

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

127th MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 127th meeting of the Finance Committee of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held at 10.00 a.m. on 24th February, 2015 in the Room No. 207, 2nd Floor, CIET, NCERT, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi – 110016 under the chairpersonship of Prof. B.K. Tripathi, Director NCERT. A list of members who attended the meeting is attached as Annexure – I.

The Secretary, NCERT welcomed the members. The Secretary, NCERT, with the permission of the Chairperson, took up the agenda items.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 126th Finance Committee Meeting held on 03rd June, 2014.

The minutes of the 126th meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 03rd June 2014 were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes of the 126th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 03rd June, 2014.

The Committee noted the action taken by the Council on the various decisions taken in the 126th meeting of the Finance Committee.

- Sundry Debtors : The amount payable from credit sale of books is still pending in spite of the best efforts made by NCERT to realize them. The committee reviewed the trends on which the issue of write off was placed to the MHRD and reiterated that the proposal is fit for a write off. It was advised that the NCERT may review all such bad debts upto the year 2000 and if need put up a proposal for write off.
- For the outstanding DNPS contribution (Tier-I) of employees who are not easily traceable, the Committee suggested that the efforts to be made to contact the employees at personal/institutional level and an advertisement be brought out in newspapers to identify the beneficiaries.
- Head, Educational Survey Division (ESD) stated that the norms for expenditure and engagement of project staff on contractual basis for National Achievement Surveys (NAS) under SSA has been approved by the Finance Committee under item No. 6 & 7 and requested for adoption of the same for NAS grade X under RMSA. The committee approved the proposal.

P. P.

Item No. 3: Payment of pension through Centralized Processing Cells of SBI

CAO, NCERT stated that at present, NCERT has about 1800 pensioners and remits the pension to its pensioners through SBI in two categories – (a) the pensioners who are getting their pension from Branches of State Bank (b) the pensioners who are getting their pension from other than Branch of State Bank. In the case other than SBI, we have to authorise to SBI, NCERT Branch to remit their pension through Demand Draft/Banker Cheques/RTGS. In the process of preparing and dispatching the DD/BC by Speed posts, there is in-ordinate delay in remittance of pension resulting, which the pension to these pensioners cannot be paid on the last day of the month even after utmost care by our pension cell. Sometimes, the DD after dispatch has also been misplaced in postal transit. Similarly, the NCERT issues Form-16 (TDS) and Pension slips (on enhancement of Dearness Relief) to the pensioners but complaints are generally received from the pensioners for Non-Receipt of Form-16 and pension slips.

The SBI has offered a proposal regarding processing and payment of pension through Centralized Pension Processing Cells of SBI. In this system, all the pensioners will get their pension on the last working day of the month and the SBI will also provide the following facilities to NCERT and to our pensioners :

I. Facility to NCERT

- Creation of Pensioners data base in our system for NCERT.
- Calculation / bulk payment of pension / computation of DA arrears etc
- Payment of Family pension in case of death of pensioner.
- Revision of pension from time to time as per Govt. policy.
- Provision of monthly pension paid details as per your requirement. TDS compliance for pensioners.
- Also customise the product for pensioners drawing pension from other banks and make the payment through NEFT
- Automatic restoration of commutation after 15 years from the date of first disbursal.
- Automatic revision of pension after pensioner attains the age of 80/85/90/95/100 years.



II. Facility to the pensioners of NCERT

- Providing pension payment details through SMS/ e-mail by Home branch/call centre.
- Issuance of Form 16.
- Submission of life certificate by pensioner at any SBI branch in India (for SBI customers).
- The pension amount will be credited every month through core banking system by the pension paying branch of SBI
- The pension to the pensioners who intends to draw their pension from other than SBI will be paid through RTGS/NEFT

III. Service Charges to be paid by NCERT to SBI

It has also been mentioned here that the above facilities/services will be provided by SBI on the cost of @ Rs.40/- per transaction/per month.

IV. Requirement of Documents to be submitted with SBI

-Pension Payment Order data of pensioners in soft form as Bank's IT requirement in a secured formate

-If the above is not possible, the PPO data is received in physical form, one time charges of Rs.50/- per record will be payable by NCERT

-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

-NCERT shall have to open separate Pension Account with SBI, having adequate balance, for making payment of pension

V. Need to launch of new system for remittance of pension

-SBI is also providing this facilities to other sister autonomous bodies of MHRD (KVS). Moreover, there is huge shortage of staff.

-Digitalizing of Pension through core banking and RTGS/NEFT

In this regard, the Council invited observation/comments from our pensioners and both positive and negative observations have been received.

The Finance Committee after detail deliberation advised that an RFI could be issued to ascertain what kind of services various banks could provide so that based on that information NCERT could prepare its RFP.

J. J.

