

**ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
NEW DELHI**

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Council held on August 21, 2006 at 11.00 a.m. in the Council Hall, AICTE, New Delhi.

The following members attended the meeting :

1. Prof. Damodar Acharya in Chair
2. Prof. R. A. Yadav, Vice Chairman, AICTE
3. Shri Ravi Mathur, Joint Secretary(T) , MHRD
4. Prof. S.S. Katiyar, Chairman, NRC, AICTE
5. Prof. D. Viswanathan, Chairman, SRC, AICTE
6. Dr. Ashok Ghatol, Chairman, WRC, AICTE
7. Dr. N.R. Banerjea, Chairman, ERC
8. Prof. Ashok Ranjan Thakur, Chairman, AIB-VTE, AICTE
9. Prof. P.B. Sharma, Chairman, AIB-UG, AICTE
10. Prof. M.S. Palanichamy, Chairman, AIB-PGERT
11. Shri Jiwan Dass, Dy. Secretary, M/o Development of NE Regions (representing Secretary, M/o Development of NE Regions)
12. Shri Vijay Kumar Goel, Technical Adviser [representing Secretary, Dept. of Industrial Policy & Promotion]
13. Shri A.M. Chakrabarti, Principal Secretary, West Bengal)
14. Shri J.L. Meena, Secretary, Bihar
15. Prof. N.C. Patnaik, Prof. & Chairman CEDP [representing President, FICII]
16. Shri J.S. Chaddha, Deputy Director, CII (representing President CII)
17. Prof. S.C. Garg, Chairman, DEC
18. Major General G.K. Nischol, ASVM, VSM(Retd.) (representing President, AIMA)
19. Major General C.M. Logani, VSM(Retd.) Secretary General, IETE (representing President, IETE)
20. Shri R.P. Singh, Retd. Executive Director, BHEL

The following members could not attend the meeting :

21. Secretary(Education), MHRD
22. Prof. Abad Ahmed, Chairman, AIB-MS, AICTE
23. Financial Adviser, MHRD
24. Secretary, Dept. of Science & Technology
25. Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
26. Secretary, Dept. of Defence Production
27. Dr. Akhilesh Das, Hon'ble Minister of Steel
28. Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, MP
29. Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Admn.
30. Principal Secretary, Andhra Pradesh)
31. Principal Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh
32. Principal Secretary, Assam
33. Secretary, Chandigarh
34. Secretary, Chhattisgarh
35. President, NASSCOM
36. President, ASSOCHAM
37. President, AIU
38. Secretary, ISTE
39. Director, IIT Guwahati
40. President PCI
41. Vice President, CoA

42. Director General, National Productivity Council
43. Chairman, Indian Banks Association
44. Director, NCHMCT
45. Dr. Ram Chandra Singh Deo, Ex-Finance Minister, Chhatisgarh
46. Chairman, UGC
47. Director, IAMR
48. Director General, ICAR
49. Director General, CSIR

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of the Council. The Council discussed and deliberated on certain issues related to technical education in the country.

- The Chairman briefly apprised the members about the need of switchover from calendar based approval process to “*anytime round the year approval*”. It has been desired by the Members that AICTE should write to all the State Governments explaining the approval process of AICTE in detail so that the State Governments and concerned Universities may be able to frame a academic calendar for admissions to avoid any problem in the admission process.
- Some Members expressed their concern about the acute shortage of qualified faculty in technical institutions. Attention of the Council was also drawn about the non-inclination of students towards the PG and Doctoral qualifications in Engineering & Technology discipline. It has been desired that AICTE should take necessary steps to attract students for higher qualifications and research.

The Chairman informed the members about the Report of the Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. P. Rama Rao for faculty development in Engineering & Technology, which will be sent to the members separately. He invited the comments and suggestions of the Members on the Report.

The Chairman also apprised the Members that the same Committee is also reviewing the matters related to Pharmacy and Management education co-opting members of relevant disciplines.

- The matter regarding Diploma level education in Engineering & Technology also came up for discussion. It was informed that the number of seats available for students seeking admission in Diploma level institutions is very less in comparison to the demand in some states. The Council felt that the participation of private promoters in the diploma level institutions is not very encouraging keeping in view the high costs involved in establishing such institutions as per norms of the AICTE. The members suggested that AICTE should take necessary steps in order to encourage the self-financing institutions for establishing diploma level institutions in Engineering & Technology. It was decided that a Committee may be constituted to look into the matter.

The following decisions were taken :

Section -1
(Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting)

Item No. 15.01.01: To confirm the minutes of the 14th meeting of the Council held on December 17, 2005.

The minutes were confirmed.

Section -2
(Action Taken Report)

Item No. 15.02.01: To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 14th meeting of the Council held on December 17, 2005.

The Council noted the action taken.

Section -3
(For Information of the Members)

Item No. 15.03.01: To receive the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the Executive Committee meetings held since the last Council meeting.

The Council received the information.

Section -4
(For Discussion and Consideration)

Item No. 15.04.01: To consider and approve the Annual Report for the year 2004-2005.

The Council approved the Annual report for the year 2004-2005.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-

(Prof. R.A. Yadav)
Vice Chairman

Sd/-

(Prof. Damodar Acharya)
Chairman