ITEM NO. 1
CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE XXVI MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 13.06.2011

URGENT

No.15-4/2011-Policy
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Youth Affairs

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 15th July, 2011

To

The Director,
Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development,
Sriperumbudur 602 105,
Tamil Nadu.
(Fax No. 044-27163227).

Subject: Minutes of the XXVI Executive Council Meeting of RGNIYD held on 13.06.2011.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. RG/P&A/326/09 dated 23.06.2011 forwarding therewith the Draft Minutes of the XXVI Executive Council Meeting for approval. The Minutes have been approved by Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports subject to the following observation:

"With reference to item No. VIII –HRA at A 1 City rate for RGNIYD staff it was decided that this Ministry may approach Ministry of Finance on the basis of reported already existing clearances to other Central Government organisation/institution in the vicinity of RGNIYD."

In view of above, you are requested to issue the minutes after necessary amendments as above.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. Saran)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel. No. 23387034

Encl: As above.
MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Shri. Ajay Maken
   Hon’ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports (IC)
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
   Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
   New Delhi – 11 001
   President

2. Smt. Sindhushree Khullar, I.A.S
   Secretary to Govt. of India
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
   Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001
   Vice President (Ex-Officio)

3. Shri. C. R. Kesavan
   Vice-President, RGNiYD
   53, Bazullah Road
   T. Nagar, Chennai – 600 017
   Vice President

   Joint Secretary to Govt. of India
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
   Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001
   Member

   Financial Adviser
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
   Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan
   New Delhi – 110 0017
   Member

6. Shri. P. Michael Vetha Siromony, I.A.S
   Director, RGNiYD
   Member

7. Smt. Sharda Alikhan
   Programme Adviser, NSS
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
   Govt. of India
   Shastri Bhawan
   New Delhi – 110 001
   Member

8. Prof. SM. Ramasamy
   Vice-Chancellor
   Gandhigram Rural Institute
   Deemed University,
   Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu – 624 302.
   Member
9 Shri. Dulichand Jain  
President  
Vivekananda Educational Trust and  
State Treasurer  
Vidya Bharti, Anugriha  
No. 70, TTK Road, Alwarpet  
Chennai – 600 018.

10 Dr. Pitabasa Sahoo  
Faculty Head, RGNIYD  
Sriperumbudur – 602 105

11 Dr. S. Priscilla  
Faculty Head, RGNIYD  
Sriperumbudur – 602 105

Special invitee:

1 Dr. D. Jayalakshmi  
Registrar (i/c), RGNIYD  
Sriperumbudur – 602 105

Members who sought leave of absence:

1 Dr. M. V. Rajeev Gowda  
Professor  
Indian Institute of Management  
1361, 9th Cross, JP Nagar I Phase  
Bangalore – 560 078

2 Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan, M.P.  
No. 47, Warren Road  
Mylapore  
Chennai – 600 004

3 Shri. C. Apok Jamir  
MLA & Ex-MP (Raiya Sabha)  
Waiujen, Hall Nagarajan Dimapur  
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4 Shri. Harsh Mander  
Flat No. 6233  
C-6, Vasant Kunj  
New Delhi – 110 070
The Hon'ble Minister & President of Executive Council (EC), RGNIYD, welcomed all the members and requested the Director to present the items included in the agenda. Shri Michael Vetha Siromony, Director, RGNIYD, welcomed the President, Vice Presidents and all the Members of the Executive Council. The Hon'ble Minister, the President of the EC chaired the XXVI Executive Council meeting of RGNIYD.

Item No.I – Confirmation of the Minutes of XXV Executive Council Meeting held on 01.09.2010

The Minutes of the XXV Executive Council Meeting held on 01.09.2010 was confirmed.

Item No. II – Action Taken Report of the Minutes of the XXV Executive Council Meeting

Noted.

The following are the observations made during the discussions on the Action Taken Report:

➢ The Placement Cell should be strengthened to take care of the employability and employment opportunities of the students at RGNIYD.

➢ Internship programmes for RGNIYD PG students should be organized with the Planning Commission and various Ministries, Government of India, including Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

➢ Students could also be placed with the Members of Parliament to acquire hands on experience in the relevant spheres of Youth Development.

➢ Internships and on-site work experience programmes can be worked out with NYKS and NSS with credit system or certificate of experience.
RGNIYD should develop network with National Level Institutions, Autonomous Bodies and other Government Organizations to establish a data bank for the purpose of internships and placements.

Status of Supreme Court Case on Deemed Universities

- Director informed that the next hearing is posted on 19.07.2011. The Director informed that he appeared before the three member committee under the Chairmanship Shri. Ashok Thakur, Shri. S.K. Ray and Shri. N.K. Sinha, who are all the additional Secretaries to Government of India, constituted by the Ministry of HRD. He further stated that RGNIYD Deemed to be University has fulfilled all the deficiencies pointed out viz. 1) Mandatory Posts required for the University created 2) Re-designation of the Posts, 3) MoA to be approved by UGC, 4) posting an Academician for the post of Vice Chancellor and 5) Publications – deficiencies were addressed and undertaking was given for compliance with reference to the post of Vice Chancellor and MoA.


Noted.

The Director, RGNIYD has assured that the revised National Youth Policy 2010 could be submitted to the Ministry within ten days incorporating all the feedback received from various stakeholders. This year being the International Year of Youth, it would be very appropriate to announce the Youth Policy of Government of India and it would be the most ideal and precious gift for the youth of India from the Institute.
Item No.IV – Annual Report 2009-10

Noted and Approved.

Item No.V – Youth Development Report and Youth Development Index

Appropriate measures be taken to publish the Youth Development Report at the earliest and the same may be hosted in the website of RGNIYD.

RGNIYD should take initiatives to bring out Youth Work Index. In order to realise its objectives, RGNIYD should undertake a major project on Skill Gap Analysis / Skill Development Index in all the States particularly in North East, Jammu & Kashmir and Naxal Affected Areas on priority basis. Hon'ble Minister suggested that the Skill Gap Analysis be launched from Srinagar (focus should be on Thirteen Districts).

It was advised to take more insights from Youth Exchange and Study campaign launched in North East. At the next level, District Level Youth Work Index / Skill Development Index can be developed. This may be carried out in partnership with all Ministries and other agencies including National Skill Development Corporation as a collaborative venture.

Item No.VI – Academic Programmes

Director informed that 13 research scholars have been selected for the Doctoral degree programme of which 3 are full time scholars and 10 are part time scholars. The following were recommended in the course of discussion:

- Research Policy for RGNIYD should be evolved and theme of research may be prioritized according to the Youth Development Policy.
Ph. D. guidelines should be evolved with rigid monitoring mechanism and compulsory course work to ensure high quality of research output.

Preference may be given to the Ph.D candidates with experience in the relevant spheres of youth development.

A Research Fellowship of Rs.15,000/- per month, has been recommended for Ph. D. students for full time enrolment. Research grants to support part time Ph.D scholars may be considered if the output harmonizes with RGNIYD objectives.

Item No.VII – HRA at A1 City (Metropolitan) Rate for RGNIYD Staff

The employees of RGNIYD have not been allotted quarters within or outside the campus and housing facilities are also not available in the vicinity. MoYAS may approach Ministry of Finance emphasizing the need to continue with 30% of HRA to RGNIYD employees. The lack of good quality schools is a major reason for employees to stay off campus. This is the rationale for continuing the 30% HRA, as in admissible now.


RGNIYD needs to conduct need based and demand driven programmes for which costing must be done on per course basis.

Core areas of training be identified in consultation with NSS & NYKS for their training needs and course content advised accordingly.

It is recommended that NSS & NYKS should undertake an evaluation study of the RGNIYD programmes so far conducted and the feedback to be given to RGNIYD.
Every year programmes of the previous year need to be evaluated both internally and by independent agency.

More field exposure components should be appropriately included in the training programmes.

The duration of the TOT training programmes for 5 days is inadequate to build the capacity of trainers and to enable them organize planned programmes. Duration needs to be increased (Detailed programmes be drawn)

An active link is to be maintained between Masters Trainers and the NSS / NYK Trainees. The Master Trainers be made use of effectively and programmes be monitored

RGNIYD could organize market driven programmes on consultancy basis / payment basis in partnership with PSUs, CII, Corporate sector, etc to generate resources.

RGNIYD needs to undertake an overall impact assessment of the training programmes conducted by the Institute with tangible measures.


Approved.

It is recommended to identify the need based training programmes within a month's time (Joint discussion with NSS/NYK & Ministry).
Item V

1) Report of the Mentor Group – Executive Summary

- In the Mentor Group Report, it is mentioned that the Academic staff strength will be 55. The strength of the faculty members be decided in proportion to the students and for Academic programmes the ratio of 1:13 is to be maintained. The UGC guidelines of students – teachers ratio be adhered to.

- It was suggested to give a break up of Academic, Research and other staff. There should be substantial number of research staff and the research component should be made stronger.

- High Level Committee needs to be constituted after the Bill is passed to work out the transition plan, to look into the need for the change or continuity of the existing programmes and to identify the relevant subject / areas as well as course content for the proposed divisions and centres.

- Ministry be requested to take further steps to get Cabinet clearance to introduce the Bill in time for the ensuing Monsoon Session.

2) Perspective Plan for RGNIYD – Budget Speech Announcement of Rs.20 crores to RGNIYD and its Planning and Approval.

   It was advised that the model Library has to be developed by RGNIYD with the assistance of CPWD or National Building Construction Corporation or any Government organization to carry out the construction work in a time bound manner. It should be decided within one month. The proposed budgetary amount is Rs.25.75 crores. The amount of Rs.20 crores of budgetary funds granted could be fully utilized and the
remaining amount has to be met out from the unspent amount available with RGNIYD in order to complete the project at an early date.

**Item No.VI – Academic Programme – A Report**

▲ A committee has to be constituted to review the course content of MA programmes **within a month** and the report needs to be sent to the Ministry.

▲ RGNIYD has to identify two states to carry out field placement of the students on Local Governance.

▲ Local Governance students may be placed with SIRD / NIRD other Local Governance Institutions for gaining on-site experience.

▲ The Bill declaring RGNIYD as an **Institute of National Importance** is likely to be introduced in the Monsoon session 2011 and hence the filling up of the teaching posts sanctioned for RGNIYD Deemed to be University may be withheld for the time being.

▲ The Executive Council also decided that henceforth there will be only the Director, RGNIYD representing the Ministry and all the other members in the Selection Committee of Faculty Members for RGNIYD will be eminent academicians from other reputed institutions like IIT, IIM and other prestigious academic institutions.

▲ In order to attract competent and eminent persons, vacant positions could be posted in the RGNIYD website from time to time and duly constituted Committee should select them, if found suitable.
Item No.VII - ICT Initiatives

(a) National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT).

   Approved.

(b) Implementation of e-governance in RGNIYD.

   Approved.

(C) Wifi Connectivity in the Campus.

   Approved.

Item No.VIII – HRA at A1 City (Metropolitan) Rate for RGNIYD Staff.

   It has been discussed under Item VII of ATR. The employees of RGNIYD have not been allotted quarters within or outside the campus and housing facilities are also not available in the vicinity. MoYAS may approach Ministry of Finance emphasizing the need to continue with 30% of HRA to RGNIYD employees. The lack of good quality schools is a major reason for employees to stay off campus. This is the rationale for continuing the 30% HRA, as in admissible now.

Item No.IX – Infrastructure Development.

   Approved.
Item No.X – Foundation Day of RGNIYD - 1st September 2011.

The Executive Council authorised the Director to identify an eminent scholar to deliver lecture on the Fourth Foundation Day of RGNIYD to be held on 1st September 2011.

Item No.XI – Conference on International Year of Youth 2010-11.

It was suggested to have the Conference on International Year of Youth either at Leh, Srinagar or at North East. Giving preference to any of the above areas, RGNIYD may take adequate steps to organize the International Conference.

Item No.XII

(A) Conferring Degree and Convocation for the First Batch 2008-10.

Director is authorized to hold the Convocation for both the batches (2008-10 and 2009-11), as part of the Foundation Day Celebrations to be held on 1st September 2011. Total no. of students will be 45 + 62 = 107. The degree will be conferred to those students who are eligible.

(B) Activity Report April & May 2011.

Approved.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks to the Chair and all the members of the Executive Council.