

**Minutes of 15th Meeting of Finance Committee of NISE
held on 19.10.2023 at Atal Akshya Urja Bhawan, MNRE, New Delhi.**

The 15th Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) was held at 13:30 hrs on 19.10.2023 in Atal Akshya Urja Bhawan, MNRE, New Delhi-110003. The following members attended the meeting:

1.	Shri Padam Lal Negi, IDAS, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, MNRE, New Delhi	Chairman
2.	Shri Lalit Bohra, IRTS JS (Solar), MNRE & Director General National Institute of Solar Energy Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, Haryana.	Member

Also attended by following officials:

1.	Dr. Chandan Banerjee Dy. Director General, NISE
2.	Dr. Jai Prakash Dy. Director General, NISE
3.	Dr. Awadesh Yadav Dy. Director General, NISE
4.	Shri Anant Kumar Director NSM, MNRE
5.	Shri Kailash Chand Deputy Secretary, IFD, MNRE
6.	Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Director (Admin), NISE
7.	Shri K G Suresh Under Secretary, IFD, MNRE
8.	Shri Sandeep Sehrawat Dy. Director (Admin), NISE

With the permission of the Chair, the item-wise Agenda was taken up for deliberation.

Item No. FC 15.01 (Leave of absence)

There is no leave of absence granted as all members attended the meeting.

Item No. FC 15.02 (Confirmation of Minutes of 14th Finance Committee meeting)

The minutes of 14th Finance Committee were confirmed.

Item No. FC 15.03 - Action taken report on the decision taken in the 14th FC meeting.

A: 14.03 – Construction of Integrated Lab Building: Comprehensive proposal is already submitted to CPWD for budgetary quote for construction of Integrated Lab Building with pre-fabricated material. CPWD official confirmed that there are no specific DSR rate mentioned for pre-fab material. They are working on inclusion of these rates in DSR and will submit the budgetary quote accordingly in due course.

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FC comments: FC noted the action and advised to expedite the follow-up with CPWD for DPR of integrated Lab.

B: 14.03 – Construction of Quarters: CPWD submitted the estimate of Rs. 29.03 crores for construction of staff quarters at NISE campus. NISE would like to finalize the issue with CPWD on deposit work basis in FY 2024-25. Suitable demand in capital grant will be raised at RE stage. FC may please accord in-principle approval. Thereafter, same will be placed in upcoming GC meeting.

FC comments: FC noted the action and granted in-principle approval.

Item No. FC 14.04 – Hiring of manpower purely on short-term contract basis.

As directed by 14th FC, the proposal was sent to PD MNRE and the same was concurred by PD MNRE vide their letter No. 354/17/2019-NSM dated 16.08.2023. Accordingly, NISE has initiated the process for hiring the manpower purely on short-term contract basis.

FC comments: FC noted the action.

Item No. FC 14.05: Medical Policy (Amendment in Existing Medical Policy of NISE):

As directed by 14th FC, the effective date of calculation of ceiling amount of basic pay for reimbursement of OPD and IPD changed to 1st April of that financial year instead of 1st July of the financial year. In this regard, NISE issued an office order No. A-07/12/20-21/NISE-(Admin) dated 11.07.2023.

FC comments: FC noted the action.

Item No. FC 14.06: Creation of 66 KV Electricity Substation by DHBVN through HVPNL at NISE:

As directed by 14th FC, a letter dated 14.08.2023 was sent to PD MNRE and in response to that PD MNRE instructed NISE to initiate the process for agreement between NISE & MNRE as per instructions in MNRE's order vide its OM 11015/40/2010-SEC dated 24.09.2013. NISE is preparing the proposal of agreement and will submit to PD MNRE for further processing.

FC comments: FC noted the action and directed to expedite the process by engaging suitable government empanelled advocate for formalisation of agreement between NISE and MNRE as per MNRE's order vide OM 11015/40/2010-SEC dated 24.09.2013.

Item No: FC 14.07: Flexible Complimentary Scheme (FCS) for Scientific/Technical Staff of NISE:

As directed by 14th FC, the proposal was sent to PD MNRE for their examination. The direction of PD MNRE is still awaited.

FC comments: FC noted the action.

Item No: FC 14.08: Creation of regular posts in Administrative Cadre in NISE.

14.08.01 - Creation of two Sr. Directors in Administrative & Finance Wings of NISE

As directed by 14th FC, the proposal was sent to PD MNRE vide letter No.15/001/2017/F&A/NISE dated 17.08.2023. In response, PD MNRE asked NISE vide letter No. 354/4/2023-NSM dated 29.08.2023 to re-examine the proposal as per pyramid ceiling structure by creating one post of Sr. Director in pay level-13 (7th CPC) and one post of Director in pay level-12 (7th CPC) instead of two Sr. Directors in Administration

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and Finance & Account division of NISE. Accordingly, revised proposal was sent to PD MNRE vide NISE letter dated 04.09.2023 for creation of one post of Sr. Director and one post of Director. Further, PD MNRE approved the 01 post of Sr. Director and 01 post of Director (Finance) instead of 02 post of Sr. Director for Administrative & Finance Wings of NISE vide their letter No. 354/4/2023-NSM dated 18.09.2023. The proposal needs to be placed before the FC and GC for their approval for further submission to DOE through administrative ministry. FC may provide in-principle approval for further submission to GC.

FC comments: FC noted the action and granted in-principle approval to above proposal for strengthen the administrative cadre of NISE. The creation of posts requires the approval of Department of Expenditure (DOE), Ministry of Finance. Therefore, a complete proposal is to be submitted to PD MNRE for further submission to DOE after approval from Governing Council (GC) of NISE.

14.08.02 - Creation of one post of Junior Hindi Translator in NISE

As directed by FC, the proposal was sent to PD MNRE vide NISE letter dated 04.09.2023. PD MNRE approved the 01 post of Junior Hindi Translator in NISE vide their letter No. 354/4/2023-NSM dated 18.09.2023. The proposal needs to be placed before the FC and GC for their approval for further submission to DOE through administrative ministry. FC may provide in-principle approval for further submission to GC.

FC comments: FC noted the action and granted in-principle approval to above proposal for strengthen of official language policy of Govt. of India. The creation of posts requires the approval of Department of Expenditure (DOE), Ministry of Finance. Therefore, a complete proposal is to be submitted to PD MNRE for further submission to DOE after approval from Governing Council (GC) of NISE.

Item No: FC 15.04 Approval of Annual Accounts for the F.Y. 2022-23

The Annual Accounts for F.Y. 2022-23 have been audited and finalized by statutory auditor i.e. M/s Rohit KC Jain & Co. The FC is requested to approve the Audited accounts for the FY 2022-23 and same will be informed to GC in next meeting.

FC comments: FC approved the Annual Accounts of FY 2022-23 and directed to place the same before upcoming GC for information.

Item No: FC 15.05- Status of Core Grant during the year FY 2022-23:

An amount of Rs. 1600.00 Lakh was sanctioned in BE 2022-23. NISE has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 1300.08 Lakh against the grant received. NISE has already been refunded Rs. 295.00 lakh along with interest earned of Rs. 6,31,884/- on dated 10.04.2023 and 17.07.2023 to MNRE and the balance of Rs. 4.92 lakh will be refunded to MNRE after approval of FC. Thereafter, it will be informed to the GC in next meeting.

FC comments: FC noted the status of core grant of FY 2022-23.

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Item No: FC 15.06

[A] Fund Received from IREDA – For creation of World Renewable Energy Museum and for creation of IREDA-NISE Award for Solar Energy

NISE received an amount of **Rs. 2,66,55,548/-** (50% surplus amount of RE-INVEST 2015) in the FY 2016-17 from IREDA as directed by MNRE for setting up of World Renewable Energy Museum (WREM). The matter of creation of WREM was discussed in various GC meetings starting from 2nd GC to 6th GC of NISE. However, the subject matter was deferred by the Governing Council in its 6th meeting held on 10.05.2018. Statutory Auditors raised this issue every year while preparing annual account (Balance Sheet) of NISE. FC may please give considered advice for utilization of this fund.

FC comments: FC noted the issue and advise to explore the innovative ways like start-up events, scientific exhibitions etc. to better utilization of this fund. FC directed NISE to come up in next FC with concrete plan for utilization of this fund as creation of WREM is not feasible with present amount.

[B] NISE received funds from IREDA for creation of corpus for instituting the IREDA-NISE award for solar energy.

With Ref. to MoU signed between IREDA and NISE on 6th April 2016 regarding creating of corpus and establish annual award to promote innovation, R&D, manufacturing, developing & harnessing Solar Energy at state & National Level. For this, IREDA transferred an amount of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- to NISE on FY 2016-17. However, till now there is no decision taken for this purpose and amount is still kept in account of NISE as fixed deposit. Statutory Auditors raised this issue every year while preparing annual account (Balance Sheet) of NISE. NISE received a letter dated 31.07.2023 vide no. 67/4/2019-ADMIN-I regarding discontinuation of transformation of award and decoration. FC may please give considered advice for utilization of this fund.

FC comments: FC noted that similar fund were made available to NIBE and NIWE by IREDA. However, in light of admin MNRE's communication dated 31.07.2023, respective FC of NIBE & NIWE has taken a stand to consider refund of the said amount to IREDA. FC would therefore like to impress upon NISE on same line or NISE may come up with a suitable plan for better utilization of this fund in consultation with IREDA.

Item No: FC 15.07

Review of Delegation of Administrative and Financial Powers of DDGs of NISE

The Delegation of Administrative and Financial Powers of NISE were approved in the 2nd meeting of Governing Council held on 25 November 2014. In view of operational requirements, and other situation faced in NISE, the DoP need to be reviewed to bring more clarity in the delegated powers for smooth functioning of official work. The proposed DoP is attached as for review & approval of FC.

FC comments: FC reviewed the revised DOP (Delegation of Administrative and Financial Powers) among DDGs of NISE and approved the same with some minor amendments (Sr. No. 06 of proposed DoP). FC directed to get the revised DoP ratified by GC in next meeting and thereafter issue suitable order in accordance with NISE bylaws.

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Item No: FC 15.08: Any Other Item with the approval of the Chair.

There was no other agenda.

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


Shri Lalit Bohra
Member


Shri Padam Lal Negi
Chairman