

**National Institute of Open Schooling**  
A-24/25, Institutional Area, Sector -62, NOIDA

**The Minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee of NOS Society held on 06<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 3.00 PM in the Conference Hall (Chairman Block), NIOS, A-24/25, Sector -62, Noida.**

**The following were present:**

1. Prof. Chandra Bhushan Sharma  
Chairman, NIOS - Chairman
2. Sh. D. P. S. Rajesh  
OSD to MOS (Retired), MHRD - Member
3. Sh. R. Thyagarajan  
Head Admn. & Finance (Retired) CEMCA - Member
4. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Singh  
Director, Academic, NIOS - Member
5. Ms. Anitha Nair, Deputy Director (VE), NIOS  
Representative of Dr. Ashminder Singh Bahal  
Director (Vocational) , NIOS - Member
6. Sh. S. K. Prasad  
Director (SSS), NIOS - Member
7. Sh. C. Dharuman,  
Director (Eval.), & Secretary, NIOS - Member-Secretary

Sh. Sanjay Kumar, JS (SE), MHRD and Smt. Darshana M Dabral, JS & Finance Advisor (MHRD) and Sh. P. C. P. Mahapatra, Former Administrative Officer, NIB could not attend the meeting.

Sh. Anil Kumar, Accounts Officer and Sh. Gurdev Singh, Deputy Director (Admn.) were also present to assist the Committee.





Sh. C. Dharuman, Secretary, NIOS welcomed all the Members of the newly constituted Finance Committee of NOS Society and requested for the permission of Chairman, NIOS to start the Meeting. The meeting started with the NIOS Song.

After a brief introduction, Secretary, NIOS requested the Chairman NIOS to give his opening remarks. At the outset, Prof. C.B. Sharma, Chairman, welcomed all the new members to the 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee and expressed his gratitude towards Sh. Awadh Narain Rai, the outgoing Member of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman, NIOS informed that this is a very important Committee of NOS Society as it looks after all the finances of the institution. He shared the financial viability of NIOS with the members and requested the members that even though NIOS is financially sound, the funds need to be invested judiciously. He requested the members to do long term planning and also to look at the expenditure of NIOS, so that the funds of NIOS are utilized judiciously. He further informed that the clientele of NIOS is less privileged and the funds need to be invested in such a manner so that the learners of NIOS could also be benefited.

The Chairman, NIOS shared some of the major achievements of NIOS with the Members, as some of the members were attending the meeting for the first time. He informed that the NIOS on an average is admitting more than 5 lakhs Secondary and Sr. Secondary learners every year.

- He further informed that NIOS has signed an MoU with the Army Personnel for imparting education to the Army Jawans at the Senior Secondary level, so as to provide them an opportunity to have a certification from NIOS of acquiring Senior Secondary Certification at par with that of CBSE for the purpose of gaining employment after retirement. For this purpose, NIOS has developed special subjects for the Army personnel such as History of Army; Marshal Arts etc in consultation with Army Headquarters.





- It was also informed that NIOS has recently launched Bhartiya Gyan Parampara courses for the learners pursuing Vedic Studies. There was long standing demand and need was felt to develop courses in the area of Vedic Studies. After putting earnest efforts, NIOS has launched the courses for the learners and the entire course material has been prepared in the Sanskrit language. It was informed that Five subjects namely Sanskrit as language, Sanskrit Sahitya, Ved Adhyan, Bhartiya Darshan and Bhartiya Vyakhyan were developed. The NIOS has designed norms for accreditation to Ved Vidyalayas where Personal Contact Programme would be organised. The norms related to infrastructure for accreditation of these Ved Vidyalayas have been developed by NIOS. The Ved Vidyalayas would conduct PCPs for Ved Courses only. He further added that there has been a demand for developing courses for Class I to VIII in Bhartiya Gyan Parmpara. The proposal was placed before the Academic Council which was also approved by it. The Chairman mentioned that the courses as per the Academic Council approval are being planned by NIOS to launch separate courses of Bhartiya Gyan Parampara for OBE programmes upto 8th Class.
- The NIOS has recently launched NIOS courses in sign language for the benefit of hearing impaired learners. There are more than 02 crore hearing impaired people in India. The learners have been facing difficulty. It was informed that on the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of the Father of the Nation, Mahatama Gandhi, the Hon'ble Minister for HRD Sh. Prakash Javadekar ji inaugurated Channel No. 30 and also named it Gyanamrit on which NIOS educational courses in sign language and also programmes in Sanskrit for the Bhartiya Gyan Parampara and Yoga course are being telecast. The main aim of launching this channel is to extend the benefit of NIOS schemes/programmes to the children with special needs.
- It was informed that a tripartite MoU was signed between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), the National Health System Resource Centre (NHSRC) and the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for the training of ASHA workers. A curriculum for training/certification of ASHAs has been developed by NIOS based on the





knowledge and competencies listed in the ASHA Training Modules. The ASHA course corresponds to the Frontline Health Worker of the National Skills Qualification Framework (Level III) issued by the Health Care Sector Skill Council (HSSC). 09 lakhs ASHA Workers are there in the country.

- NIOS has recently taken up discussions with NITI Aayog for the training of Health Workers. It was informed that NIOS is already taking up the project and charging an amount of Rs. 25000/-, whereas some private institutions are charging more than 1 lakh rupees for training of these health workers.
- NIOS is in the process of revising its curriculum for senior secondary and would be given finality by the end of September 2019.
- It was also informed that NIOS sent its delegations to Bangladesh, Japan, Malaysia to attend various Workshops and Conferences. NIOS has also done peer to peer review of Open School-Bangladesh Open University (BOU) and also BOU conducted peer to peer review of NIOS. Now, NIOS has been invited to undertake the peer review of Sri Lanka Open School.

Thereafter, with the permission of Chair, Sh. C. Dharuman, Secretary, NIOS took up the agenda items.

**2.1 65.1(A) To Confirm the Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

It was informed that the Minutes of 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28.09.2018 were sent to the members for comment/consent. In response to this, Director (Finance), Integrated Finance Division, MHRD communicated vide letter dated 22.10.2018 that the earlier comments sent on agenda may be incorporated in the minutes of the Finance Committee. These comments were circulated to the all members on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and seven members of the Finance Committee communicated that they stood by the minutes of the Finance Committee circulated earlier.

All the relevant documents pertaining to minutes of Finance Committee





were placed before the Executive Board, in its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30.10.2018 for its consideration. After having deliberated the issue in detail and considering the minutes of Finance Committee and comments received on it, the Executive Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee. In view of this, the minutes of 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee were treated as confirmed.

The Finance Committee took note of it

**2.2 65.1(B) To Report the Action Taken on the Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

The Finance Committee took note of the Action Taken on the Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28.09.2018.

**2.3 65.2 To consider and recommend the Audit Report of Annual Accounts and parawise reply of NIOS for the Financial Year (FY) 2017-18.**

It was informed that Audit Report of the Annual Accounts for the year 2017-18 has been received on 11.01.2019 and no audit observations has been made in the Audit Report.

After observing the Audit Report of Annual Accounts of NIOS for the year 2017-18, the members appreciated that there is no audit observation to the Annual Accounts have been made in the Audit Report. The valuable services provided by the Audit and Accounts Section of NIOS were appreciated by all the Members and congratulated the entire team of NIOS for this achievement.

Therefore, the Finance Committee took note of the Audit Report of Annual Accounts of NIOS for Financial Year 2017-18 and recommended the comments of NIOS on Audit Report to be placed before the Executive Board of NIOS.

**2.4 65.3 To consider and recommend the Revised Estimates 2018-19 and Budget Estimates 2019-20 under NIOS Self Generated Funds.**

The Secretary, NIOS presented the Revised Estimates





2018-19 and Budget Estimates 2019-20 under NIOS self Generated Funds.

It was informed that NIOS has transferred Rs. 20 crores to the Pension Fund of NIOS during the year 2018-19, in addition to the amount being transferred every year as per approved formula, so that employees interest is protected. The Finance Committee desired that same amount may be transferred to pension fund during next year also. It was informed that next session of admission is commencing from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and NIOS is planning to give full page advertisement in print media and jingles in electronic media for advocacy of the NIOS programmes. The Chairman, NIOS stressed that Academic Department may organise international seminars and should focus on Research and Development programmes. NIOS should take the membership of various International Organisations as well.

Accordingly, the Revised Estimate 2018-19 and Budget Estimate 2019-20 are recommended with slight modification.

The brief summary of the Revised Estimates for the year 2018-19 and Budget Estimates 2019-20 under NIOS self Generated Funds is as follows:-

1. Receipts	(Rs. in lakh)			
	B.E. 2018-19	Actuals upto 15-02-18	R.E. 2018-19	B.E. 2019-20
i) NIOS Self Generated Income	27000.00	34114.73	35196.35	37501.35
ii) Transfer from Building & Equipment and Educational Development Fund	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>27000.00</b>	<b>34114.73</b>	<b>35196.35</b>	<b>37501.35</b>
<b>2. Expenditure</b>				
i) Revenue Expenditure	16700.00	17104.50	20891.35	22508.95
ii) Capital Expenditure	1437.00	186.51	468.75	755.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>18137.00</b>	<b>17291.01</b>	<b>21360.10</b>	<b>23264.20</b>





The Income to be generated by way of collection of admission, examination fee, sale of publication, interest etc. during the year 2019-20 will be Rs. 37501.35 lakh against Rs. 35196.35 lakhs during the year 2018-19.

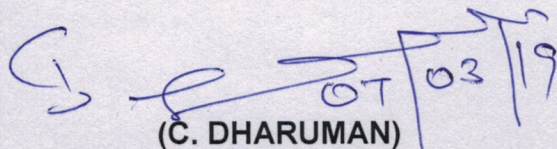
The Revenue expenditure during the year 2019-20 will be Rs. 22508.95 lakh as compared to Rs. 20891.35 lakh during the year 2018-19.

The Capital expenditure during the year 2019-20 will be Rs. 755.25 lakh as compared to Rs. 468.75 lakh during the year 2018-19. The increase is due to purchase of land for Regional Centres at Ranchi, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Construction of Regional Centre Delhi building at Rohini, Delhi and Construction of facilitation Centre at NIOS Hqrs. The construction activities will be done by CPWD. The expenditure will be met out of Building & Equipment and Educational Development Fund.

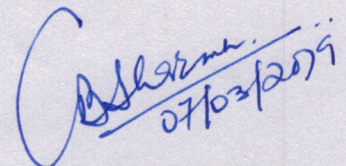
The Finance Committee also took note of the reason for variations and Annual Action Plan of Academic and Vocational Department.

After discussion, the Revised Estimates 2018-19 and Budget Estimates 2019-20 were recommended by the Finance Committee for placing before the Executive Board of NIOS.

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

  
(C. DHARUMAN)

Secretary, NIOS & Member Secretary  
Finance Committee

  
(C.B SHARMA)

Chairman, NIOS & Chairman  
Finance Committee

