

## MINUTES

of the meeting of the "PURSE Project Implementation Committee, held on **25.04.2016 (Monday) at 11:30 a.m.** in the Selection Committee Room, Administrative Block to review the status of utilization of grant sanctioned under DST PURSE Programme Phase -II

Following were present:

1. Vice-Chancellor (in Chair)
2. Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay, Head (R&D Infrastructure), D.S.T.
4. Dr. Pratishtha T Pandey, Scientist 'E', D.S.T.
5. Prof. Asad Ullah Khan, Coordinator, P.I.G.
6. Prof. Jamal Ahmad Khan, Convener, P.I.G. and OSD (Development)
7. Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Dept. of Zoology
8. Mr. Minhaj Ahmed Khan, Joint Registrar

At the outset, Prof. Asad Ullah Khan, Coordinator, DST PURSE Program-II welcomed the committee members and thereafter made a power point presentation with regard to progress of PURSE Programme Phase- II.

After the presentation was over, Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay apprised the house that the DST has selected various universities under PURSE Programme and allocated grant based on their research performance adjudged in terms of H-index based on research publications. He observed that the University should also adopt the same methodology and distribute the grant among various departments based on their overall performance which should be evidence based instead of distributing the grant equitably as has been done under the program. Dr. Mukhopadhyay also pointed out that grant allocation under DST PURSE Program-II must also take into consideration the support being provided to different Departments under different central schemes such as DST FIST, DBT Builder etc. and quantum of grants to such Departments may be reduced in order to avoid duplication of grants. He recommended thorough review of distribution of grant among the participating departments. Dr. Mukhopadhyay expressed happiness over inclusion of the Department of Wildlife Sciences under the DST PURSE Program for being a unique Department under Indian University system. He apprised the members that the DST could not support the Department of Wildlife Sciences earlier under DST FIST Program as the Department did not have the critical mass of >5 faculty members which is a mandatory requirement under DST FIST and inclusion of Department under DST PURSE Program-II will provide impetus to the research program being undertaken by the Department. Dr. Mukhopadhyay recommended that the remaining grant under the capital head may be spent by dividing it into two portions. The major portion (60-70%) of Capital Grant should be used for procuring costly equipments which should be housed in central facility

such as USIF so that maximum number of Departments and users may be benefited. The remaining grant of (30-40%) may be used by departments for procuring routinely used equipments in each Department. The participating Departments will draw up a fresh list of costly equipment for the same. With regard to manpower, Dr. Mukhopadhyay suggested that performance of Research Staff deployed under PURSE Programme should be evaluated annually and the person concerned should be continued subject to evidence based satisfactory performance. Dr. Mukhopadhyay also clarified that Traveling Grant may be utilized for both national and international travel and travel grant may also be provided to research scholars. Prof. Iqbal Parvez informed Dr. Mukhopadhyay that the research scholars are being provided 100% travel support by the University under 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan for attending national and international conferences. Dr. Mukhopadhyay assured the committee members that the next installment of grant will be released as soon as Utilization Certificate is sent to the DST. Two separate Utilization Certificates are to be sent with regard to utilization of Capital and General Grant.

Dr. Mukhopadhyay sought the details of high performance computing facility to be developed under the PURSE Program and he suggested that the university should develop a detailed proposal and make a powerful bid for acquiring supercomputing facility under the centrally sponsored 'National Supercomputing Mission' being implemented by the DST and Dept. of Electronics & Information Technology.

The Vice Chancellor, AMU, suggested that the scope of the PURSE grant may be expanded to include few more performing Departments of the Aligarh Muslim University which was appreciated and agreed upon. The Vice Chancellor, AMU will finalise the names of such departments to be inducted in PURSE Program and the same will be communicated by the OSD (Development) and Coordinator, PURSE Program in next meeting of the FIG.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair. Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Pritishtha T Pandey visited the University Sophisticated Instrumentation Facility and the Department of Zoology after the meeting

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