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The Third meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology, Indore was held on **MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2011** at 2.30 p.m. Following were present:

Shri Ajay Piramal	:	Chairman
Prof. Pradeep Mathur	:	Member
Shri Ashok Thakur	:	Member (by video conferencing)
Dr. Sibaji Raha	:	Member
Shri K. K. Singh	:	Member
Dr. Harpal Singh	:	Member (by video conferencing)
Prof. Narendra Choudhari	:	Member
Prof. Neelesh Jain	:	Member (by video conferencing)
Prof. Subhendu Rakshit	:	Special Invitee
Shri Ashish Dongre	:	Nominee of Member, M.P Government
Shri B.S. Punalkar	:	Special Invitee
Prof. A. S. Khanna	:	Special Invitee
Shri. A.K. Pandey	:	Special Invitee
Col. (Retd) G. Raja Sekhar	:	Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to **Shri Aman Singh**, Secretary to Chief Minister, Energy & Information Technology, Govt. of Chattisgarh.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members present.

The Chairman thereafter took up for consideration the formal items of the Agenda.

ITEM NO.3.1

To consider report of Director of Institute

3.1.1 The Board **CONSIDERED** the report as given in detailed explanatory notes of Item no. 1.

3.1.2 The Board **NOTED** that Faculty members have submitted fourteen research proposals which have been approved. The budget allocation for the research proposals is Rs. 3.5 crores. By April 2011 the research funding from external agencies and internal linkages will be approximately Rs. 8 crores. In the past one year there have been 30 research publications from IIT Indore. It was informed that the research grant would be Rs. 14 -15 crores in the next 3 years.

3.1.3 The Board **NOTED** report by **Prof. A.S. Khanna** on the national and international collaborations which are as under :-

- a) Collaboration with German and French Universities and Institutes.
- b) A bilateral student and faculty exchange with University of Saarland.
- c) Finalized an agreement to create a Fraunhofer like Institute in SURFACE ENGINEERING & SCIENCE with state of art facilities for surface engineering and science research, and Masters and Ph.D.

programmes. One private company has agreed in principle to donate **Rs. 2-5 crore** as initial payment for such a centre.

- d) Two faculty members at IIT Indore have already started Bilateral Program with Research Centre Juelich and University of Dortmund.
- e) With University of Aachen, already the faculty is identified and collaboration will soon begin.
- f) By the end of March 2011, a high level meeting with French companies who are interested in opening their centers/cells at IIT Indore will commence.
- g) Bilateral student and faculty exchange is to be finalized in May 2011 with New York Polytechnic.
- h) Bilateral program initiation is expected to begin in the field of Mechanical/Electrical/Computer Science & Engineering with University of New Mexico, USA
- i) Talks are in progress with Polymer Science Dept. in University of Akron
- j) A letter received from a company in Bombay who have agreed to donate Rs. 10 lakhs to augment faculty development program.
- k) Talks are on with another company in Bombay for Rs. 5 Lakh endowment fund
- l) TCS has shown positive response to be partner with IIT Indore.

The Board congratulated Prof. A.S Khanna for his efforts and emphasized that IIT I should associate with some of the best institutions in the world.

3.1.4 Land for Permanent Campus

- Director informed that construction can commence immediately as Consultant has been selected, provided the land issue is resolved. During the third BWC meeting it has been recommended that land adjacent to Khandwa- Indore Road should be allotted to IIT Indore, in lieu of the 198 acres of forest land, diversion of which has been rejected by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.
- The Director of Technical Education, M.P. Govt informed that Govt of M.P. is providing alternate land to land owners to compensate for 40.28 acres of exchange land. The proposal of diverting 198 acres of forest land has been rejected by Ministry of Environment & Forest.
- Special Secretary, MHRD, indicated his concern over the delay in land being made available for IIT Indore. He confirmed that the presence of reserved forest within the 500 acres of land offered for IIT Indore was not intimated to MHRD during the site selection committee meeting. The Director of Technical Education M.P. Govt confirmed that indeed a mistake had been committed by allotment of 198 acres of Forest land and assured to work towards a speedy solution.
- Special Secretary, MHRD indicated following options:

- a) Whether to start construction on 300 acres of non-forest land with the hope that forest land will be cleared.
 - b) Acquire 200 acres of land adjacent to Khandwa-Indore Road, in lieu of the unavailable 198 acres of forest land.
 - c) Move to a new location.
- Special Secretary, MHRD, indicated that the institute is facing hardship due to insufficient space in the temporary campus and requested Govt. of M.P. to be proactive in providing sufficient space to IIT Indore for its educational and research activities.
 - Chairman opined that allotment of 500 acres of land to IIT Indore is a decision of Govt. of India which cannot be diluted. Almost two years have elapsed and there is no headway with regard to allotment of land to IIT Indore.
 - Chairman also opined that there should be a time limit, if proposal of diversion of forest land is again submitted to Ministry of Environment and Forest for clearance.
 - Director, Technical Education, M.P. Govt assured that the maximum time limit within which the case will be processed in is six months.

- Special Secretary, MHRD, suggested to move both the cases, i.e. diversion of 198 acres forest land for construction of building and infrastructure of IIT Indore and allotment of 200 acres of land adjacent to Khandwa-Indore Road. Also, the Govt. of M.P. is requested to identify allocation of 500 acres of land at a new place.
- Chairman opined that IIT Indore cannot be located at too remote a place.
- Director informed that IIT Indore is unable to provide even the minimum office and research facilities to the faculty members of the Institute. The temporary space provided is grossly insufficient. There has been undue delay in the allotment of land. Even though consultant has been identified for master plan work, and work order for the construction of boundary wall is ready, no further progress towards campus development is being made due to the land issue remaining unresolved. Till such time that an area of at least 500 acres of unencumbered land is identified, the master plan cannot be prepared. Based on the future growth and vision of IIT Indore, as deliberated upon by its masterplan committee, and in view of the specialised centres to be started, an area of less than 500 acres would be insufficient for the institute's requirements.

The Board **NOTED** following:-

IIT Indore is awaiting allotment of 500 acres of land from Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. A total of 501.62 acres of land had been earmarked details of which are as under:-

- 198 acres- Forest Land
 - 40.28 acres- Exchange Land (State Govt to provide alternative land to owners.)
 - 29.02 acres- Nizi Land
- **Forest Land (198 Acres):-** Government of M.P, has forwarded a proposal to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India as communicated to IITI vide letter no. F-1-52/2008/4 dated 29th December, 2010.
 - **Exchange Land (40.28 Acres):** - This is located within the land identified for IIT Indore by the Govt. of M.P. The villagers are yet to be allotted alternate land.

A meeting was held by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India on 11th February 2011 to deliberate on the proposal submitted by the M.P. Govt for diversion of 198 acres of forest land. The proceedings of the FAC are as under:-

- i. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is **Reserved Forest;**
- ii. The forest land proposed for diversion contains 7,164 trees. Average stem density in the forest land proposed for diversion is 89.55 trees/ ha.

- iii. Detailed land-use plan indicating location of various buildings/ infrastructure proposed to be created for setting up of the IIT has not been enclosed with the proposal:
- iv. Para 4.5 of the guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 provides that diversion of forest land for construction of buildings, except for construction of schools, hospitals/ dispensary, community halls, cooperatives, panchayats, tiny rural industrial sheds of Government etc. which are to be put for the benefit of people of that area, subject to a maximum of one hectare in each case, shall normally be not considered;
- v. The 30.177 ha non-forest land in Hasalpur village identified to raise compensatory afforestation has not been found suitable to raise plantation. No alternate site in-lieu thereof has been provided by the User Agency, so far; and
- vi. Convincing justification to set up the IIT in forest land, along with the details of alternate non-forest lands examined for the same has not been indicated in the proposal.

"The FAC, after detailed deliberations recommends that for maintenance of ecological balance in and around the city of Indore, proposal of the state government of M.P to divert forest land located in vicinity of an important city for setting up a non-site specific project, such as IIT, without undertaking a detailed exercise to examine all feasible alternates, may be rejected."

- 3.1.5 The representative of the M.P. Govt. has informed that as per the records the forest land of 198 acres was erroneously shown as revenue land at the time when the M.P. Govt identified and offered to provide the 500 acres of land at Simrol for IIT Indore.
- 3.1.6 The Board **RESOLVED** that Government of M.P. should make a strong case and resubmit the proposal to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for diversion of forest land for construction of buildings and other infrastructure of IIT Indore. If this proposal is again rejected by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of M.P. is duty bound to acquire at least 200 acres of land adjacent to Khandwa Road to add to the approx. 300 acres of the non-forest land.
- 3.1.7 The Board **RESOLVED** that Director, Technical Education will facilitate meeting of Chairman BOG, Special Secretary (MHRD), and Director IITI with Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, and Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh by end of March-2011 to resolve the land issue.
- 3.1.8 The Board **RESOLVED** that despite all the hardships being faced by the institute arising out of lack of sufficient space, recruitment of the faculty members should continue and the institute must continue with its growth.

ITEM NO.3.2

To consider and confirm the minutes of Second Meeting of Board of Governors held on 20 Oct, 2010 at Piramal Tower, Mumbai

- 3.2.1 The minutes of second meeting of the BOG have been confirmed.

ITEM NO. 3.3

Action taken on decisions made in the second Meeting of BOG held on 20th October 10

3.3.1 The Board NOTED following:

- Director met the Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Shri Avani Vaish on 01.11.10 to resolve the land issue and the requirement of additional temporary space.
- Recommendations of accommodation committee are put up for ratification by BOG
- Recommendations of the committee for selection of CA firm are put up for approval by BOG.

ITEM NO. 3.4

To consider and confirm the minutes of second meeting of BWC meeting held on 24 Jan, 2011 at IIT Indore.

3.4.1 The minutes of the second meeting of BWC have been confirmed.

ITEM NO. 3.5

To consider hiring of space for Educational Activities.

3.5.1 The Board **NOTED** that IIT Indore has occupied space of 3,243 m² (34,700 sq ft) from IET. As per its commitment, IET has also provided additional space of 2,000 m² (21,400 sq ft) in December, 2010.

3.5.2 Advertisement was given in newspaper for additional space; **various** proposals were received from six firms.

3.5.3 Pithampur Auto Cluster Ltd, is a Govt. of M.P undertaking agreed to lease space to IIT Indore. PACL have offered a total building space and services of 59,771 sq ft at the rate of Rs 12.5 per sq. ft per month, and land of 1,02,435 sq ft at the rate of Rs 3.87 per sq ft per month, with a condition that 12 months' rent will be paid as advance, 09 months advance will be adjusted up to 50% of rent on monthly basis and remaining 03 months advance will be refunded at the time of termination of agreement.

In the ground floor 4,224 sq ft of space is being handed over in July 2011. Efforts are in progress to acquire additional space at the same location.

3.5.4 The Board **RESOLVED** to approve the hiring of space from Pithampur Auto Cluster Ltd.

ITEM NO.3.6

To consider hiring of accommodation for faculty, staff and students of the Institute

3.6.1 The Board **NOTED** that Silver Springs is a mini township on the Agra-Mumbai Bypass Road, with adequate safety and security. It is close to the existing location at IET, Simrol and PACL (Pithampur Auto Cluster Ltd.) where additional space is being considered.

The monthly rent in respect of accommodation available at Silver Springs for PhD students is as under

4 BHK (Duplex Unit) :- Rs 3,600 per student

(4 BHK is suitable to accommodate 08 Unmarried or 06 Unmarried students and 01 married PhD student)

