Revised Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Finance Committee

Date and time: 17.09.2024 at 10 AM

Venue: 5th Floor, Board Room, IIT Hyderabad, Kandi 502 284, Sangareddy, Telangana.

The 24th Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) was held on 17.09.2024 (Tuesday) at 10 AM.

Members present:

Dr. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy	Chairman
Prof. B.S. Murty	Director, IITH, Member
Prof. G Narahari Sastry	Dean (SRC), IITH, Member
Prof. S. Suriya Prakash	Dean (Planning), IITH, Member
V Venkat Rao	Registrar, IITH and Secretary

Comments of JS & FA, IFD, MoE were received vide their letter no. F.No.1-07/2023-IFD dated 13.09.2024. Leave of absence has been granted to JS(TE), MoE.

At the outset, the Director, IIT Hyderabad (IITH) welcomed the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee (FC) to its 24^{th} Meeting.

<u>Item No. 24.1:</u> Confirmation of the Minutes and Action Taken Report (ATR) of the 23rd Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC)

IFD, MoE Comments: May be considered, as per the regulations and rules.

The Director mentioned that the 23rd Meeting of the FC of the Institute was held on 29.05.2024. A copy of the Minutes has been circulated to the FC Members on 13th June 2024. Prof C S Sharma, Dean (SRC) vide email dated 28th June 2024 commented that (in the Item no. 23.2.4) the clause be added (*after deducting the expenditure towards consumables, food, accommodation, travel, honoraria and contingencies*) under Type-I(A) and Type-I(B). Accordingly, a copy of the revised Minutes of FC was circulated to the Members on 29.06.2024.

On further reconsideration of the matter, the Director, IITH recommended that the clause added (after deducting the expenditure towards consumables, food, accommodation, travel, honoraria and contingencies) under Type-I(A) and Type-I(B), may be deleted as per the original policy. 10% of the total income generated will be the Overheads for Short-term Certificate Programs organized by IITH faculty without external agency collaboration with duration of less than 4 weeks and 20% of the total income generated will be the Overheads for Long- term Certificate Programs organized by IITH faculty without external agency collaboration with duration of 4 weeks and more. Further, for Type-I(A) and Type-I(B), no Hall charges will be charged.

The FC approved the proposal. Accordingly, this is reflected in the Minutes of the 23rd FC (*Annexure-1*).

<u>Resolution:</u> The Revised Minutes and Action Taken Report (ATR) of the 23^{rd} FC Meeting of IITH held on 29.05.2024 are confirmed.

<u>Item No. 24.2</u>: Welcoming Prof. G Narahari Sastry, Department of Biotechnology, newly appointed Dean (SRC), as a Member of the Finance Committee

IFD, MoE Comments: May be noted.

The Director mentioned that Prof. Chandra Sekhar Sharma, has completed his two years term as Dean (SRC) and as a Member of the FC and that in his place, Prof. G Narahari Sastry has been

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appointed as Dean (SRC). Further, the Director thanked Prof. Sharma for his excellent contributions to the FC in the last two years.

Resolution: The FC welcomed Prof. G Narahari Sastry, newly appointed Dean (SRC) as a member of the FC and placed on record its appreciation for the excellent services rendered by Prof. Chandra Shekhar Sharma.

<u>Item No. 24.3.1</u>: Proposal for financial support to the Project Investigators to deal with legal case matters arising out of the MoUs/Agreements entered into with project sponsors of R&D/Consultancy Projects

<u>IFD, MoE Comments</u>: May be considered. Institute's proposed legal payments of 25% or 50% on its part be met from institute's R&D/ consultancy accruals. No Govt. grants may be utilized for this purpose.

The Registrar informed the Members that faculty of the Institute undertake consultancy, sponsored research and other research related activities by entering into separate Agreements / MoUs for the execution of the projects involving funding from domestic and international agencies and also from both government and non-government agencies.

Further, there is no clearly defined policy in place to deal with the legal cases, if any, arising out of these projects while execution/delivery of the projects. Therefore, there is a need for a clearly defined policy to provide legal assistance to deal with the issues arising out of execution/ delivery of consultancy, sponsored research and related activities in the Institute.

Thereafter, the Registrar presented the details of the proposal outlining the options for meeting the said expenditure and the guidelines to be adhered to by the PIs. After due deliberations, the FC approved the proposal subject to the condition that the PI concerned strictly follows the relevant rules and regulations of the Institute. Further, FC recommended to create a step-by-step procedure to be followed in this regard and to notify the same to all the faculty members.

<u>Resolution</u>: The FC approved the proposal as presented, for financial support to the Project Investigators to deal with legal case matters arising out of the MoUs/Agreements entered into, with sponsors of R&D/Consultancy Projects and recommended the proposal for approval of BoG.

<u>Item No. 24.3.2</u>: Proposal for revenue sharing from commercialization of Technology & Patents

<u>IFD, MoE Comments</u>: The sharing agreement of revenue from commercialization/patents, followed by other established IITs (1st gen) may be studied and in line with what they follow, may be considered. Views of Technical Bureau may also be taken into consideration.

The Registrar presented the proposal for revenue sharing from commercialization of Technology & Patents owned at IIT Hyderabad along with distribution of funds to overheads received in the Institute Overhead account. After due deliberation and taking the comments of IFD, MoE into consideration, the FC approved the proposal as presented. Further, the FC advised that the agreement formats that are being followed by 1st Gen IITs such as IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, etc., be adopted in the Institute.

Resolution: The FC approved the proposal for revenue sharing from commercialization of Technology & Patents, as presented and recommended the proposal for approval of BoG.

<u>Item No. 24.3.3</u>: Proposal for availing HEFA loan for construction of two new Married Students' Hostel (82 capacity each)



<u>IFD, MoE Comments</u>: IIT Hyderabad has many on-going projects funded by HEFA, JICA, etc. Requirement of a separate hostel for "married students" needs proper justification/reasons. Married students are paid HRA to hire private accommodation.

The Director stated that with more emphasis on research, the Institute has been admitting more PhD students every year. The institute has also started taking 50 Institute Post Doctoral Fellows from this year. Further, a sizeable number of PhD and Post-Doctoral scholars are married. Therefore, it is proposed to avail HEFA loan for construction of two new towers of Married Students' Hostels to create additional accommodation for the Research Scholars, Post-Doctoral Fellows and for short stay of Visiting Professors. The proposal has been approved earlier by the Chairman, BWC and the same would be ratified in the next BWC.

Thereafter, the Director presented the details of the proposed new buildings along with the HEFA loan requirement and a statement showing the estimated IRG expenditure towards the HEFA loan repayment. The Director further informed the Members that this is within the limits of HEFA expenditure from IRG (i.e., 40%) in a particular year, as specified by the BoG in its 42nd Meeting.

Resolution: After taking the comments of IFD, MoE and based on the justification furnished by the Institute, the FC approved the proposal to avail HEFA loan for construction of two new towers (G+10) of Married Students' Hostels (82 Capacity each) at a total estimated cost of Rs 40 Cr, as presented, and recommended the proposal for approval of BoG.

Item No. 24.4.1: To ratify Report on Major Purchases

IFD, MoE Comments: May be ratified.

A report on Major Purchases of value of Rs 20 lakh and above made by the Institute during the period 09.05.2024 to 29.08.2024 was presented by the Director for the ratification of the FC.

Resolution: The FC ratified the Report on Major Purchases, as presented.

Item No. 24.5.1: Report on Campus Development Works

IFD, MoE Comments: May be reported.

(a) Report on Campus Development Works of IITH Phase-I and Phase II [HEFA]

The Dean (Planning) stated that, Government of India vide letter No. 34-1/2016 -TS-I dated 08.07.2016 accorded revised sanction for the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for an amount of Rs 2075 Cr, wherein a provision of **Rs 1042 Cr** was allocated for the Construction of Permanent Campus of IITH. An additional **Rs 510.5 Cr** was approved under HEFA Window-II for the completion of the Campus Development Works. The detailed break-up of the HEFA loan disbursements is tabulated below.

HEFA Loan Disbursement against sanctioned amount of Rs 510.5 Cr			
1 st Instalment	Rs 275 Cr	Against Ministry's sanction of Rs 510.5 Cr towards HEFA Loan, the	
2 nd Instalment	Rs 150 Cr	Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA) had granted loan of Rs	
Total	Rs 425 Cr	275 Cr in First Instalment and Rs 150 Cr (Rs 125 Cr for Infra works	
		and balance Rs 25 Cr for electro-mechanical equipment) in Second	
		Instalment. HEFA loan of Rs 275 Cr was sanctioned on 31.08.2018	
		and a loan of Rs 150 Cr was sanctioned vide SAN/IITH/142/21-	
		22/dated 02.07.2021.	

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			been sanctioned as 3 rd tranche vide no.	
	S	SAN/IITH/01/24-25 dated 01.08.2024.		
Expenditure details against HEFA Loan of Rs. 425 Cr				
Phase-I		Rs 119.56 Cr	Rs 372.32 Cr of Loan has been disbursed by	
Operationalization	on of Campus	Rs 30 Cr	HEFA against Loan of Rs 425 Cr	
Phase-II		Rs 222.76 Cr		
Total		Rs 372.32 Cr		

(b) Report on Campus Development Works of IITH Phase-II: (IITH-JICA Collaboration Project)

The Dean (Planning) stated that the Phase-II Infrastructure Development at IITH was divided in two different packages viz. Package-3A and Package-3B and then briefed the progress of each package separately.

Package 3A: The Contract for the Construction of Permanent Campus of IITH at Kandi for Package-3A was awarded to M/s. Larson & Toubro Ltd. (L&T) for Rs 864,45,75,374. The Contractor had started the work on 25.03.2019. As on 31.08.2024, an expenditure of **Rs. 931.72 Cr** has been incurred. He further presented the breakup of the expenditure among the sub-heads as shown below:

Particulars	JICA	HEFA	TRP
Mobilization Advance	₹ 0	₹ 0	₹ 0
Value of Work	₹ 7,32,72,14,108	₹ 1,31,32,05,978	₹ 67,67,99,355
Secured Advance	₹ 0	₹ 0	₹ 0
Total	₹ 7,32,72,14,108	₹ 1,31,32,05,978	₹ 67,67,99,355
Grand Total			*₹ 9,31,72,19,441

^{*}The excess over contract price is due to imposition of higher rate of cost of 18% from 12% which was prevailing at the time of award of the contract. Another major reason is the heavy impact of price escalation of the construction materials and labour Costs in the aftermath of the Covid-19 waves I, II and III.

<u>Package 3B</u>: The Contract for the Construction of Permanent Campus of IITH at Kandi for Package-3B was awarded to M/s. Shapoorji Pallonji & Company Pvt. Ltd. (SPCPL) for Rs.820,96,51,369.00. The Contractor had started the work on 01.08.2019. As on 31.08.2024, an expenditure of **Rs. 843.02** Cr has been incurred. He further presented the breakup of the expenditure among the sub-heads as shown below:

Particulars	JICA	HEFA
Mobilization Advance	₹ 0	₹ 0
Value of Work	₹ 7,26,59,06,758	₹ 1,16,43,63,526
Secured Advance	₹ 0	₹ 0
Total	₹ 7,26,59,06,758	₹ 1,16,43,63,526
	Grand Total	₹ 8,43,02,70,284

The Dean (Planning) informed the Members that vide letter no. Nil dated 30.03.2024, the Institute had requested for utilisation of Rs. 41.54 Cr against the JICA loan assistance in the FY 24-25. This amount could not be spent during the previous Financial Year. Through the same communication, the Institute appealed to the MoE for a grant of additional funds to the tune of Rs 90 Cr to meet the excess expenditure on account of additional GST and other factors. The Institute further submitted clarifications and detailed calculations to MoE's queries vide no. nil dated 10.05.2024. An



amount of Rs 122 Cr has been allocated in the Union Budget for IIT Hyderabad's Externally Aided Project (EAP).

Resolution: The FC noted the Report on Campus Development Works of IIT Hyderabad.

<u>Item No. 24.5.2:</u> Report on Construction of Precast 2 Nos of Faculty Housing Towers (G+12), 3 Nos of Staff Housing Towers (G+12) and 3 Nos of Hostel Blocks (G+6) RCC Structure at IIT Hyderabad

IFD, MoE Comments: May be reported. Timelines set to complete the projects may be adhered to.

The Director informed the FC that Construction of precast 2 Nos Faculty Housing Towers (G+12), 3 Nos Staff Housing Towers (G+12) and 3 Nos Hostel Blocks (G+6) RCC Structure was awarded to M/s. Teemage Builders Private Ltd for Rs. 254,65,48,485/-. He further updated the Members regarding the Project Timelines for completion of respective buildings along with Progress Status (Physical & Financial) and Payment status as on 31.08.2024.

Resolution: The FC noted the report on Construction of precast 2 Nos of Faculty Housing Towers (G+12), 3 Nos of Staff Housing Towers (G+12) and 3 Nos of Hostel Blocks (G+6) RCC Structure at IIT Hyderabad.

<u>Item No. 24.5.3:</u> Report of items to be procured through Global Tender Enquiry (GTE)

IFD, MoE Comments: May be reported, as per the approvals of MoE.

The Director informed the FC that a total of 06 Nos of GTE proposals of this Institute were submitted to the Ministry for its approval and MoE vide its letters No: 32-22/2021-TS-I dated 03.05.2024, conveyed approval against the proposals.

Resolution: The FC noted the report of items to be procured through Global Tender Enquiry (GTE).

Item No. 24.6: Any other item with the approval of the Chair

There being no further points, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
