

Government of India
Ministry of Culture
National Mission on Libraries (NML)

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the National Mission on Libraries (NML) held on April 12, 2013 at Conference Room Central Secretariat Library, Shastri Bhavan , New Delhi 110 001.

List of Members present in the meeting is placed at Annex 'A'.

At the outset, Professor Deepak Pental, Chairman and Smt. Sangita Gairola, Secretary (Culture) welcomed the Members and Special Invitees present in the meeting.

Thereafter the Agenda points were taken up for discussion.

Item 1: To confirm the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the National Mission on Libraries held on February 15, 2013:

As no comment was received the minutes were confirmed.

Item 2 : To report the progress of work since the Fourth Meeting of the National Mission on Libraries:

I. Survey of Public Libraries

Dr H.K. Kaul informed that, despite requests, no communication regarding nomination of foreign experts has been received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Chairman opined that views of foreign experts would be useful to achieve global standards in such a survey. Dr. H.K. Kaul was thus requested to write again to Ms. Pilar Pacheco for nomination of foreign experts in the Survey Committee.

Ms. Sangita Gairola, Secretary (Culture) informed that a budget provision of Rs. 50 Crore for 2013-14 was provided. Thus, it would be prudent to start the Work of "Survey of Public Libraries" immediately. Some other expert may be co-opted



in the committee constituted for monitoring the "Survey". She also observed that time schedule of the "Survey" should be fixed so that some output can be shown. It was brought to the notice of the members that in the EFC proposal a time frame of ten months has been proposed for completion of the Survey. Chairman advised that, to facilitate early commencement of the work, steps may be taken to finalise the Technical and Financial bid of the project after finalization of the survey forms by the Committee. An advertisement may also be released for selection of the Agency.

It was decided that National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) may also be approached to undertake the Survey at the first instance and their willingness and timeframe ascertained expeditiously.

It was also decided that a meeting of the Survey Committee may be convened immediately to initiate necessary actions in this regard.

II. Engagement of Consultants :

- A) Merit list of candidates for the post of Consultants, Two for Kolkata and Two for Delhi, as recommended by the Selection Committee on the basis of interview conducted on April 05, 2013 at Kolkata and on April 08, 2013 at Delhi was placed before the Committee and the same was approved.

It was decided that consultants may be engaged by RRRLF and expenditure towards remuneration of the Consultants may be met out of the fund provided to RRRLF under the NML head. It was decided that consultants will be paid a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 35,000/- p.m. for one year or till the creation of regular posts whichever is earlier.

- B) Proposal for engaging a Director Consultant, NVLI was considered. However, A.S. & F.A. observed that pending approval of the EFC proposal, it would not be desirable to publish any advertisement for appointment of Consultant/ Director, NVLI.



It was decided that the proposed Organisational Structures of NML and NVLI, Technical Partner for NVLI and other related matters as proposed in the EFC Memo may be reviewed in consultation with the A.S. & F.A..

III. Setting up of Model Libraries:

As regards setting up of Model Libraries, Chairman opined that the task of setting up of Model Libraries may be entrusted to RRRLF so that they can start work early. Shri P.K. Jha, A.S. & F.A. expressed that the task can be entrusted to RRRLF. However, work can be started only after approval of the EFC proposal.

Dr. H.K. Kaul expressed the view that Networking of 9000 libraries should be taken up as per recommendation of the Working Group. It was pointed out by the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture that this issue was debated in detail during the last meeting of the High Level Committee (HLC) where Dr. Kaul was also present. In view of resource constraints, it was decided in the HLC to develop only a few libraries as Model Libraries. It included all Central Government libraries, State Central Libraries, one district library in each State and one school library in each state. The issue should have been raised in the previous meeting itself. Re-opening the issues already decided affects take off of the project.

After detailed deliberations, it was decided that 1 GBPS network connectivity may be provided to all district level libraries, numbering around 640, through NKN / NICNET. NML will provide the necessary hardware required to facilitate the network connectivity as per specification recommended by NKN / NICNET. Ms. Sangita Gairola, Secretary (Culture) advised that libraries which have already been computerized under RRRLF programmes may also be provided with the network connectivity. RRRLF should forward, the list of such libraries along with the configuration of hardware resources available, to the MOC so

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that the network connectivity issues can be taken up with the NKN / NICNET authorities. Further, HRD Ministry may also be consulted about the initiatives taken by them in respect of school libraries, especially connectivity.

IV. Setting up of Secretariat of NML at Janpath, New Delhi :

Renovation of Indian Oil Bhawan at Janpath to setup the Secretariat through CPWD was approved in principle. However, the estimates submitted by the CPWD may be forwarded to the IFD for their comments, before placing of Order to the CPWD.

V. Modification of EFC Proposal:

It was decided that the EFC proposal may be modified suitably in consultation with the A.S. & F.A. after incorporating necessary changes in respect of the Organisational Structure, Technical Partner for NVLI and Networking of Libraries upto District Level as decided vide item 2 (II) & (III) above.

Chairman suggested that the modified EFC proposal should be prepared and circulated among the members as soon as possible.

Item 3 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair :

It was agreed that a meeting may be convened to consult the State Governments and other stakeholders. A background note may be prepared for the purpose.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Approved

Deepak Pentel

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Chairman

High Level Committee

National Mission on Libraries

FIFTH MEETING OF NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES HELD on April 12, 2013

Members Present :

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| 1. Prof. Deepak Pental | Chairman |
| 2. Smt. Sangita Gairola | Member-Convener |
| 3. Shri B.S. Baswan | Member |
| 4. Dr. H.K. Kaul | Member |
| 5. Dr. A.R.D. Prasad | Member |
| 6. Prof. S. Arunachalam | Member |
| 7. Ms. Amrita Patwardhan | Representative of Sir Ratan Tata Trust |

Special Invitees:

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| 1. Shri Ravindra Singh | Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture |
| 2. Shri P.K. Jha | Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser, Ministry of Culture |
| 3. Shri Rakesh Ranjan | Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture |
| 4. Shri K.K. Banerjee | Director General, RRRLF |
| 5. Shri Pranav Khullar | Director, Ministry of Culture |
| 6. Ms. Mahalaxmi Ramakrishnan | Deputy Secretary(Finance), Ministry of Culture |

The following Members could not attend the meeting :

1. Representative of Department of Higher Education, Min of HRD
2. Ms. Sudha Murthy
3. Shri Sanjiv Misra

