Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Finance Committee

Date and time: 22nd February 2017, 10.00 Hours Venue: Chairman's Meeting Hall, Cyient Limited, 4th Floor, Plot No.11, Software Units Layout Info City, Madhapur, HYDERABAD 500 081, TELANGANA.

Present:

Shri BVR Mohan Reddy	Chairman
Shri R Subrahmanyam	Additional Secretary, MHRD – Via Video Conference
Prof UB Desai	Director, IITH
Prof KVL Subramaniam	Professor, IITH
Dr M Deepa	Assistant Professor, IITH
Shri N Jayaram	Registrar and Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Financial Adviser, MHRD.

Agenda Item No.1: The Minutes of Fifth Meeting of the Finance Committee was approved as circulated.

Agenda Item No.2: The report of action taken on the minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Committee was approved.

Agenda Item No.3 - Annual Budget for 2017-18:

Extensive discussions were held on this item. The Chairman suggested that in respect of items that have more than one component causing increase, approximate details for each component may be stated for proper appreciation.

The Additional Secretary stated that increase in salary expenditure on account of implementation of 7th CPC will be separately factored in and additional allocation will be made by MHRD after final decision on the subject is taken. He stated that modalities for implementation of HEFA will be circulated in due course, HEFA is succor provided to Institutes to build infrastructure through borrowings by the Government and the Institutes will repay the grant in instalments. To a query from Prof UB Desai, he clarified that income from Overheads may also be treated as contribution by the Institute for HEFA.

Expenditure towards salary for the remaining period in Column No.3 was inadvertently typed as Rs.105.49 lakhs instead of Rs.1050.49 lakhs leading to error in total of Rs.2953.78 lakhs instead of Rs.3898.49 lakhs. The Chairman and the Additional Secretary stated that such mistakes should be avoided.

A revised statement incorporating the above suggestion and error correction will be circulated along with the Minutes.

The Committee approved the Annual Budget for 2017-18 at Rs.600 crores as proposed.

Agenda Item No.4 – Annual Accounts for 2015-16: The 'management Letter', response to the points raised in the management letter, observations of CAG in the Audit Certificate and response to the points raised therein were placed before the Committee.

The Committee ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman for the approval accorded by him for the Annual Accounts for 2015-16.

Agenda Item No.5: Prof Desai briefly explained that due to paucity of funds, the purchase from MHRD funds were to the tune of Rs.1.02 crores while the purchase from project funds was to the tune of Rs.7.01 crores.

The Committee noted the report of major purchases.

Agenda Item No.6 – Requirement of funds under IITH-JICA Collaboration Project [EAP].

In regard to request for allocation of funds/additional funds under EAP-JICA project, the Additional Secretary stated that the present allocation is Rs.75 crores. Once the allocated sum of Rs.75 crores is expended by the Institute, further funds may be made available in Revised Budget Estimates.

The Committee approved in-principle the funds requirement projected in the Agenda.

Agenda Item No.7 – Any other item with the approval of the Chair: None.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
