

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Sixth Meeting of the Council of AICTE was held on March 27, 1998 at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Room, All India Council for Technical Education, Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi.

The following members attended the meeting.:

1.	Dr. S. Rame Gowda	Chairman
2.	Prof. D.V. Singh	Vice Chairman
3.	Shri P.R. Dasgupta	Member
4.	Dr. B. Sen	Member
5.	Prof. M. Anandakrishanan	Member
6.	Dr. S.D. Karnik	Member
7.	Prof. P.S. Satsangi	Member
8.	Dr. T.R. Natesan	Member
9.	Prof. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	Member
10.	Prof. V.C. Kulandaiswamy	Member
11.	Shri N. Gopaldaswamy	Member
12.	Shri Gautam Soni	Member
13.	Shri N.S. Rattan	Member
14.	Shri S.P. Elangovan	Member
15.	Shri Vinay Rai	Member
16.	Dr. P.N. Bhagwati	Member
17.	Dr. (Mrs.) S.S. Deshmukh	Member
18.	Prof. N.R. Shetty	Member
19.	Shri P.R. Mehta	Member

20.	Prof. A.K. Ghose	Member
21.	Prof. K.D.P. Nigam	Member
22.	Shri Shireesh Deshpande	Member
23.	Prof. H.S. Chandrasekharaiah	Member
24.	Prof. D.C. Surana	Member
25.	Dr. (Ms.) A.S. Desai	Member
26.	Prof. J.P. Gupta	Member Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting :

1. Dr. P. Rama Rao
2. Prof. Vinayshil Gautam
3. Shri M. Venkateswaran Iyer
4. Shri V. Rao Aiyagari
5. Shri Ranbir Khanna
6. Shri S. Peter Alphonse
7. Secretary (Maharashtra)
8. Shri H.D.S. Sharma
9. Secretary (Meghalaya)
10. Secretary (Mizoram)
11. Secretary, (Nagaland)
12. Shri J.P. Chowdhary
13. Shri S.S. Sharma
14. Prof. J.S. Qadry
15. Shri K. Kittappa
16. Shri D.S. Meshram
17. Prof. Ashok Chandra
18. Dr. R.S. Paroda
19. Dr. R.A. Mashelkar

Dr. S. Rame Gowda, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) welcomed the members of the newly reconstituted Council. He on behalf of the Council congratulated Dr. Abdul Kalam, Chairman, All India Board of Technician Education of AICTE on his getting the conferment of the highest Civilian Award of Bharat Ratna by the President, Government of India.

He briefed the members about the steps being taken to revamp the technician education under the guidance of Dr. Abdul Kalam. Council members were also informed about the launching of Early Faculty Induction Programme as one of the steps taken by AICTE to attract bright young persons to teaching career in technical institutions which are experiencing serious shortage of faculty.

The Chairman mentioned that AICTE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Informatics Centre (NIC) for connecting AICTE, its Regional Offices and technical institutions through VSATs. AICTE has planned to broadcast technical education programmes through Doordarshan for which Prasar Bharati had allocated 7, half an hour slots on DD1 and DD2. The Chairman also expressed the need for the development of technical education for the benefit of weaker sections of the society and the handicapped persons. He emphasised the need for more financial support from the Government so that AICTE may fulfill the mandates given by the parliament more effectively.

Shri P.R. Dasgupta, Education Secretary, Ministry Human Resource Development (MHRD) gave a brief account of the concern

of Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of HRD, for the quality growth of technical education in the Country. He indicated that the budgetary allocations to higher education shall be increased substantially and technical education would get its due share. He conveyed the concern of the Hon'ble Minister on the declining of Standards of technical education and hoped that AICTE which is a powerful instrument of the Country, would play important role to bring excellence in technical education. AICTE should have due consultations with the stake holders including the State Governments while fulfilling its mandate to strengthen technical education. The Council should be the fulcrum for promoting excellence. AICTE should be able to control the 'fly-by-the-night operators' but at the same time genuine parties should be given due encouragement.

The members congratulated the Council for various initiatives taken by AICTE to strengthen the technical education system in the Country. A number of useful suggestions were given including participation of industry in technical education, expansion of facilities for technical education in North Eastern States, training of teaching faculty, more emphasis on Research and Development, evolving of national guidelines for opening new technical institutions, issue of regulations by AICTE/Government of India to prevent out the entry of 'fly by the night operators', planning strategies to increase the ratio of technicians to engineers above the present level, improvement of teaching and learning processes including feed back mechanisms

from class rooms, acceptability of Indian degrees globally, regular updation of model curricula and revamping of the functions of the Regional Committees.

It was suggested that the Council should take steps to make Public announcements of the accreditation status of technical programmes decided by National Board of Accreditation. The impact study of the World Bank Project on technician education and spreading of its benefits to other Polytechnics was also stressed.

#### Section - 1

(Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting)

Item No. 1.01 : To confirm the minutes of the Fifth meeting of the Council held on 27.03.97.

The minutes were confirmed.

#### Section - 2

(Action Taken Report)

Item No. 2.01 : To receive a note on actions taken on the decisions taken in the Fifth meeting of the Council held on 27.03.1997.

This was noted.

#### Section - 3

(For kind information of the Members)

Item No. 3.01 : Presentation of an overview of the activities of the Council by Member-Secretary.

This was noted.

Item No. 3.02 : Presentation on the activities of National Board of Accreditation (AICTE) by Adviser (AIB).

This was noted.

Item No. 3.03 : To receive a note on the Reconstitution of the Council.

This was noted.

Item No. 3.04 : To receive a note on the Reconstitution of the Executive Committee.

This was noted.

Item No. 3.05 : To receive a note on the Reconstitution of the Regional Committees.

This was noted.

Item No. 3.06 : To receive a note on the Reconstitution of the All India Boards of Studies.

This was noted.

Item No. 3.07 : To receive a note on the Reconstitution of National Board of Accreditation.

This was noted.

Item No. 3.08 : To receive the Gazette Notification on the Regulations for assessment of proposals for Engineering and Technology.

This was noted.



Item No. 3.09 : To receive the Minutes and Action Taken Reports of Executive Committee meetings of the year 1997.

This was noted and approved.

Item No. 3.10 : To receive the Audit Certificate for the year 1995-96.

This was noted and approved.

Item No. 3.11 : To receive a note on Technical Education Programme on Doordarshan.

This was noted and approved.

Item No. 3.12 : To receive a note on AICTE's proposal for On-line Communication and Resource Sharing System among the Technical Institutions and AICTE.

This was noted and approved.

Item No. 3.13 : To receive a note on AICTE Compendium "Technical Education in Independent India (1947-1997)."

This was noted and approved.

Item No. 3.14 : To receive a note on grants sanctioned under the scheme of R&DP, TAPTEC & MODROBS.

This was noted and approved.

## Section - 4

(For the perusal of the Members)

Item No. 4.01 : To receive the Budget Estimates for the year 1998-99.

This was noted and approved. It was advised to retain the scheme of 'Assistance to Professional Bodies' in the Ninth Plan period also.

Item No. 4.02 : To receive matters concerning issue of Regulations :

- A. Regulations for assessment of proposal for MBA/MCA programmes.
- B. Second amendment in the Regulation for assessment of proposals for Engineering and Technology programmes.

This was noted and approved.

Item No. 4.03 : To receive a note on the Scheme of Travel Grant.

This was noted and approved. It was advised that a region-wise breakup of assistance may also be indicated.

Item No. 4.04 : To receive a note on the Scheme of Seminar Grant.

This was noted and approved. It was advised that a region-wise breakup of assistance may also be indicated.



Item No. 4.05 :

To receive a note on the Scheme of Career Award for Young Teachers.

This was noted and approved. It was advised that a region-wise breakup of assistance may also be indicated.

Item No. 4.06 :

To receive a note on the Scheme of Staff Development programme.

This was noted and approved.

Item No. 4.07 :

To receive a note on the Scheme of Emeritus Fellowships.

This was noted and approved.

Item No. 4.08 :

To receive the status of the proposals received and approved for the establishment of new institutions for the Academic Year 1997-98.

This was noted and approved.

Item N. 4.09 :

To receive the status of the funding of Post Graduate Education and Research Programmes under the Non-Plan Scheme.

This was noted and approved.

#### Section - 5

(For Ratification of the Actions Taken)

Item No. 5.01 :

To ratify the extension of the existing arrangement of the transfer of staff of the Regional Offices at Calcutta, Madras, Bombay and Kanpur on foreign service terms to AICTE for a period of one more year, i.e., upto 30.09.1998, as suggested by MHRD.

This was ratified.

## Section - 6

(For Discussion and Consideration)

Item No. 6.01 : To consider the Draft Annual Report of the Council for the year 1996-97.

This was approved. The Council authorised the Chairman, AICTE for taking appropriate action as deemed fit when the audit certificate is received and to report the matter in the next meeting of the Council. The Secretary, MHRD desired that the Audit Certification for the Financial Year 1996-97 was to be expedited as it had already been long overdue. The Secretary was apprised of the various steps taken by the Council with the AGCR to get the audit certification work speeded up.

Item No. 6.02 : To consider the Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 1996-97.

This was approved. The observations made by the Adviser, Planning Commission relating to outstanding cheques appearing on pages 65-69 were noted for necessary action.

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(J.P. Gupta)  
Member-Secretary

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(S. Rame Gowda)  
Chairman