TRI-LINGUAL i.e. PUNJABI, HINDI AND ENGLISH – REGARDING.													
	<p>As per the provisions of the Official Language Act 1963, the Sub-Committee of Committee of Parliamentary on Official Language carried out an inspection of NITTR, Chandigarh on 7th March, 2024 at Jalandhar. For the compliance to the provisions of the Official Language Act 1963, it is proposed to replace the existing signage/names plates etc. of the Buildings installed at various spaces and buildings of the Institute to Tri-lingual i.e. Punjabi, Hindi and English, as per the norms specified by the office of Home Secretary, UT Administration, Chandigarh (ANNEXURE-II). It is proposed to undertake the above works by following the purchase procedures/norms as per GFR 2017. As per initial survey, the estimated cost for the acrylic back-lit boards and other name plates/boards is @ Rs. 800 per Sq. feet (+GST) approximately, which shall cover approximate area of 5000 Sq feet, comprising of Big size Outdoor Boards/Signage for Buildings/Gates, Names Boards/Plates Departments/Section/Cells and Individual Name Plates etc. The total cost of the above works is estimated to be 46 Lakhs (including GST), whose details are given below:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 1039 1370 1503"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="384 1039 509 1173">Sr. No.</th> <th data-bbox="509 1039 1158 1173">Description of items</th> <th data-bbox="1158 1039 1370 1173">Approximate Quantity in Numbers</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1173 509 1272">1</td> <td data-bbox="509 1173 1158 1272">Big Size Names of the Buildings, Gates and other Signage (Outdoor)</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1173 1370 1272">30</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1272 509 1406">2.</td> <td data-bbox="509 1272 1158 1406">Name Boards/Plates of various Departments, Sections, Cells and other Signage (Indoor and Outdoor)</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1272 1370 1406">30</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1406 509 1503">3.</td> <td data-bbox="509 1406 1158 1503">Name Plates of Individual Faculty and Officers of Non-Teaching Staff</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1406 1370 1503">80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="384 1563 1334 1597">The expenditure shall be incurred under the OH-35 creation of Capital Assets.</p>		Sr. No.	Description of items	Approximate Quantity in Numbers	1	Big Size Names of the Buildings, Gates and other Signage (Outdoor)	30	2.	Name Boards/Plates of various Departments, Sections, Cells and other Signage (Indoor and Outdoor)	30	3.	Name Plates of Individual Faculty and Officers of Non-Teaching Staff	80
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ITEM NO. F.5§.3.3	TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF ENHANCED PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF CHANDIGARH
	<p>It is stated that the NITTTTR Chandigarh is diligently paying Service Charge since 2005 based on the zoning classification provided by MC, Chandigarh, @75% of "Zone – C" of respective group i.e. group III, as per the letter issued in 2005 vide Memo No. MCC/Tax/2004/166 dated 07.01.2005 <u>(Annexure III)</u>.</p> <p>2. The Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh vide Notification no. 2257-FII(B)-2004/7228 dated 22.11.2004 had imposed service charges on Government Buildings of the Union Government, Chandigarh Administration and State Governments, <i>not being used for commercial purposes</i>, which was calculated at the rate of 75% of the tax calculated on the lands & buildings as per the rate applicable to 'ZONE – C'.</p> <p>3. From the year 2004 to 2023, the applicable Zone of NITTTTR Chandigarh has been shown under Group III ZONE –C. Therefore, from time to time this Institute has been paying the property taxes, as demanded by the MC Chandigarh. The summary regarding deposit of service charge by the Institute is annexed as <u>(Annexure-IV)</u>.</p> <p>4. MC, Chandigarh vide Email dated 25/04/2022 has raised a revised Property Tax Demand Bill for Assessment year 2022-23 amounting to Rs. 6,88,223/- with arrears of property tax amounting to Rs.1,74,06,282/- accumulating from 2004 considering this Institute as Autonomous Body of the Central Government by changing the category from group III Zone "C" to group III Zone "A" <u>(Annexure V)</u>. From 30.05.2022 till date several attempts for maintaining status quo as keeping this Institute buildings as government buildings under group III Zone 'C' have been made at various levels. Simultaneously, the matter was also taken up with the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education.</p> <p>5. On 17.10.2023, this Institute received a letter from Joint Commissioner-II, MC, Chandigarh asking for a certificate issued by the Administrative Ministry stating that the properties for which exemption is being claimed are owned by the Government of India. Thereafter, this Institute had forwarded the certificate as received from the Ministry of Education vide letter no. 7-8/2023-TS.IV dated 14.06.2023 inter-alia stating that <i>"NITTTTR Chandigarh is an autonomous organization under the D/o Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, it is not a profit making organization and receives 100% Grants-In-Aid from the Ministry for its activities"</i> <u>(Annexure VI)</u>. The same was forwarded to the Joint Commissioner-II, MC Chandigarh on 30.11.2023 and requested for exemption in the matter. In reference to this Institute letter dated 30.11.2023, the MC, Chandigarh vide their communication dated 19.12.2023 has conveyed that <i>"no exemption is applicable as per rule"</i> and further stated that non-payment of property tax is causing great financial hardship to MC, Chandigarh to meet its budget targets for the current financial year <u>(Annexure VII)</u>.</p> <p>Thereafter, this Institute vide letter dated 22.12.2023 had requested MC, Chandigarh for granting three (03) months extension of time for further examination of the matter.</p>

	<p>6. Now, this Institute is in receipt of another notice dated 11/01/2024 from MC, Chandigarh in which the Institute's request for 03 months extension has been rejected (Annexure VIII). Furthermore, the MC, Chandigarh has conveyed that the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 as extended to the Union Territory, Chandigarh u/s 138 provides the following manner of recovering tax as: -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Any sum due on account of tax payable under this Act may be recovered, together with costs of recovery, by the following processes, in the manner prescribed : -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. By distraint and sale of a defaulter's movable property; ii. By the attachment and sale of defaulter's immovable property; iii. In the case of octroi and toll, by the seizure and sale of goods and vehicles; iv. In the case of taxes on lands and buildings by the attachment of rent due in respect of the property; and v. By a suit" <p>7. After referring to various documents available at hand, the following approach is suggested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Service Charge as per group III, Zone-'C' be deposited with MC Chandigarh as being done in the past and in line with the following references: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Memo No. MCC/Tax/2004/166, dated 7.01.2005, issued by MC Chandigarh to this Institute. (Annexure-III) b) Letter No. 14(1)-P/52-I dated: 10th May, 1954 by Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs. (Annexure-IX) c) Notification No. 2257-FII(8)-2004/7228 dated 22nd November 2004 by Chandigarh Administration. (Annexure-X) <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In case MC Chandigarh reverts and pressurizes the Institute for payment as per their latest demand notice, then the Institute be allowed to go to court for legal solution.</p> 2. As per change in status from group III Zone 'C' to Zone 'A' by MC, Chandigarh from the year 2022 onwards only property tax be paid without paying the arrears. In case MC Chandigarh reverts and pressurizes the Institute for payment as per their latest demand notice, then the Institute be allowed to go to court for legal solution. 3. Institute pays as per the revised property tax bill raised by MC Chandigarh considering the Institute under group III Zone A instead of group III Zone C including arrears and continue paying for all future years <p style="text-align: center;">Any of the option approved by BoG to be debited from OH-31.</p>
	<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER AND MAKE SUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS.</p>

ITEM NO. F.59.4	ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR
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