

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION RESEARCH AND TRAINING

MINUTES OF THE 141st MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The 141th meeting of the Finance Committee of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held on 26.05.2020 at 3.00 p.m. in the Conference Room, 1st Floor, Zakir Hussain Block, NIE Campus, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director, NCERT through video conferencing. A list of members who participated in this meeting is attached at annexure-I.

Major Harsh Kumar, Secretary, NCERT extended a warm welcome to the Committee members, after which the agenda items were taken up with the permission of the Chair.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 140th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 05.12.2019.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes of 140th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 05.12.2019.

While discussing the confirmation of the minutes, Shri Shobhit Gupta, Director (Finance), Ministry of HRD pointed out under Item No. 2 of the minutes of 140th Meeting wherein it has been mentioned that from the next year Audit Annual Accounts alongwith SAR Audit Notes may be placed in the Finance Committee so that Finance Committee make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee. In this regard CAO NCERT informed that the work on the Accounts are yet to be completed and will be reported in the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

SHRI SHOBHIT GUPTA

The Director, (Finance) also pointed out under item number 3 of the minutes regarding enhancement of upper limit of sale price of NCERT textbooks for Classes I to VIII from Rs.60/- to 65/- wherein the Committee desired that the report of the Committee constituted to review the cost of textbooks in accordance with their relevance and purpose be submitted within three months and the time is already over of six months.

Prof. A.K. Rajput, Head, Publication Division informed that the Committee is formed and the Committee is working on all the aspects of revision of textbook and prices. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the meetings of Committee could not be held. Once it is approved by the Committee, it will be placed before the next meeting of Finance Committee along with report of the Committee.

The Committee also recommended that the detailed proposals with regard to item number 3, 4 & 5 which could not be done due to COVID situation, be submitted in the next Finance Committee with full details and financial implications.

Thereafter the minutes were confirmed

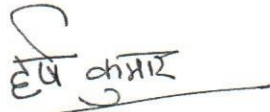
Item No 3. Procurement of additional requirement of 900 MTs of 220 GSM Art Card cover paper to meet the fresh requirement for the printing of General Publications for the state of Uttar Pradesh & Haryana. - Regarding

Secretary NCERT placed the Item for Procurement of 900 MTs of Art Card of 220 GSM in sheets conforming to BIS specification 4658:2019 with latest amendments, if any, for cover printing through GeM. The approximate expenditure of Art Card based on the current price of Rs 64.80 per kg (as per last purchase rate) works out to be Rs. 5,83,20,000/-. During detailed deliberations, the representative of JS&FA, Director (Finance) submitted the observation that there should be no pendency in supply of the procured item. Thereafter Prof. A.K. Rajput explained the agenda item in detail

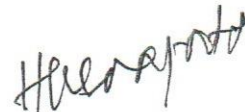
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After detailed discussion, the Finance Committee recommended the above proposal for procurement of 900 MTs of Art Card cover paper through GeM by inviting bids as per existing provision of GeM in accordance with rule 149 of GFR 2017.

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



(Major Harsh Kumar)
Secretary



(Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty)
Director

ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF MEMBERS AND SPECIAL INVITEES/OTHER PRESENT ATTENDED THE 141st
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26th MAY, 2020.

1. Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty
Director, NCERT,
New Delhi – 110016. Chairperson
2. Shri Shobhit Gupta
Director (Finance)
Representing
JS & Financial Advisor
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy),
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 Member
3. Shri T.S. Rautela
Deputy Secretary
Representing
Joint Secretary (Institutions)
Ministry of HRD
(Department of School Education & Literacy),
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 Member
4. Shri Amit Cowshish
Additional Secretary (Retd.)
Ministry of Defence
578, Sector 'A'
Pocket 'C'
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070. Member
5. Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi
Professor and Chairperson
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
B-21, Qutab Institutional Area
New Delhi Member
6. Maj. Harsh Kumar
Secretary
NCERT
New Delhi-110016 Member-
convener

Special Invitee/ Other Present

1. Prof, Sridhar Srivastava
Joint Director, NCERT
2. Prof. A.K. Rajput
Head, Publication Division
3. Shri R.K. Nayak
CAO, NCERT
4. Shri Gyan Chand
Deputy Secretary, S&S
5. Smt. Rajni Dhall
Under Secretary, C&P