# Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur Board of Governors

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The following Members of the Board attended, in person/through Video Conferencing:

1. Kiran Karnik, Former President, NASSCOM, Mumbai

Member

(Through Video-Conferencing)

2. D. R. Mehta, Chief Patron, Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur

Member

3. N. S. Vyas, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kanpur

Member

4. C. V. R. Murty, Director, IIT Jodhpur

(Through Video-Conferencing) Ex-Officio Member

5. S. Balachandra Iyer, Registrar, IIT Jodhpur

Secretary

The following are the decisions of the Committee on the items of the Agenda:

# SM7.1 Welcome by the Chairman and Opening Remarks The Director welcomed the Members, and informed them that the MHRD (vide its Letter No. 3-23/2012-TS.1 (Pt.II) dated 3 December 2015) authorized Director, IIT Jodhpur, to discharge the functions assigned to the Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur, till a new Chairperson is nominated by the Visitor, in line with the provision 9(16) of the Statutes of IIT Kanpur, which is followed by IIT Jodhpur, and requested Members to take note of the same.

The Director placed on record deep appreciation for the special contributions of Professor Goverdhan Mehta, who completed his two consecutive terms as Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur. His visionary leadership as Chairman has laid a strong foundation for building a Technology Institute of national importance in 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The Members of the Board of Governors re-iterated the critical role that Professor Mehta played in shaping the Institute.

The Director explained the need for holding the *Special Meeting* of the Board of Governors to address mandatory and urgent items, in particular consideration of the *Annual Account* and *Annual Report* of FY2014-15, which were to be laid before the Parliament during the Winter Session.

The Director introduced Mr.S.Balachandra Iyer, who joined as *Registrar* of IIT Jodhpur on 9 November 2015, on deputation from Indian Railways. He is an *Indian Railways Personnel Service* (IRPS) officer, with vast administrative experience, and has held critical positions at the UPSC and Cabinet Secretariat. As per the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961, and Statutes of the Institute, he will perform the functions of the *Secretary* to the *Board of Governors*.

The Director expressed gratitude to all Members of the Board of Governors for approving a panel of names for undertaking Selection Committees and Review Committees related to Faculty Members and Staff Members of the Institute. This was a critical requirement for the development of the Institute, and was held on abeyance owing to an advisory from Vigilance Section of MHRD (through letter dated 13 August 2015) to not conduct selections during at least two months of the completion of the term of the Director and Chairman, Board of Governors. Later, MHRD had clarified (through letter dated 19 October 2015) that this is not applicable to the completion of term of the Chairman, Board of Governors. After

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receiving the clarification and approval of the panel by all Members of the Board of Governors, the Institute completed an exercise for a few positions related to Staff Members, and was able to identify two *Deputy Registrars* and one *Junior Assistant*; the Committee did not find anyone suitable for the post of *Assistant Registrar* and *Junior Superintendent*. Also, the Director informed that the Institute has scheduled *Selection Committees* for selection of Faculty Members in the disciplines of CSE and ME during 22-23 December 2015.

Further, the Director apprised Members of the status of Development of the Permanent Campus. In particular, he mentioned that the *Project Monitoring Group (PMoG)* Meeting held on 18 December 2015 had critically reviewed the work in progress and the timelines. The PMoG suggested some actions on various aspects of the ongoing construction to the Consultants and CPWD. Currently, the construction of the priority buildings of the Phase 1 Development is almost as per projected timeline of July 2015. The shifting to the Permanent Campus critically depends on the fund flow from MHRD. The Members took note of the status and suggested to pursue the financial matter with the MHRD.

#### SM 6.2 DISCUSSION ITEMS

## SM7.2.1 Approval of the recommendations of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the *Building and Works Committee* held on 30 November 2015 at IIT Jodhpur

The Director briefed the Members that MHRD had made a provision in the year 2008 of Rs.388 Crores for the Development of Permanent Campus, and same has been committed for Phase 1 development, including boundary wall, water supply, electricity supply and consultants' fee. To make the campus functional and meet bare essentials of employees, a shopping center and school are essential to start the shifting. In view of this, the CPWD was requested to furnish a Preliminary Estimate to develop such facilities, and the same was provided by CPWD. The Buildings and Works Committee (BWC), at its 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 30 November 2015, after critically examining the proposal at length, recommended development of school and shopping center in a phased manner, with a total outlay of Rs.56.29 Crores. In particular, it recommended the following for Phase 1 Development with an expenditure of Rs.33.2 Crores:

- (1) Junior School (Classes 1-5) and School Administration Building,
- (2) Shopping Center, and
- (3) Development works for School and Shopping Center.

Subsequently, a *Special Meeting* of the *Finance Committee* was held on 16 December 2015, at which the matter was discussed in detail. The Finance Committee deferred the matter to the next meeting, owing to the uncertainty regarding availability of fund from MHRD, expecting that the *Revised Cost Estimate* for *Development of Permanent Campus* will be approved shortly by the Government of India.

The Board of Governors considered the inputs of the Finance Committee and the urgency of the requirement of a School and Shopping Center of the Institute, and agreed that the Construction of School and Shopping Center (as recommended by BWC) is essential. Regarding the funds for developing the same, the Board approved the use of fund available with the Institute as Corpus; this sum shall be treated as a loan to be recouped from the funds made available to the Institute by MHRD after the *Revised Cost Estimate* is approved.

## SM7.2.2 Approval of the recommendations of the Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16 December 2015 at IIT Jodhpur

The Board of Governors approved the Adoption of Annual Accounts and the Annual Year of FY 2014-15.

The decision has been recorded at **SM7.2.1** on the matter of development of the School and Shopping Center at the Permanent Campus.

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### SM 7.3 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

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The Meeting ended with thanks to all Members of the Board of Governors.

S. Balachandra İyer Secretary, Board of Governors

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Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpu