

Minutes of the Publication Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting held on 27.04.2018 at 3.00 PM at NIOS HQ for considering recommendations of the Publication Committee meeting held on 12th April 2018 for procurement of paper for the session 2018-19.

The Publication Advisory Committee met on 27/04/2018 at 3.00 p.m. in the premises of NIOS (HQ) Conference Room, A 24/25, Sector - 62 NOIDA, U.P. to consider the recommendations of the Publication Committee meeting and recommend paper purchase for 2018-19 for printing Self Instructional Materials (SIMs) etc. for learners enrolled through Open and Distance Learning Mode (24x7 NIOS online admissions).

The following members were present:

- 1. Sh. C. Dharuman, Secretary, NIOS - In Chair
- 2. Sh. Ashminder Singh Bahal, Director (Vocational), NIOS
- 3. Sh. S. K. Prasad, Director (SSS)/Joint Director (CBC), NIOS
- 4. Sh. R. Thyagarajan, FC Member of NOS Society - Outside Expert
- 5. Sh. R.D. Mahapatra, Deputy Director (Evaluation), NIOS represented Director (Evaluation)
- 6. Sh. Manoj Kumar Jain, DD (MD Unit), NIOS
- 7. Sh. Sameer Jha, Assistant Director (Admn.), NIOS
- 8. Sh. Anil Kumar, Account Officer, NIOS
- 9. Dr. Monika Kadiyan, Academic Officer (Hindi), NIOS represented Director (Academic)
- 10. Sh. Pramod Tripathi, Training Officer, NIOS represented Sh. Naveen Bhatia, SAP
- 11. Sh. D. N. Upreti, Publication Officer/Deputy Director (Admn.), NIOS

At the outset Sh. C. Dharuman, Secretary/Director (Evaluation) and Chairman PAC welcomed all the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. Thereafter, Agenda item was taken up for discussion and consideration.

Item 19.1 To confirm the Minutes of Joint Meeting of Publication Advisory Committee and Publication Committee for procurement of paper for 2017-2018 held on 19th June, 2017.

Minutes of the Joint meeting of Publication Advisory Committee and Publication Committee held on 19/6/2017 were considered and confirmed by the PAC.

19.1.1 To report action taken thereon.

On the basis of the recommendations of the Publication Advisory Committee and Publication Committee meeting held on 19th June 2017, NIOS had procured 2000 MTs Offset Printing Paper of 70 GSM and 1500 MTs of Maplitho Paper 80 GSM with NIOS watermark as per BIS specifications 1848/2007 with latest amendments from M/s DSG Papers Pvt. Ltd., after inviting the bids/rates through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal.

Art Card 235 MTs of 220 GSM in size 61x94cm Conforming to BIS Specification 4658/1988 with latest amendments was also procured through Open Tender as the same was not available on GeM Portal.

The Publication Advisory Committee took note of it.

Item 19.2 To consider the recommendations of the Publication Committee meeting held on 12th April 2018 and recommend procurement of different varieties of paper for printing of NIOS study materials for the year 2018-2019 through Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

It was informed that NIOS every year print and supply Study Materials to its learners enrolled through Open and Distance mode of Learning from all over the country and abroad. For the same, printing paper is procured and study materials printed and despatched to all the learners. For 2018-19 also, the Publication Committee considered the procurement of paper for the year 2018-19 at its meeting held on 12th April 2018.

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Publication Committee after due deliberations recommended the procurement of the paper as per details below:

Maplitho Paper with NIOS water mark in sheets of 70 GSM in 58.5×91 cm size (as per BIS Specification 1848/2007)	2700 MTs
Maplitho Paper with NIOS water mark in sheets of 80 GSM in 58.5×91 cm size (as per BIS Specification 1848/2007)	2000 MTs
Art Card in Sheets of 220 GSM in 61×94 cm size Conforming to BIS specifications 4658/1988 with latest amendments	200 MTs

The PAC was informed at present recycled paper is available on GeM portal, earlier NIOS used to procure paper from M/s Hindustan Paper Corporation (HPC) made from virgin pulp, which was considered to be of good quality paper, therefore NIOS is procuring 70 and 80 GSM Maplitho Paper for printing of text of its study materials. Whereas for printing covers of NIOS publications, Art Card is being procured.

It was further informed that during 2017-18 NIOS procured 70 and 80 GSM paper through GeM portal at a rate of Rs. 48,550/- and Rs. 49,950/- per MT (all inclusive) respectively. Art Card was procured through Open Tender @ of Rs. 73,692/- per MT. If NIOS takes 10% overall hike including statutory Taxes as per the last years rates, the total financial implications for above papers will work out to be approx Rs. 27 crores.

Mr. Manoj Jain, Deputy Director (MD Unit) also informed that as on date the following quantities of paper are available in stock, which is not sufficient enough completing the printing of a single subject.

70 GSM Paper – 11 MTs, 80 GSM Paper – 38 MTs and Art Card – 53 MTs.

He further informed the members that some of the main subjects required for Block-II (2017-18) are held up for want of paper for which admissions have already been closed on 15th March 2018.

The PAC considered the recommendations of the Publication Committee and after lengthy discussion recommended that 70 GSM Maplitho Paper 2700 MTs and 80 GSM Maplitho Paper 2000 MTs including Art Card of 220 GSM 200 MTs may be procured from GeM portal as per GFR 2017, Rule 149. In case, Art Card is not available on GeM portal, the same may be procured through Open Tender as per GFR 2017, Rule 161. After approval of the Competent Authority, order on GeM portal may be placed for full requirement. Order may be placed with scattered delivery schedule as per requirement and capacity of godown.

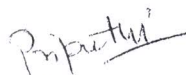
The approx financial implications for this paper looking into overall price index and other statutory obligations over last years rates will be approx 27 crores.

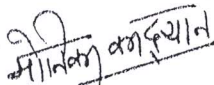
Item 19.3 Any other item with the permission of chair


It was discussed that NIOS provides printed study material to its all enrolled learners at their door step. It will be better, if one DVD of study material is also provided to each learner of Secondary and Sr. Secondary alongwith study material. This will give both options of study to all learners. Similarly in Vocational stream, sector wise DVDs in major 7 areas like – Agriculture, Business and commerce, Engineering and Technology, Health and Paramedical, Home Science and Hospitality, Computer and Information Technology and Life Enrichment course may be made available.

The PAC was of the view that initially few DVDs should be prepared on pilot basis and this may be done in a phased manner.

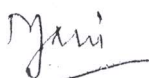
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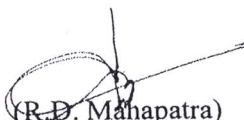

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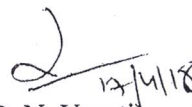

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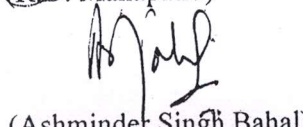

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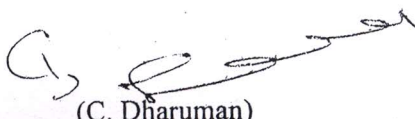

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