

# **NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

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## **78<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

**Date: 30.09.2013**

**Time: 10.30 A.M.**

**Venue: NERIST Board Meeting Room**  
**NERIST, Arunachal Pradesh**

The following were present:

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| 1 Shri M. P. Bezbaruah, IAS (Retd.)  | - Chairman             |
| 2 ShriSatpal Sharma,<br>Under Secretary, IFD,<br>MHRD, Govt. of India,<br>New Delhi  | - Member (Nominee)     |
| 3 ShriDavinder Pal Singh,<br>Under Secretary,<br>MHRD, Govt. of India,<br>New Delhi. | - Member (Nominee)     |
| 4 Prof. Dipankar Pal, Director, NERIST   | - Member               |
| 5 Prof. M. Muralidhar, Dean (P&D), NERIST  | - Member               |
| 6 Prof. R. M. Pant, Dean (Acad), NERIST  | - Member               |
| 7 Prof. P. R. Alapati, Dean (SA), NERIST   | - Member               |
| 8 Prof. Mubarak Hussain Professor  | - Member               |
| 9 Dr. P. R. Parida, Associate Professor  | - Member               |
| 10)Dr. B. K. Singh, Assistant Professor  | - Member               |
| 11)Dr. R. P. Bhattacharjee, Registrar  | - Non-Member Secretary |

The following could not be present in the meeting and leave of absence was granted.

- 1 The Commissioner Education, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
- 2 The Commissioner/Secretary Education, Government of Assam
- 3 The Commissioner/Secretary Education, Government of Manipur.
- 4 The Commissioner/Secretary Education, Government of Meghalaya.
- 5 The Commissioner/Secretary Education, Government of Mizoram
- 6 The Commissioner/Secretary Education, Government of Nagaland..
- 7 The Commissioner/Secretary Education, Government of Sikkim.
- 8 The Commissioner/Secretary Education, Government of Tripura.
- 9 Lt. Gen.(Dr.)D.S.Sandhu, Vice Chancellor, Kurushetra University.
- 10 Mr. P. K. Bora, Alumni.

In the beginning of the meeting, Shri M.P.Bezbaruah, Chairman, Board of Management welcomed all the members who were present. Then Agenda items were taken up for discussion one by one and resolved as follows:

**Item No. 78.01:: To confirm the Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> 76<sup>th</sup> , 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 09.04.2013, 04.05.2013 and 07.08.2013.**

[Chairman was informed that after circulation of minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting, two comments were received from Shri Dalip Kapur, Deputy Secretary, TS.VII, MHRD vide letter No. F. No. 9-10/2013-TS.VII dated 10 May, 2013 on the two decisions vide Resolution No.s 75.04 on old pension issue and 75.11 on air travel by other than Air India flight in case of official tours only.

On the emergency meeting of 76<sup>th</sup> Board of Management, internal members requested that their names be deleted against the comments from the minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> BoM meeting and requested to re-draft the minutes. On their request, it was decided that the names would be deleted and a revised draft will be attempted by the Director in consultation with the internal members and if approved by the Chairman, shall be circulated.]

**Resolution: - The Board of Management approved the minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting held on 9.4.2013 at Administrative Staff College of India, New Delhi and also 77<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting held on 7. 8. 2013 in the Board meeting Hall, NERIST. The minutes the emergency meeting of 76<sup>th</sup> Board of Management would be revised as discussed.**

**Item No.78.02 : Action taken Report.**

[It was mentioned by an internal member that MHRD had instructed to keep in abeyance the order issued (as per the resolution No. 75.04 of the 75<sup>th</sup> BoM) by NERIST to start implementation of GPF-Cum-Pension-Cum-Gratuity scheme. Since then 5 months have passed and no decision has been communicated by MHRD on this issue. It was also said that as per the MoA, Board of Management has the power to take a decision on pension scheme vide Clause No. 5(a) xxxi. Chairman however said that as was categorically stated by the MHRD NERIST Board of Management has no power to take a decision for implementing the GPF-Cum-Pension-Cum-Gratuity scheme. He further stated that a clarification on MoA may be sought from MHRD on this issue.

Chairman said that the above issue was discussed during 77<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BoM. MHRD representatives pointed out that the Board's resolution to implement GPF-Cum-Pension-Cum-Gratuity scheme has been stayed by the MHRD and this can be implemented after approval of Ministry of Finance and MHRD has taken it up with Ministry of Finance.

Chairman further advised the members to solve the issues of the students discussed in the 77<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Management like CGPA conversion formulae, degree certificate modification etc.]

**Resolution: The Board of Management noted the Action Taken Report on the 75<sup>th</sup> Board of Management held on 9.4.2013 at Administrative Staff College of India, New Delhi.**

**Item No.78.03 : To consider the minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> FC meeting held on 29.9.2013.**

(Chairman made some minor corrections in the 38<sup>th</sup> FC meeting minutes and he read out the corrections and which were incorporated in the minutes.)

**Resolution: The Board of Management approved the minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the FC.**

**Item No. 78.04: To consider Regularization of Contractual Employees.**

[21 employees were appointed on contract basis by the then acting Director, Dr. JoramBegi and they are working till today without any break for more than two years and all are ST candidates. The employees union/ association have been pressing to regularize them against the ST backlog and have gone on strike mainly with this as one of the issues.

It was observed that earlier one committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. L. S. Yadav and the same committee had recommended for regularization.

In the 77 Board of Management, the two members, ShriR. C. Meena and Prof. Sanjay Dhande, who were appointed by the MHRD to assess the situation, recommended that back log posts of SC/ST/OBC /PWD be filled as per procedure giving these 22 workers preference if they are otherwise suitable. In this connection, they suggested to take the help of the MHRD for identifying the posts. On request from Director, MHRD proposed two retired persons, Shri H. R. Joshi, Director, MHRD (Retd.) and Shri R. K. Bandyopadhyay, DS, MHRD (Retd.) as consultants to examine the cases of 22 contractual employees, identify vacancies and recommend appropriately. The aforesaid consultants accordingly have submitted a report.

Accepting the report the ministry representatives present in the meeting said that since reserved posts are vacant, there is no objection to regularize them after observing proper procedure.

Chairman said that the matter was discussed at length. The Director and all the internal members explained the background and the ground realities and the compulsions of functioning in NERIST and also added that the agitations on this particular issue have affected smooth functioning of NERIST.

**Resolution: After careful consideration of all facts, reports and after assessing the circumstances, the Board of Management resolved that:**

- i Since identified regular vacancies exist, the 21 contractual employees, if found eligible, may be regularized against those vacancies.
- ii It was also resolved to identify further vacancies against *supernumerary* posts and initiate action as per usual practice to fill them in order to fill the ST back-log.

**Item No.78.05: To consider continuation/correction of faculty position to 200.**

[Internal members raised the issue of the recent letter issued by the MHRD vide their letter No.F.No.9-20/2012-TS.VII dated 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2013, wherein it is mentioned that the approved number of sanctioned faculty and staff is 134 : 147. The Members said that the actual sanctioned strength of faculty is 200 for UG courses as per the RSS in force. Director added that even this 200 is insufficient because when the PG and PhD programmes were introduced after NERIST became a deemed university, additional faculty posts were not given to NERIST. Presently, all departments are having Guest Lecturers due to lack of regular faculty in all departments, and in one Department, one PG course has been recently dropped from current academic session. He also invited attention of all the members to the remarks of Prof. Sanjay Dhande who had said that running a programme with Guest Lecturers – particularly a PG programme – dilute the quality. He further stated that this matter was briefly discussed in the 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BoM and taking into account the RSS in force at present, neither the Ministry representatives nor the committee member Prof. Dhande or Mr. Meena did ask to stop the ongoing recruitment process.

MHRD representatives clarified that the calculation was done technically by IFD on the basis of enrolled students' strength given by NERIST. It was a decision of Ministry of Finance and communicated to all Institutions. MHRD representative said that they have received complete justification from NERIST for retention of 200 faculties and they are examining it.

After long discussion of this matter at great length, the following facts emerged:

- 1 There are 200 sanctioned posts of faculty now as per the norms.

- 2 The actual requirement from the NERIST point of view considering the objectives of NERIST should be much more than 200.
- 3 For various reasons these 200 posts have not been filled up for some time and the teaching has suffered to a great extent because of that.
- 4 Unless teachers are recruited, there is a possibility of closing down of some more PG programmes. The requirement of faculty strength may increase even more if the new courses started are taken into account.
- 5 Although the existing RSS is still in force, this letter from MHRD vide No. F. No. 9-20/2012-TS.VII dated 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 has put some difficulty by contradicting it and thereby to the ongoing process of faculty recruitment, which is in its final stage.
- 6 NERIST has clarified the position with full justification to MHRD vide their letter No RR-41/2011-12/Vol.II dated 10.9.2013.

**Resolution: The Board of Management after careful consideration resolved that the process of recruitment shall not be stopped now as it would affect the entire process of teaching learning and the basic objective of the existence of NERIST. The urgency of the matter may again be brought to the notice of the MHRD if required, and MHRD may be requested to allow recruitment of faculty on the basis of original sanction of 200 posts immediately as is already under process. Director should also immediately inform the MHRD about the fact that the process of recruitment of faculty is being taken up after a long time and the process is in the final stage for where only conducting of interviews is left and MHRD should not stop the recruitment at this stage which would completely jeopardize the teaching schedule.**

**Item No.78.06: Plagiarism charges against faculties of Prof. R. Prasad, Dr. A S. Raj, Dr. A. K. Singh.**

[Director said that the plagiarism cases were placed in the last BoM meeting and it was resolved that “the materials placed before the Board were not sufficient to enable it to take a decision. The report has made recommendations on penalty but it is not clear if the procedure as per CCS (CCA) Rule (1965) were followed. Board therefore authorized the Director to re-examine the matter as per CCS Rules and take appropriate

action in consultation with the Chairman and report in the next BoM. In view of the long period that has passed in between and in view of the fact that one of the concerned is to retire in this year itself, the Board requested the Director to complete the procedure within next two months.”

Thereafter Director informed the following:

- i The charge against **Dr. Rajendra Prasad** was first leveled on 04-08-2008 which is more than 5 years old. Likewise the charges against **Dr. A. S. Rai** and **Dr. A. K. Singh** dates back to 05-04-2007 and mid 2009 respectively. The exact date when the charge was first leveled against **Dr. A. K. Singh** is not found at the Confidential Cell of the Institute. It apparently started with complaints made by All Arunachal Pradesh Students Union (AAPSU) and Students Union of NERIST (SUN).
  
- ii In its 70<sup>th</sup> (General) Meeting held on 03 January 2011 the Board of Management vide 70.09 resolved to issue charge-sheets against the COs and go for a full enquiry. Charge-sheet against **Dr. Rajendra Prasad** and **Dr. A. S. Rai** were issued on 22-03-2011 while on 04-04-2011 a charge-sheet was issued against **Dr. A. K. Singh** for which no article of charge or imputations could be found in the Confidential Cell. An enquiry committee was apparently constituted with the following members:
  - a Prof. D. K. Chowdhury, Dept. of Physics, (Retd.), Gauhati University - Chairman
  - b Prof. P. K. Bora, Dept. of Electrical & Electronics Engg., IIT Guwahati - Member
  - c Prof. M. B. Rege, Dept. of Mathematics, NEHU, Shillong - Member

- iii From the files available with the Confidential Cell there were two conflicting notes seen. On 12-05-2011 the AR (Estt.) wrote to the effect that the COs have not submitted their replies while on 16-05-2011 while the then Director (I/C) commented that the replies have been received by him in person and in sealed cover. No record is available as to what was done with the replies of the COs to the charge-sheet for next 6-months since then! No record could be found with the Confidential Cell as to if they were sent to the Enquiry Committee which would have been the appropriate thing to do. Likewise no record is available as to if the articles of charges and imputations with list of documents and witnesses were sent to the Committee. The present Director took charge on 24-10-2011.
  
- iv Finally after this Director reminded of the inordinate delay, the Enquiry Committee submitted its report until 11-03-2013 – which is almost 2 years since the charges were apparently framed. The Committee did not give any reason for delay in submitting their observation.
  
- v When the Committee finally gave its one-page report:
  - a it did not include any proceedings
  - b it did not include any document to state if the COs were given reasonable hearing/ opportunity to defend
  - c it did not state if the witnesses were called and were examined and if yes, were they latter deposed in presence of the CO with reasonable opportunity given to the Cos to cross examine the witnesses



- vi The report only stated to the effect that the charges were proved.
- vii It also recommended certain penalties – which apparently is not within the scope of an Enquiry Committee going strictly by the CCS (CCA) Rule 1965 – as applicable in NERIST

Against this background Director concluded that:

- A One option would be to re-start the process of enquiry strictly in observance of CCS (CCA) Rule 1965 as applicable in NERIST. He informed the house that for this purpose, he has already collected photocopies of the replies from the Cos.
- B However he commented that the whole process of framing the charges to enquiry was full of flaws that, if challenged, would amount to denial of natural justice to the CO as per the CCS (CCA) Rule 1965. He added that one of the COs **Prof. R. Prasad** was to retire on 30 September 2013.
- C The COs have already suffered enough mental agony, indignation and one of them is to retire very soon. At this stage having another enquiry to prove/ disprove charges with appropriate procedure observed would only lead to delay in justice for which at least, even if proved guilty, the COs would not be responsible.

He also drew parallel to a related case of plagiarism where a former Director was charged. The observation of the then Chairman of the Enquiry Committee appeared significant where he stated that although not be reinstated as Director, “He may however be allowed to rejoin as a Professor” and be considered for only minor penalties. Now if a Director who is the flag bearer of an academic institution is recommended to be spared with only minor penalties, may be considered to be in line with natural justice that the three

COs in this case be spared with a warning not to repeat it in future – in view of the inappropriate way the charges have been dealt with by the administration, the unusual delay that has taken place just to complete the enquiry and the mental agony and indignation that the three COs have already suffered from. He also said that these cases are very old and kept unsettled for long period.

The representatives from the MHRD said that after expiry of 4 years it is incorrect to start an enquiry as per CCS (CCA) Rule 1965.

After careful examination of the cases through the available records, Chairman concluded that the cases were neither properly handled nor proper procedures were followed in processing them as per CCS (CCA) Rule 1965. Hence he observed that it would be appropriate at this stage to exonerate them with a warning letter. All members agreed to this.]

**Resolution: After a prolonged discussion, the Board of Management considering that the proceedings have many flaws and that matter has been dragging for a long time, resolved to exonerate all the three faculty members Prof. R. Prasad, Dr. A. S. Rai and Dr. A. K. Singh from the plagiarism charges with a warning letter to each.**

**Item No.78.07: To consider the delay of issuance of order from concerned authority on travel by other airlines – reg.**

[Members pointed out the serious difficulties faced when suitable connecting flights are not available and a lot of time is wasted for waiting for Air India connections, even including overnight stays required while travelling to multiple destinations which could be avoided, productive time, expenses and energy conserved if it is allowed to travel by other than Air India in suitable cases. NERIST has already submitted full justification to the Ministry which has been pending for about five months and no decision has been received from the Ministry till date. It is understood that similar dispensation has been allowed in case of other institutions like IIT, Guwahati, UGC, INSA etc. In view

of this and as the demand is very justified, the Board requested the MHRD representatives to give instructions on the request made within a month time.

The Board feels that if no decision comes in larger public interest, the Board's earlier resolution may be acted upon after one month.]

**Resolution :** The Board of Management resolved that if no reply comes from the MHRD on the issue within a month on this matter it will be presumed that MHRD have no objection and , the resolution of the 75<sup>th</sup> Board of Management may be acted upon in case of official tours.

**Item No.78.08: To provide scholarship to non-GATE/NET– students.**

[Director said that providing scholarship to the non-GATE/NET students in this tribal area is very much needed in order to encourage and draw more and more students to take admission in PG and Ph.D. courses at NERIST.

Chairman sought clarification from the Director of the different types of scholarships that are being offered to the students right now.

Director said that GATE scholarship, NET Scholarship, CSIR Scholarship, IOCL Ltd Exim Bank, TEQIP scholarship and State Govt. scholarships are available for the students.

Director said that a proposal was placed in the 68 Board of Management meeting in the agenda item no.68.12.01 and the Board directed to pursue the matter with MHRD.

MHRD representatives said that these type of scholarships may be given from the internally generated fund like consultancy etc.

Registrar said that NERIST is not self-sufficient to generate fund to meet this expenses.]

**Resolution:** The Board of Management resolved that the matter may be pursued with MHRD with a request to consider the matter on special circumstances giving a reference to the decision of the 68<sup>th</sup> Board of Management.

**Item No.78.09:: To appoint an OSD for streamlining of administration.**

[Director said that appointing of one OSD is very much required at NERIST from retired civil servants/ officers of MHRD/ of CFTI's, who have strong administrative experience as there is no experienced and knowledgeable person at present in the administration to handle sensitive issues like filling up of backlog of ST/SC/OBC/PWD, CAS promotions and direct recruitment of faculty, legal cell work and RTI related matters etc.

Ministry representatives said that OSD may be appointed purely on contract basis with a consolidated pay depending on the qualification and experience of the incumbent **but** in no case exceeding the total emoluments of a Professor at the end of the scale of pay **and** without any separate grade pay and DA initially for one year only which will be extendable on the basis of performance and with the condition that at any time he can be removed from NERIST without giving any notice.]

**Resolution: The Board of Management approved the proposal to appoint a suitable retired person for a maximum of two years as OSD purely on contract basis on a consolidated pay as per the qualification and experience of the incumbent to be decided by the Director in consultation with the Chairman along with the procedure of selection, initially for one year with a condition to remove the incumbent at any time without any notice.**

**78.10 : To consider recruitment of Medical Officer (MO) bypassing roster and appointment of Network Administration against regular post of librarian.**

[Director said that one OBC reserved post of Medical Officer was advertised during 2012 and no application was received from any OBC candidate. Now a proposal is placed to consider recruiting one MO from the category of the next point in the roster to maintain minimum medical facilities to students/staff/faculties and others. This has become extremely important because one of the presently engaged MO is on maternity leave and therefore the Institute is facing severe shortage of MO.

MHRD representative said that it would be better to go for advertisement again and in the meantime, till the recruitment of M.O. in the OBC quota, a retired doctor may be appointed purely on contract basis to overcome the present problem in the Institute.

In this context a proposal from Chairman NHU, Registrar and Director to re-appoint Dr. P. K. Deb, recently retired from NERIST was placed for consideration.

The Board was informed that the post of Network Administrator was an absolute necessity in NERIST as there is no qualified officer/ staff in the ET cell against manifold increase in e-activities and internet activities and was therefore created with the approval in 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of BoM purely on contractual basis till the approval of proposed RSS. But even after advertising twice, the response was very poor as the post was on contract and carried a meagre sum. However the house observed that in the present proposal only required converting the post of Librarian to that of a Network Administrator. It was also observed that both the posts are in the same scale and the post of Librarian already exists in the RSS in force now.

**Resolution: Disapproving the proposal to jump one point in the roster, the Board of Management resolved to go ahead with the re-advertisement as per the original roster (OBC).**

**It however approved the proposal to re-appoint Dr. P. K. Deb a recently retired MO from NERIST with experience of having worked in surrounding areas and with familiarity with common health hazards in the campus on contract basis for a maximum of two years (on a pay not exceeding which he earlier received when on extension) to overcome the present problem in the Institute. The Board of Management also approved recruitment of one Network Administrator against one post of Librarian with qualification and experience as mentioned in the advertisement for contractual engagement earlier.**

**Item No.78.11: To consider reservation in admission (NERIST Entrance Examination & PG Exams) for NERIST.**

[Dean (Acad) said that some quota of seats is to be allotted to the wards of employees of NERIST, which will help to retain the employees from leaving the institute. He also said that this year many seats are vacant in some streams even after completion of total procedure of counselling.

On the question regarding allotment of seats by the Chairman, Dean (Acad) said that seats were allotted through a cabinet note by the MHRD allocating 10% quota of each north eastern state (eight states including Sikkim) along with 10% all India as was given in the project report taking into account of development of technical education in the north east.

MHRD representatives said that without consent of the Ministry, it is not possible to change the seat allocations as it is a policy matter.

Dean (Acad) also said that one amendment was made through the decision of the Board of Management earlier that if any seats are vacant after completion of the counselling procedure, they should be filled with the students of Arunachal Pradesh.

Chairman said that the idea of allocating some seats to the wards of the employees of NERIST is good and it may help to retain the employees to leave NERIST. But this is a policy matter and it will be decided by the MHRD. Once MHRD decides allocation of seats, it becomes a policy. Therefore detailed proposal in this matter should be sent to the MHRD for consideration and in the meantime how earlier decision of Board of Management could make the amendment without permission of the MHRD be examined.]

**Resolution: The Board of Management resolved that a detailed proposal may be sent to the MHRD for consideration.**

**Item No.78.12:: To consider anomalies in implementing the order on resolving CAS anomalies.**

[Chairman said that whatever anomalies have been reported by two internal members in the meeting should be represented in black and white to the Director and it should be examined by a committee with outside experts. The committee will be decided by the Director. In reply to a query by an internal member he also said that the original order issued on 08-02-2013 stayed for now and he further categorically clarified that the order dated 08-02-2013 was based on approval accorded by him on 17-01-2013. Chairman however asked the Director to look into the financial implication aspects and ensure that there is no violation of existing government instructions, rules etc. on the issue which may lead to / excess payment. Chairman said that if any violation is made and if any excess amount is paid, liability remains with the beneficiary faculty also

**Resolution: Based on the issues raised by some internal members the Board resolved to have the financial implication part re-examined by an outside expert committee and to be decided by the Director. The issue of undue benefit being given in violation of the UGC/MHRD instruction was also raised by some members. Board asked the Director to look into these aspects and ensure that there is no violation of instructions issued by competent authorities.**

**Item No.78.13: Audit of accounts of NERIST – reg.**

[Director said that this matter was also discussed in the 38<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting held on 29.9.2013 in the Agenda Item No.FC.38.10. Chairman said that as this is a point in the BoM agenda, it will be discussed in the BoM meeting. Director, NERIST said that Institute accounts were audited

by the AG Audit, Arunachal Pradesh every year from 2007 to 2012. The AG (Arunachal Pradesh), informed that there is no entrustment of audit from MHRD to take up the audit at NERIST and due to this, the auditing of accounts at NERIST is not taken up yet. The audit report is essential component in the Annual Report of 2012-13 which is required to be submitted to MHRD on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 to be placed in the parliament.]

**Resolution: The BoM resolved that this matter may be pursued immediately on priority by the MHRD for issuing necessary instructions to the AG Audit, Arunachal Pradesh.**

**Item No.78.14: To recruit officers to run the administration smoothly.**

[The Director said that at present two vacancies of Deputy Registrar, one of Assistant Engineer (Civil) and one of Junior Engineer (Electrical) are lying vacant and for smooth running of the Institute, these posts are urgently required to be filled up as per the existing RSS and RR. Members said that if the sanctioned posts are vacant, there is no need to take permission of the Board of Management and Institute may go ahead for recruitment.)

**Resolution: The Board of Management approved the proposal.**

**Item No.78.15:: Reporting Items**

**Item No.78.15.01:** To report the completion of probation period of Dr. S. P. Taggu and Dr. P. C. Tok, MOs on 24.8.2013 and 23.8.2013 respectively after completion of 2 years of probation. They may be allowed to confirm subject to other formalities.

**Resolution:: The Board of Management noted the completion of the probation period. However, the confirmation should be processed only on completion of all formalities.**



**Item No.78.15.02:: List of Court cases.**

[The list of Court cases are placed herewith as per direction of BoM vide item No. 75.15.02].

**Resolution:: Noted.**

**Item No. 78.15.03: Contempt of Court Notice**

[Dr. S. K. Panigrahi, Ex-Associate Professor, NERIST who had left sometime back, filed a case against the NERIST at Hon,ble Orissa High Court Cuttack on his CAS anomalies. Director informed that his dues were cleared in the month of February, 2012 in first stage and remaining in recent time.

Director further said that Dr. Panigrahi has filed contempt of the court notice before Orissa High Court Cuttack on 26.7.2013 and a copy of the notice was served to NERIST by the petitioner. Director said that he had immediately taken all necessary steps to defend the case in the interest of the Institute. In this regard, an advocate was also appointed immediately. The Board also noted that there is no outstanding due to the petitioner at present.]

**Resolution: The Board of Management noted it.**

**Item No.78.16:: Any other agenda with permission of the chair.**

[No other agenda was discussed in the meeting.]

**The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair**

(Sd/- Dr.R.P.Bhattacharjee)

Dated 5/11/2013

Registrar & Non member secretary, BOM