

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
133rd MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The 133rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held at 11.00 a.m. on 28.02.2017 in the Committee Room, 1st Floor, Zakir Hussain Block, NIE Campus, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi - 110016 under the chairpersonship of Dr. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director NCERT. A list of members who attended the meeting is attached as Annexure.

The Director, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the committee members. The Joint Secretary (SE-II) MHRD mentioned that the agenda papers should reach to the members atleast 5-6 days before the date of meeting, after that the agenda items were taken up by the Secretary, NCERT with the permission of the Chair.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 132nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th September, 2016.

The minutes of the 132nd meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 26th September, 2016, were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes of the 132nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th September, 2016.

The Committee noted the Action Taken on the decisions taken in the 132nd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th September, 2016. With regard to item No.3 DS, Sch.4, MHRD stated that amended version of the decision of Finance Committee regarding procurement of paper be reflected as under in respective column:

"After detailed deliberation, the Finance Committee felt that except the quantity of Maplitho Paper, as proposed by the Publication Division, the other specification and conditions of procurement of paper by the NCERT shall be the same as approved in its 130th meeting held on 19.02.2016. As regards procurement of Art Card, the specification and procedure of procurement shall be same as approved in its 128th meeting held on 8.9.2015. Accordingly, the Finance Committee approved the (i) procurement of 11300 MTs of Maplitho Paper as per the specification and procedure approved in its 130th Meeting held on 19.02.2016 and (ii) procurement of 650 MTs of Art Card as per the specification and procedure of procurement approved in its 128th Meeting held on 08.09.2015. The committee also approved the revised inspection fee."



Item No. 3: Procurement of Additional Paper for Text Books for the Session 2017-18.

Head, Publication Division presented the proposal and stated that as per instructions of Hon'ble HRM, the CBSE issued a circular for use of NCERT textbooks in all CBSE affiliated schools in 2017-18. To meet the requirement of additional textbooks, Publication Division proposes to procure additional text paper and cover paper as and when the requirement arises to cater the urgent and increased demand.

On being informed by the Publication Division of NCERT that the DGS&D Rate Contract for paper had expired and the new Rate Contract had not been issued by DGS&D till date, Shri Amit Cowshish, member and Shri Sanjay Kumar, JS (SE-II) desired to know the manner in which the NCERT proposes to procure the additional quantity of paper. It was informed by the Head Publication Division, NCERT that additional paper to the tune of 25% of the quantity of paper has already been approved by the Finance Committee in its 132nd meeting, the same could be procured from the Firms on whom the orders for supply of paper had been placed under the DGS&D Rate Contract at the same rate and terms and conditions. Procurement of any additional paper required to be worked out separately.

The Committee advised the Council to decide the manner in which the additional quantity of paper would be procured and whenever the proposal for additional quantity of paper is placed before Finance Committee, the Agenda note should clearly indicate about the manner to be followed for procurement of the paper. Shri Cowshish suggested that the procurement proposal, when brought before the FC next time, could be accompanied by a calculation sheet which shows how the quantity has been worked out.

Joint Secretary, SE-II also suggested that the NCERT may work out cost per sheet of text book by involving some Cost Accountant so that correct price of their books could be assessed.

Head, Publication Division stated that we require additional 5000 MTs (approx.) Maplitho Paper and 500 MTs Art Card paper for printing of books for the session 2017-18 to meet the demand arising out of circular issued by CBSE to all its CBSE affiliated schools and the details have not been received so far.

After detailed discussion, the Finance Committee directed 2825 MTs Maplitho Paper and 162 MTs Art Card may be procured as per decision of 132nd Finance Committee meeting held on 26.09.2016 and for remaining quantity of paper, if needed in emergent situation Finance Committee meeting may be convened.



Regarding inspection for timely supply of paper by the mills, the Committee directed that Director, NCERT may take up the matter with higher authority of DGS&D at his personal level.

It was also suggested that NCERT may explore the feasibility of publication of their text books from outside printers, either through outsourcing or contract, right from the stage of procurement of papers to distribution of text books to the venders/schools, if such cost is lower than the existing cost. They may specify their requirement about the quality of paper and printing and also decide on the terms and contract of the outsourcing/contract before hand, which may take care of all their apprehensions. A penalty clause for violations of the terms and conditions of the contract may also be included in the contract to ensure adherence to the quality and time schedule for printing and distribution of textbooks.

Item No.4: To consider and approve the Revision of pay scales of Council's Employees of the NCERT in respect of Group A,B,C & D (other than whose pay scales are regulated by the UGC) regarding.

After detailed discussion the Finance Committee observed that since the proposal sent by NCERT to Govt. of India is under examination in the MHRD therefore, NCERT should wait for approval of Govt. of India for implementation of 7th Pay Commission report to its Non-Academic staff/pensioners.



(Harsh Kumar)
Secretary



(Hrushikesh Senapaty)
Director

