

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING**  
**MINUTES OF 135<sup>th</sup> FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The 135<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held at 11:00 a.m. on July 19, 2017 in the Committee Room, 1<sup>st</sup> 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-1.

The Secretary, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the members of the committee, after which 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 134<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30.06.2017.**

Minutes of the 134<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 30.06.2017 were confirmed.

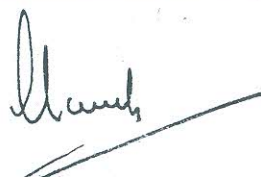
**Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes of the 134<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30.06.2017.**

The committee noted the action taken on the decisions taken in the 134<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30.06.2017

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

The procurement of 11300 MTs Maplitho Paper for printing 3.25 crore textbooks for the session 2017-18 was approved by 132<sup>nd</sup> Finance Committee meeting held on 26.09.2016. The committee also approved the procurement of additional 25 % quantity of aforesaid quantity from the same mills on the same rate and terms and conditions, if needed. The procurement order was placed with the three DGS&D enrolled mills i.e. M/s Fibremarx Papers Pvt Ltd, M/s Katyayini Paper Mills Pvt Ltd & M/s Vishal Coaters Pvt Ltd on DGS&D rate on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. The delivery schedule of last lot was 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

In the month of March, 2017, an additional demand of 51 lakh copies was received for CBSE affiliated schools which submitted their requirement on CBSE portal. The additional demand was to be printed and supplied to the schools before the start of academic session by 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017. The order for procurement of additional 25 % quantity i.e. 2825 MTs, as already approved by the finance committee, was placed with the aforesaid three mills on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. As per the terms of contract, the council has to fix the delivery schedule of additional supply only after completion of main order i.e. after 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 with mutual consent of NCERT and mills for fixing the delivery period. In these circumstances, we would be getting paper only after 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. However, the offer was made to these three mills for supply of additional 25 % quantity.



In response to our offer, among other, the following was also placed by the ~~three~~ mills:

- *The original order was placed on DGS&D website online on DGS&D rate contract. The rate contract of DGS&D expired on 31.01.2017.*
- *Amendment to IS 1848 has been implemented. Hence, no further order for Type A can be accepted.*
- *In the amendment to BIS 1848, the brightness has been increased by 3 % from 77 to 80 %. The increased brightness of paper by 3 % will affect the cost of production.*

In view of above, the three mills, regretted to supply additional quantity of paper. Although, as per agreement, they were contractually bound to supply 25 % additional paper on the same terms and conditions as well as the rate on which the original order was supplied i.e. Rs.45,718.20 per MT.

Therefore, to meet the urgent demand of 51 lakh copies, 2825 MT paper was procured through GeM with latest amendment as per BIS 1848/2007 i.e. 80 GSM ISI Mark Maplitho Paper with enhanced 80 % brightness @ Rs.50,820.00 per MT. It was suggested that the matter would be reported to Finance Committee for ratification.

Since the offer for supply of additional quantity with the three Mills was placed on lower rate than the rate available on GeM portal, therefore, Mills were asked to complete the contractual obligation i.e. supply of additional 25 % quantity with previous BIS specification. This procurement is on the same rate and terms & conditions. This creates ample buffer stock for meeting out further exigencies. Moreover, it was expected that a few more CBSE schools may submit their demand for books, therefore, NCERT had to be ready to meet the additional demand of books for supply before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017.

Considering the existing rate available on GeM @ Rs.52,200.00 per MT at the time of giving order to three Mills; by procuring 25 % additional quantity from these mills @ Rs.45,718.20 per MT, the Council has saved Rs.1.83 Crores (approx) in this purchase.

After detailed discussion, Finance Committee ratified the proposal of additional purchase of 2825 MTs of Maplitho Paper through GeM.

**Item No.4: To consider and approve the proposal for procurement of paper for academic session 2018-19**

Head, Publication Division presented the item and stated that the Council is mandated to publish and supply textbooks for Classes I-XII for all the CBSE affiliated schools across the country before the start of every Academic session.

As per the assessment Council has to procure 21,000 MTs of Maplitho paper for text and 1,700 MTs of Art Card for cover.



