

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

SIXTIETH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

The 60th meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 26th May, 2022 at 1600 hours via video conferencing. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Gautam N Mehra, Chairman & Managing Director, Savita Oil Technologies Limited, Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee
2. Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director & Ex - Officio, FC
3. Sri Indrajit Kuri, Under Secretary, TS – III, MoE
4. Dr. S. K. Kakoty, Professor, IIT Guwahati
5. Dr. Krishna Lal Baishnab, Registrar (i/c) & Secretary, FC

Sri Gautam N Mehra presided the meeting of the Finance Committee as Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee in accordance with Statute 10 of First Statute of NITs.

At the outset, Dr. K. L. Baishnab welcomed the Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee and other members who attended the meeting.

The FC then initiated the discussion on the Agenda Items one by one: -

FC-60/22/01: To confirm the minutes of the 59th Meeting of Finance Committee.
Fifty ninth meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 28th March, 2022 via video conferencing. The copies of the Minutes of the 59th meeting of the Finance Committee (**Annexure – I**) was circulated to all the members of the Committee. Comments received, if any will be placed on the table on the day of the meeting.
The Committee is requested to confirm the minutes of 59th meeting of the Finance Committee.

DECISION

The Committee confirmed the minutes of 59th meeting of Finance Committee.

FC-60/22/02: To discuss on the Action Taken Report on decision of the 59th Meeting of Finance Committee.
The action taken report on the minutes of 59th meeting of FC is placed at **Annexure – II**. The Board is requested to take note of the same

DECISION

The committee noted the Action Taken Report of 59th meeting of Finance Committee.

FC-60/22/03: To consider the proposal of increasing the internet bandwidth of the Institute by additional 1 Gbps.
The institute currently has 1 Gbps internet bandwidth subscription from Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), Guwahati, which is also one of the leading Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in North East India and above all a Govt. of India enterprise.





The institute had 1 Gbps connection (NKN link) from BSNL under NMEICT Project of Govt. of India for a period of 10 years, the tenure which got expired on 14-06-20. Accordingly, after the end of 10 years BSNL raised a bill amounting to Rs. 1 crore (approx.) for the period 01/04/20 to 31/03/21 for internet service.

The institute vide letter NITS/PA/64/1166 dated 26.06.20 replied to BSNL stating that the institute will continue the internet service from BSNL under NKN link provided it is given at free of cost. It is also to be noted that the NKN link was shared with Assam University, Silchar and the reliability of the link was so poor that every week the connectivity was down due to some reason which eventually affected the entire campus connectivity.

BSNL in its letter vide. BSNL P-911/NMEICT-Corr/CO/2021-22 dated 28-10-21, stated that the NMEICT project was later extended by MHRD till March 22 on grounds that 90% of the annual bill would be borne by the MoE and rest 10% by the respective institute for the extended period.

Since the institute had already mentioned in its letter vide NITS/PA/64/1166 dated 26.06.20 that it would only continue the NKN link service at free of cost, the connectivity from BSNL for NKN link was discontinued from Oct 21 onwards.

Also, as per instruction of the board (BoG-63/18/05) dated 25.09.18 i.e. to not have more than 2 internet links, the 16 Mbps internet leased line from BSNL was also discontinued from March 21 onwards. Further, the total student intake capacity of the institute has increased by 10% as compared to last year, resulting into more congestion in the internet service of the institute.

In light of the above, it is requested that an additional 1 Gbps internet bandwidth be procured at the earliest by inviting Expression of Interest (Eoi) Tenders from the Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU)/Central Government Organization (CGO) ISPs in order to expedite the process.

The details are mentioned in **Annexure-III**.

The committee is requested to consider the same and forward it to the Board for approval

DECISION

The Committee recommended to invite Expression of Interest (Eoi) Tenders from the Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU)/Central Government Organization (CGO) ISPs and forwarded to BoG for approval.

FC-60/22/04: Regarding the release of payment to the firm for the procurement of 182 laptops.

182 no of laptops were procured from the GeM declared L1 firm (Real soft corporation India) under GeM contract no. GEMC-511687767067384, amounting ₹ 1,76,76,750.00. The products received are as per our specification mentioned in the GeM bid document. After successful installation & distribution, the delivered products seem not meeting the requirement of



minimum local content. However, all the other terms and conditions are satisfied and the items are working satisfactorily till date.

The matter was placed in FC on 21.12.2021 under item no FC-50/21/03 and the FC recommended to place the matter to IFD for settlement of the bill. Accordingly, the matter was communicated to IFD on 28-02-22 & 29-03-22.

The reply from the Ministry was received on 11-04-22 as enclosed in **Annexure – IV**.

The FC is requested to allow the institute to make necessary payments to the firm & recommended the same to BoG for approval

DECISION

It was explained before the Committee that in the tender documents it was mentioned that the firms with MII and MSE certificate will only be given preference. Only two firms participated in the tender process and both the firm does not have valid MII or MSE certificate.

Out of the two firms the work was awarded to M/s Real Soft Corporation India as the said firm was L1. Further the L1 firm does not have MII certificate and the MSE certificate submitted by the firm was not valid.

In view of above, the Committee opined to release 50% of payment to the awarded firm and refer the matter to Ministry of Education for their observation and comments for next course of action.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. K.L. Baishnab)
Registrar (i/c) & Secretary


(Sri Gautam N Mehra)
Ex – Officio Chairman, FC