



राष्ट्रीय औषधीय शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान
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**MINUTES OF THE 80TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOARD) HELD ON
17TH MAY, (WEDNESDAY) AT NIPER, S.A.S. NAGAR (MOHALI)**

Present physically :-

1.	Dr. Girish Sahni, Former DG, CSIR	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Dulal Panda, Director, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)	Member
3.	Prof. Bikash Medhi, Department of Pharmacology, PGIMER	Member
4.	Prof. Arvind Kumar Bansal, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)	Member
5.	Prof. Ipsita Roy, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)	Member
6.	Mr. Jitender Kumar Chandel, Officiating Registrar, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)	Secretary

Present virtually :-

7.	Sh. Rajneesh Tingal Joint Secretary, DOP, GOI, New Delhi	Member
8.	Prof. R.S. Verma, Director, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT) Allahabad, Prayagraj	Member
9.	Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Scientist G, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Hqrs., New Delhi	Member
10.	Dr. T. Rajamannar, Executive Vice President, Sun Pharma Advanced Research Company Ltd., Vadodara, Gujarat	Member
11.	Mr. Ranga Chandrasekhar, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO, Sub Zonal Office, Baddi representing DCGI, MoHFW	Member
12.	Sh. Jagdeep Singh Sidhu, Deputy Director representing Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Punjab	Member

Leave of absence communicated by Dr. Rajesh Jain was recorded.

The Officiating Registrar & Secretary, Board of Governors (BoG), NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar extended a hearty welcome to the Chairperson and Members, Board, to the 80th Board meeting. He apprised the Board that instant meeting is a 'Requisitioned Meeting' as this meeting has been called by the Chairperson at the initiative of Director of the Institute in pursuance to clause 3.1.3(b) of NIPER Statutes primarily to consider Agenda item no. 3 titled 'Joining of Wg. Cdr. P.J.P. Singh Waraich (Retd.) as Registrar, NIPER - SAS Nagar in compliance of the judgment dated 03.05.2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court in LPA no.2094 of 2012.'

Thereafter, the Agenda was taken up and a point-wise record of deliberations is contained in the following paragraphs:

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- 80.1 To confirm the minutes of 79th Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 22nd March, 2023.

The Board unanimously resolved that the minutes of the 79th Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 22nd March, 2023 at the Institute be confirmed. The Board also approved uploading the minutes of its 79th meeting on the website of the Institute mutatis mutandis.

- 80.2 To report action taken on the minutes of 79th Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 22nd March, 2023.

Noted.

- 80.3 To consider joining related issues of Wing Cdr PJP Singh Waraich (Retd.) as Registrar, NIPER- S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) in compliance of the Judgment dated 03.05.2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court in LPA No. 2094 of 2012.

The Institute briefed the Board about events and dates since joining of the Wing Cdr PJP Singh Waraich (Retd.) as Registrar, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) till date.

The Board thoroughly went through the agenda. The following operative part of the judgment was read for the ready reference of the Board.

"..Since we now hold that the appointment of the appellant initially on 04.07.2011 was valid and legal, and we also hold that the order passed on 12.04.2017 regularizing the service of the appellant as Registrar w.e.f. 04.07.2011 is valid, and that his subsequent relieving orders on 31.07.2018, and 03.02.2021 are both invalid, we direct the respondent 3 and 4 to reinstate the appellant into service within 4 weeks with all consequential

benefits and treat him as having been regularly appointed. The respondents No.1 and 2 shall also pay costs of Rs.20,000/- each to the appellant within 4 weeks. LPA is allowed accordingly.."

It was apprised by the Institute that it has received email from the Ministry a few minutes ago conveying that in response to Institute letter F. No. 1-3(291)/2011/Estt/846 dated 9.05.2023 Department has conveyed concurrence as approved by Secretary of DoP to reinstate duties of Shri

for order

PJP Waraich as Registrar in light of Judgement dated 03.05.2023 of Hon'ble Puniab &Haryana High Court.

After deliberations, the Board unanimously resolved to honor and comply the decision of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in toto.

- 80.4 To consider National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratory (NABL) accreditation of Central Instrumentation Laboratory (CIL) facilities (LC-MS/LC-HRMS, HPLC for Pharmaceutical Testing of Drugs) of the Institute.

Mr. Ranga Chandrasekhar had appraised that if NIPER wants to serve the needs of the Pharma industry then a drug testing license from State Drugs Control department shall be additionally required. Members had also opined that a thorough assessment of need for NABL accreditation keeping in view NIPER's research needs and commitment towards industry should be evaluated by a duly constituted Institutional Committee with External Experts.

The Board appreciated the presentation given by Prof. IP Singh regarding the NABL accredited facility at CIL. The Board wanted to know the vision, scope, infrastructural requirement outcome and utility of such facility at NIPER and directed to give a detailed presentation in this regard in the next meeting.

The Board in principle agreed to the proposal for National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratory (NABL) accreditation of different instruments such as (LC-MS/LC-HRMS, HPLC for Pharmaceutical Testing of Drugs) of the Institute.

- 80.5 To consider establishing a National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratory (NABL) accredited Combination Medical Device Testing Laboratory (CMDTL) on the ground floor of National Bioavailability Center (NBC) of the Institute.

Prof. Inder Pal Singh gave a detailed presentation on the agenda containing genesis of exploring the possibility of developing NIPERs as the certifying agency for Medical Devices, constitution of an Expert Committee (EC) by the Government of India, efforts put in by the Institute, predicaments particularly that Institute has so far no faculty or expertise in Medical Devices etc.

Prof. Inder Pal Singh apprised the Board that Committee is of the opinion that NIPER-SAS Nagar can start with surgical dressings listed at Sr. No. 329 to 351 in a list of medical devices was notified by DCGI vide File No. 29/Misc/3/2017-DC9292 dated 01.11.2017 (these include class A, B, C, and D dressings). These devices include surgical staples, surgical dressings, wound dressings/bacteriostatic wound dressings, casting tapes, various sutures, ligature wires, surgical sealants etc. and Combination products including drug syringes, auto injectors, metered dose inhalers, dry-powder inhalers, nasal spray pumps, micro-needle patches preloaded with biologicals etc.

Dr. Inderpal Singh apprised the Board that the committee identified that the required space is available on the ground floor of the National Bioavailability Centre (NBC) building at NIPER and this space can be developed into Combination Medical Device Testing Laboratory (CMDTL). He also apprised that total budget requirements without manpower would be Rs. 1722 lakhs.

Dr. Arvind Kumar Bansal articulated his views that National Bioavailability Centre (NBC) is duly approved by the CDSCO and allocating space for CMDTL may not be beneficial either for NBC or CDSCO. After brief deliberations, the Board directed that all out efforts be made to make NBC functional for BA/BE studies preferably in a year.

The Board in principle agreed to the proposal for establishing a National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited Combination Medical Device Testing Laboratory (CMDTL) and directed the institute of earmark suitable and adequate space for CMDTL.

The Board further wanted to know the vision, scope, infrastructural requirement, outcome and utility of such facility at NIPER and directed to give a detailed presentation in this regard in the next meeting.

Funds, as per availability, may be provided, as per requirement projected for aforementioned purpose by Prof. I P Singh.

80.6 To consider Vision of Department of Medicinal Chemistry of the Institute.

Prof. P.V. Bharatam, Head, Department of Medicinal Chemistry of the Institute gave a presentation to the Board. The presentation contained the current faculty, earlier contributors/faculty. Ongoing research on

Computational Studies help in Drug Discovery, Azine chemistry and medicinal chemistry, Synthesis and mechanistic studies of ultra-short neuropeptides, antimicrobial peptides, C-H and C-N functionalization of natural and unnatural amino acids and sustainable peptide synthesis, Natural products, Clinical-trial-agents-Inspired strategy: Discovery of potent tubulin polymerization inhibitors, Discovered in vivo-efficacious anticancer agents and Synthetic Methodologies in Medicinal Chemistry. Future research plan Antibacterial agent design, Anti-viral and Anti-cancer, to establish NABL accredited peptide synthesis lab, to establish heterocycle synthesis lab and secure NABL accreditation, to establish lab with safety measures for new concept generation and rational drug discovery. It was apprised to the Board that Department has 960 research articles, 90 patents to its credit. Lastly, it was apprised that Department is facing faculty shortage and needs financial support to the tune of Rs. 9.80 crores to execute plans.

The BoG appreciated for the research and academic work being carried out by the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and also observed that few scientific leads developed by the Department have not reached at commercialization stage and advised the Department to make concentrated efforts in this direction.

It was directed by the Board to constitute a Task Force to identify potential research which could be commercialized. The Task Force should report to the Director.

Dr. Meenakshi Sharma while congratulating the Department of having 90 patents inquired as to how many patents have been commercialized. Prof. Bhartam stated that those lessons of commercialization of patents are still being learnt by the Department. It was suggested by the Board that Institute should have a, Internal Scientific Audit Wing which may find the research gaps and also suggest to bridging of those gaps.

The BoG appreciated for the research and academic work being carried out by the Department and also endorse the funds and other requirements project by the Department subject to availability of overall funds of the Institute. BoG further observed that Medicinal Chemistry department needs to have at least 9 or 10 faculty members with diverse area of expertise to be call it as a full fledged Department.

80.7 To consider vision of Department of Natural Products and Traditional Medicines of the Institute.

Prof. Sanjay Jachak, Head, Department of Natural Products in his presentation elaborated on the composition of Department, courses

offered, area of research, projects managed by the Department, Discovery of EPIs against ESKAPE Pathogens, Development of Herbal formulation from Sea buckthorn leaves, Enrichment of alkaloids & Nutraceutical Product for diabetesity from Curry leaves etc.

Dr. Sanjay Jachak apprised the Board that Department is in final stage of collaboration with Patanjali Ayurved to market its Immune Booster Herbal Tea. The Board appreciated the same and advised to ensure that packing should cover the brand and logo of NIPER SAS as it will give NIPER SAS NAGAR boost in branding itself as an eminent research institution. Dr. Arvind Bansal apprised the Board that earlier also there were requests to permit to use NIPER Logo on collaborative projects; however, Institute is yet to develop policy. The Board directed the Institute to finalize the policy and IPR Cell may be assigned with the responsibility of making policy for use of NIPER-SAS NAGAR name and logo in branding the product/ collaborative projects, keeping in view the interest of the Institute at the earliest.

The BoG appreciated for the research and academic work being carried out by the Department of Natural Products and also endorse the funds and other requirements project by the Department subject to availability of overall funds of the Institute.

80.T1 To consider request of Dr. Dipika Bansal, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice for reevaluation of the candidature for promotion by constituting new interview panel in pursuance of Department of Pharmaceuticals vide letter no. F. No. 50020/7/2021-NIPER (e-16101) dated 24.03.2023

At the outset, the Board observed that the representation of Dr. Dipika Bansal, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice is addressed to Sh. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Hon'ble Union Minister of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and forwarded by the Nodal Ministry vide its letter no. F. No. 50020/7/2021-NIPER (e-16101) dated 24.03.2023.

The Board asked the Secretary to read the representation of Dr. Dipika Bansal for the conveyance of the Board and went through the agenda thread-barely.

Point wise deliberation on her representation to Hon'ble Union Minister is given as under:-

1. Point no. 1 her representation is a general comment, hence no comments.
2. Point no. 2 , 3 &4, proper procedure was followed as envisaged in NIPER Statutes and her appraisal was properly evaluated by the external experts and on the recommendations of the two external experts her interview was conducted by Selection Committee constituted as per clause 3.6 of the NIPER Statutes 2003.
3. Point no. 5, Selection Committee was strictly constituted as per clause 3.6 of the NIPER Statutes 2003.
4. Point no. 6, this allegation is not acceptable as Selection Committee members were renowned experts in the relevant field as nominated by Board/ Director, as per clause 3.6 of the NIPER Statutes 2003.

The Board observed no procedural lapse as the Institute followed the procedure enshrined in the Statutes of the Institute vide Clause No. 5.1. Career Advancement Scheme. The Board noted that the Selection Committee was consisting of persons of eminence and their expertise, wisdom and acumen are beyond doubts. Besides, the Board also found no cogent merit in the representation of Dr. Dipika Bansal for revaluation and decline her request for revaluation of her candidature for promotion by constituting New Interview Panel.

Further, the Board noted that Institute has already invited the application for CAS promotion from the eligible faculty members. If, Dr. Dipika Bansal will apply for the same, she will be assessed for CAS promotion for the relevant assessment period, by a duly constituted committee. If recommended by the Selection Committee fit for promotion, she will be placed in the next higher grade i.e. Associate Professor.

There being no further points, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and by Chair to the members.

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