

**MINUTES OF THIRD MEETING OF THE STATE STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) OF STATE PROJECT FACILITATION UNIT (TEQIP-II) HELD ON 16.05.2013 AT 3.30 P.M UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, TECHNICAL EDUCATION, U.T. CHANDIGARH.**

**Following attended the meeting:-**

1. Sh. V.K. Singh IAS In chair  
Secretary Technical Education, U.T.,  
-cum-Chairman, SSC
2. Dr. Bh. Nagabhushana Rao Mentor for PEC & UIET  
(Special Invitee)
3. Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, IAS, Member Secretary  
SPA-cum-Director, Technical Education
4. Sh. Manoj Datta Member  
Director, PEC University of Technology
5. Prof. Renu Vig, Member  
Director, University Institute of  
Engg. & Tech.
6. Dr. Tilak Thakur, Member  
Project Co-ordinator-Officer Incharge (TEQIP-II)
7. Sh. Vikram Sahgal, Chairman, Member  
PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry
8. Sh. Darpan Kapoor Member  
Vice Chairman, CII,  
Chandigarh.

Sh. Shailendra Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Mgmt.) MHRD,  
Govt. of India, TEQIP Division, New Delhi could not attend the meeting.

**Besides above the following faculty & other Officers also attended the meeting:-**

1. Dr. Naveen Aggarwal,  
Consultant (P&F&M), SPFU
2. Dr. Ajay Mittal,  
Consultant (A&M&E), SPFU
3. Sh. Abhishek Puri,  
Head, CII, Chandigarh.
4. Sh. Sukhwinder Singh,  
Asstt. Prof., Co-ordinator, TEQIP-II,  
UIET, Chandigarh.
5. Prof. Savita Gupta,  
UIET, Chandigarh
6. Sh. Harish Kumar,  
Asstt. Prof., UIET, Chandigarh.
7. Smt. Meenakshi Goyal,  
Asstt. Prof., Co-ordinator, TEQIP-II,  
SSBUICET, Panjab University,  
Chandigarh.
8. Smt. Anupama Sharma,  
Asstt. Prof., Nodal Officer,  
SSBUICET, Panjab University,  
Chandigarh.
9. Sh. Rajneesh Malhi,  
S.O., SPFU, Chandigarh.

At the very outset, SPA welcomed the participants and requested Prof. Nagabhushana Rao, Mentor for PEC University of Technology & UIET to share with the members about his observations/experience as Mentor of both the Institutions.

Prof. Rao during his brief interaction focussed on a few important observations made by him as Mentor of the Project


Institutions. The prime observation of Prof. Rao was that the Faculty position of UIET is not up to the mark. He was of the view that recruitment of regular faculty in UIET has not been made for quite some time and the number of Doctorate are very few. Prof. Rao emphasized that the UIET must lay greater emphasis on recruitment of regular Faculty as prescribed in the PIP and see to it that the recruitments are made as early as possible. He however, expressed his satisfaction with the Faculty position of PEC University of Technology.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> point which Prof. Rao considered as very important was Industry-Academia Linkage. He was of the considered opinion that the Industry people and the academicians lack trust in each other. The Industries having time constrain are more interested in profit making. Prof. Rao expressed his concern that the Students/Faculty have very little exposure to Industry. Most of the Students goes to Industry for Training purposes for 15-20 days only whereas they should spent a minimum of 6 months with the Industry people preferably in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> semesters. Prof. Rao also showed his concern about the structure of UIET which according to him needs correction. Prof. Rao suggested that UIET should delink itself from the University so far as TEQIP-II activities are concerned. Not only this they should work towards achieving complete Autonomy for the Institute. The Chairman, SSC directed that suitable clarifications should be sent again to UIET & UICET.

After Prof. Rao briefed the participants about his experience/observations, the following Agendas were discussed and decisions taken:-

- 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SSC held on 19.12.2012.**

It was Seen and approved.



**2. Action Taken Report on the decision of the State Steering Committee meeting held on 19.12.2012.**

It was Seen.

During discussions Director, UIET informed that the procurement proposals of the Institute has been held up due to Internal Audit being conducted by the Auditors of the Panjab University. The Secretary, Technical Education-cum-Chairman SSC took exception to this aspect and desired that the SPFU should sent clear directions to the Institute regarding Internal Audit and Statutory Audit of the Institution so that no time is wasted on this account and all necessary action is taken at the Institute level itself.

**3. Implementation of Institutional Reforms.**

After deliberations, the Committee decided that the Institutional Reforms should be implemented on priority basis to achieve the target as recommended by the Review Team in connection with the 1<sup>st</sup> JRM and Action Plan should be prepared and sent to NPIU with timelines.

**4. Payment of Honorarium to the Officers associated with the TEQIP-II Project.**

After detailed discussions, the Committee approved payment of honorarium to the Officers attached with SPFU. However the Honorarium to Govt. Officers will be paid as per provision contained in Civil Service Rules applicable to U.T. employees.

**5. Creation of two posts of Consultants and one Post of Programmer for SPFU, U.T., Chandigarh on full time basis.**

After detailed deliberations the Proposal regarding creation of Two Posts of Consultants and One Post of

Programmer for SPFU as per details given in the Agenda is approved with the exception that the consolidated remuneration to be paid to the Two Consultants will be Rs. 40,000/- pm instead of Rs.50,000/- pm as proposed in the Agenda. The mode of recruitment for the post of Consultants will be as per the selection process prescribed by the Chandigarh Administration Finance Department (Planning & Evaluation). The post of Programmer will be filled up from SPIC.

**6. Revised Guidelines for International Travel Support Scheme.**

After detailed discussions the proposal was approved.

**7. (i) Release of 2nd Installment for two Institutions i.e. University Institute of Engineering & Technology (UIET), and PEC University of Technology (PEC), for the year 2012-13 under the World Bank Assisted Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-II).**

**(ii) Utilization of Funds of 1<sup>st</sup> Installment by UIET and PEC.**

After detailed discussions it was decided that both the Institutions i.e. UIET & PEC should increase the pace of spending the funds already allocated to them by MHRD and Chandigarh Administration by the due date so that the future grants/funds are released to them in a smooth manner. It was pointed out that 60% expenditure of the fund received is required to be spent for release of next installment.

**8. Selection of University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology (UICET), Panjab University, Chandigarh under Sub-Component 1.1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle) of TEQIP-II.**

It was Seen.

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**9. Important decisions taken in the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of National Steering Committee (NSC) held on 23.01.2013 regarding TEQIP-II.**

It was Seen.

**10. Creation of State Private Sector Advisory Group (SPSAG)**

After detailed discussions the Committee advised the representatives of the Industries attending the Meeting to become more proactive and come forward with suggestions, comments, proposals and programmes for better Industry-Academia Linkage which will help in achieving the objectives of the Project.

**11. First Joint Review Mission conducted by NPIU on 20.02.2013 and recommendations by the Review Team thereof.**

The matter was discussed in length. It was observed by the Committee that the recommendations of the Review Team constituted during the 1<sup>st</sup> JRM are of great importance and if fully implemented it will go a long way in achieving the Project targets. It was decided that the Project Institutions should make sincere efforts to implement the recommendation of the Review Committee.

The Committee advised the Project Institutions to act upon the recommendations of the Review Team constituted during First JRM in letter & spirit.

**12. Grant of Sitting Fee for 'Non-Official Members of State Steering Committee.**

After detailed deliberations the committee decided to pay sitting fee of Rs. 2,000/- per day to the identified experts. To begin with the State Steering Committee (SSC) decided that

no such fee shall be paid to local experts/members. This can be revisited later on, *if need be.*

OTHER ISSUES:

The Secretary, Technical Education-cum-Chairman SSC took a serious view of the prevailing situation in UIET pertaining to the slow pace of expenditure and non finalization of the procurement plan. A number of important decisions were taken by him which are indicated below:-

1. A letter be addressed to the Vice Chancellor/Registrar, Panjab University to delink the affairs pertaining to the TEQIP-II Project specifically the issue of Funds/Grants so that the implementation of the Project Plan which is a time bound affair involving World Bank and Govt. of India is not held up due to any reason what so ever. He also directed that UIET should take immediate necessary steps to attain absolute Autonomy pertaining to this aspect without which the upliftment of the Institute cannot be done.
2. That the matter regarding Industry- Academia Collaboration has not gained momentum even after the period of one year of the commencement of the Project in Chandigarh. He directed that an immediate meeting may be held between SPFU Officers and representative of CII, PHD Chamber of Commerce and concerned Authorities of the Project Institutions to determine the Curriculum Syllabus, Training Programme etc. etc. so that creation of SPSAG is not delayed any further.

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3. That there should not be communication gap between all the Stake Holders such as Administrators, Academicians, Students, Industries and other concerned persons and people at every level should be happy as it will create cordial atmosphere and will give boost to the success of the Project Plan.
4. It was conveyed that the Advisor to the Administrator, Chandigarh Administration will review the working of the Project Institutions pertaining to TEQIP in a brief function to be held in SSBUI CET on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. On this occasion the Hon'ble Advisor would also be presenting the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of the Grant/Funds received from MHRD and Chandigarh Administration to SSBUI CET.
5. The UIET was advised to bring its act together and hold regular meetings within the Institution and chalk out Strategy Planning to expedite all the Institutional Reforms as prescribed in the various Guidelines issued by NPIU from time to time. He also directed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of grant will be released to UIET only when they have achieved the target of expenditure fixed/prescribed by NPIU.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

  
**STE-cum- Chairman**

