

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
SRI AUROBINDO MARG, NEW DELHI**

MINUTES OF THE 51st MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL

The 51st meeting of the General Council of NCERT was held on 3rd December, 2013 at 3.30 p.m. in the Conference Room No. 1, India International Centre, 40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi - 110003. The list of participants who attended the meeting is attached as Annexure '1'. Dr. M.M. Pallam Raju, Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India and President of the NCERT, chaired the meeting.

The Director, NCERT welcomed the members of the Committee, following which, with the permission of the Chair, the agenda items were taken up by the Secretary, NCERT for deliberations.

However, **at the outset**, the Minister of Education, Bihar, a member of the General Council, raised his concern that the agenda for the meeting had not been received by him in time. Secretary, MHRD advised NCERT to ensure that members get the agenda at least a week before the meeting in future.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 50th meeting of the General Council held on 3rd December, 2012

As no comments were received from any member of the General Council on the minutes of the 50th meeting, held on 3rd December, 2012, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on 3rd December 2012

The Secretary, NCERT reported the actions taken on the minutes of the last meeting, which were noted by the members.

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Item No.3: To consider and approve the Annual Report of NCERT for the year 2012-13

The Director, NCERT, presented the highlights of the year under report. Following this, the Council approved the Annual Report of the NCERT for the year 2012-13.

Item No.4: To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts of NCERT for the year 2012-13

The members approved the Audited Annual Accounts of NCERT for the year 2012-13.

Any other Item:

The members of the General Council raised the following issues for the consideration of the General Council:

1. (i) Education Minister of Bihar, Shri P.K. Shahi informed the members that NCERT had requested the State Government of Bihar for land to be provided to set up a Regional Institute of Education. The State has identified an appropriate site, which has been visited by the JD, NCERT, but the State had not heard from NCERT after that. The status of the proposal to setup an RIE in Andhra Pradesh was also enquired and the Director, NCERT was asked to take urgent further action. In this context, the Secretary, MHRD wanted the status of the EFC Memos for the new RIEs. The Secretary, NCERT informed him that the revised EFC Memo was being sent to the MHRD.
- (ii) Sh. Shahi and Ms. Rukmini Banerjee of Pratham observed that the NCERT textbooks in Languages and Maths should be age appropriate. They emphasized that the NCERT may undertake research on this issue so as to bridge the gap. The General Council observed that the NCERT may constitute a committee of experts to looking into these aspects and take further action in a time bound manner to address the issue.

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2. Shri Bosiram Siram, Education Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, raised the following issues:

- (a) **Non-provisioning of mechanism for protection of endangered languages of Arunachal Pradesh.**
- (b) non-availability of state specific quality study material for teacher education;
- (c) absence of Horticulture/Agriculture based vocational curricula for students of upper primary and secondary level;
- (d) non-mention of Tawang Monastery in the NCERT curriculum inspite of it being of world importance;
- (e) non-availability of academic support for developing the SCERT;
- (f) non-availability of NCERT textbooks at the Regional Production-cum- Distribution Centre (RPDC), Guwahati;
- (g) non-existence of teachers with the ability to undertake Guidance and Counseling of children;
- (h) support for digitising their libraries;
- (i) support for improving Science, Mathematics and Language teaching in Arunachal Pradesh, and the NER in general.

The Hon'ble Minister was informed by the Director, NCERT that the NCERT had immediately started work last year in Arunachal Pradesh on some of these issues, and the others would be looked into soon.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(B.K.Tripathi)
Joint Director &
I/c Secretary

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ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT IN THE 51st GENERAL
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE NCERT HELD ON 03rd DECEMBER, 2013.

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| 1. | Dr. M. M. Pallam Raju Union Minister for Human Resource Development Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110001. | Chairperson |
| 2. | Shri Bosiram Siram Minister for School Education Government of Arunachal Pradesh Itanagar-791111 | Member |
| 3. | Shri P.K.Shahi Minister for School Education Government of Bihar New Secretariat Building Patna-800015 | Member |
| 4. | Shri R. Bhattacharya Secretary Department of School Education & Literacy Ministry of HRD Government of India Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Yogesh Sheohare Deputy Director Representing Minister for School Education Government of Chhatisgarh Raipur Chhatisgarh | Member |
| 6. | Smt. Sangeeta Singh Principal Secretary Representing Minister for School Education Government of Gujarat Block No. 1, Sachivalaya Gandhi Nagar-382010. | Member |

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7. **Shri Hem Raj Sharma** Member
Associate Professor
&
Dr. Devinder Kashyap
Asstt. Director, H.E.
Representing
Minister for School Education
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla-171002
8. **Shri Hirdesh K. Singh, IAS** Member
Secretary
Representing
Minister for School Education
Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Srinagar-180001
9. **Shri N.K.Jarag** Member
Director
MSCERT, Pune
Representing
Minister for School Education
Government of Maharashtra
Mantralya Main
Mumbai-400032
10. **Shri Deo Nukhu** Member
Parliamentary Secretary
SCERT & Higher Education
Representing
Minister for School Education
Government of Nagaland
Kohima-797001.
11. **Shri Roshan Sood** Member
Director
SCERT, Punjab
Representing
Minister for School Education
Government of Punjab
Chandigarh-160017
12. **Dr. S. Kannappan** Member
Director
SCERT, Chennai
Representing
Minister for School Education
Government of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. Georg
Chennai-600009

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| 13. | Shri Sarvendra Vikram B Singh Director SCERT, U.P. Representing Hon'ble Minister for School Education Government of Uttar Pradesh Lucknow-226001 | Member |
| 14. | Prof. P. Sinclair Director, NCERT New Delhi-110016. | Member |
| 15. | Smt. Lata Vaidyanathan Principal Modern School Barakhamba Road New Delhi | Member |
| 16. | Dr. H.K.Dewan Vidya Bhawan Society Udaipur Rajasthan-313004 | Member |
| 17. | Dr. Rukmini Banerji Pratham/ASER Centre B-4/34 Safdarjang Enclave New Delhi-110029 | Member |
| 18. | Dr. Kiran Devendra Type V/9 NCERT Campus New Delhi | Member |
| 19. | Ms. Bertha G. Dkhar Programme Coordinator Bethany Society Lady Veronica Lane Laitumkhrah Shillong-793003 | Member |
| 20. | Prof. Manoj Mishra Head, DEE North East Regional Institute of Education Umiam, Shillong Meghalaya 793103 | Member |

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| 21. | Prof. Sridhar Srivastava Head, ESD NCERT | Member |
| 22. | Dr. Gauri Srivastava Head, DWS NCERT | Member |
| 23. | Shri J. Alam Joint Secretary (SE-II), Ministry of HRD, (Department of School Education & Literacy), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 24. | Shri Yogendra Tripathi JS & Financial Adviser Ministry of HRD, (Department of School Education & Literacy), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 25. | Shri Vineet Joshi Chairman Central Board of Secondary Education Shiksha Kendra 2, Community Centre Preet Vihar Delhi-110092 | Member |
| 26. | Shri Madan Lal Meena | Member |

28. **Dr. Pitam Singh** Member
Principal Adviser Education
Planning Commission
Yojana Bhawan
New Delhi-110001
29. **Dr. (Smt.) Kamlesh Kalra** Member
401, Sector-14
Faridabad – 121007
Haryana
30. **Smt. Ameeta M. Wattal** Member
Principal,
Springdales School,
Pusha Road
Upper Ridge Road Junction,
New Delhi-110 005
31. **Dr. D.R. Saini,** Member
Principal,
DPS,
Sector- XII,
R.K. Puram,
New Delhi-110022
32. **Mrs. Poonam Sodhi** Member
Deputy Secretary
C.I.S.C.E.
Representing
Secretary
Council of Indian School
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Pragati House, 3rd Floor
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33. **Prof. B.K. Tripathi** Member-convener
Joint Director &
I/c Secretary
NCERT,
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