



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान मिजोरम
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MIZORAM
(An Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)
CHALTLANG, AIZAWL, MIZORAM – 796012

MINUTES OF THE 33RD MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NIT MIZORAM
HELD ON 16.12.2022 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
CHAMBER, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK, NIT MIZORAM

Members present:

1	Prof. S. Sundar Director, NIT Mizoram.	Chairman Board of Governors	Chairman
2	Prof. S. Sundar Director, NIT Mizoram.	Ex-Officio Member	Member
3	Mrs. Veena Dunga Deputy Secretary (NITs) MoE, Govt. of India, New Delhi.	Nominee of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	Member
4	Mrs. Sangchhin Chinzah, IAS Director, Higher & Technical Education Department Government of Mizoram	Nominee of the Government of Mizoram	Member
5	Er. Vanlaldusaka Secretary (Retd.), PWD Govt. of Mizoram	Nominee of the Government of Mizoram	Member
6	Dr. Ricky Lalthazuala Assistant Professor (CE) NIT Mizoram	Nominee of the Senate	Member
7	Dr. Lalthanchami Sailo, Registrar, NIT Mizoram	Registrar, NIT Mizoram Secretary	Secretary

The Director welcomed all the members and thanked them for their presence in the meeting. This time with the festive season in hand, the meeting had been proposed at the Institute in Aizawl, Mizoram and thanked the external members for their participation, on online mode.

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. Anil Kumar, Director (IFD), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Prof. P.K Ray, IIT Kharagpur and Prof. Gopal Das, IIT Guwahati for their inability to attend the meeting.

BoG 33.1	<p>Welcome address by the Chairman.</p> <p>As given in the welcome note of the Chairman.</p>
BoG 33.2	<p>Approval and Confirmation of Minutes of the 31st meeting of Board of Governors held on the 07th October, 2022 in the Conference Hall of NIT Transit House C-15, Panchsheel Enclave, near Chirag Delhi Flyover, New Delhi.</p> <p>Background: This is to place before the Board of Governors the proposal for approval and confirmation of the minutes of the 31st meeting of Board of Governors held on the 07th October, 2022 in the Conference Hall of NIT Transit House C-15, Panchsheel Enclave, near Chirag Delhi Flyover, New Delhi. Copy of the minutes of the meeting is placed at Annexure - I of 33.2 at page no. 1-54.</p> <p>The Board may kindly approve and confirm the minutes of the 31st meeting of Board of Governors held on the 07th October, 2022 in the Conference Hall of NIT Transit House C-15, Panchsheel Enclave, near Chirag Delhi Flyover, New Delhi.</p>
	<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>Confirmed.</p>
BoG 33.3	<p>To note the Action Taken on the resolution of the 31st Meeting of Board of Governors held on the 07th October, 2022 in the Conference Hall of NIT Transit House C-15, Panchsheel Enclave, near Chirag Delhi Flyover, New Delhi.</p> <p>Background: On the basis of the resolution taken during the 31st meeting of the Board of Governors held on the 07th October, 2022 in the Conference Hall of NIT Transit House C-15, Panchsheel Enclave, near Chirag Delhi Flyover, New Delhi, the Action Taken Report of the Institute is placed at Annexure - I of BOG 33.3 at page no 55-109.</p> <p>The Board may note the action taken by the Institute against the resolution taken in the 31st meeting of the Board of Governors held on the 07th October, 2022 in the Conference Hall of NIT Transit House C-15, Panchsheel Enclave, near Chirag Delhi Flyover, New Delhi.</p>
	<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>Noted</p>

BOG 33.4	<p>Approval and Confirmation of Minutes of the 32nd meeting of Board of Governors dated 18th November, 2022 through Circulation.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>This is to place before the Board of Governors the proposal for approval and confirmation of the minutes of the 32nd meeting of Board of Governors dated 18th November, 2022 through circulation. Copy of the minutes of the meeting is placed at Annexure - I of 33.4 at page no. 110-111.</p> <p>The Board may kindly approve and confirm the minutes of the 32nd meeting of Board of Governors dated 18th November, 2022 through Circulation.</p>
	<p>Decision of the Board :</p> <p>Confirmed.</p>
BOG 33.5	<p>To note the Action Taken on the resolution of the 32nd meeting of Board of Governors dated 18th November, 2022 through Circulation.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>On the basis of the resolution taken during the 32nd meeting of the Board of Governors dated 18th November, 2022 through Circulation. The Action Taken Report of the Institute is placed at Annexure - I of BOG 33.3 at page no 112.</p> <p>The Board may note the action taken by the Institute against the resolution taken in the 32nd meeting of the Board of Governors dated 18th November, 2022 obtained through Circulation.</p>
	<p>Decision of the Board :</p> <p>Noted.</p>
BOG 33.6	<p>PROPOSAL FOR RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANT POSTS ON MISSION MODE AT NIT MIZORAM</p> <p>Background :</p> <p>This is to place before the Board that the Institute has recently completed Recruitment of Faculty, on mission mode, vide No. NITMZ/R-1-9/F/2022/2606 Dt. 12.05.2022 during August & September, 2022 and the recommendations of the Selection Committee has been approved by the Board of Governors in its 31st Meeting dated 07.10.2022 vide BOG 31.19 and the results has been declared accordingly. Out of the 11 posts advertised, 4 (four) External Candidates and 18 Internal Candidates were selected and Appointment Orders were issued accordingly and appointees have duly joined. Consonant to the decision of the Board of Governors vide BOG 31.19, the 8 (eight) un-filled / vacant positions as under shall be filled up in the</p>

forthcoming Recruitment process, on mission mode, as tabulated under in **TABLE - I:-**

TABLE – I

NAME OF FACULTY / NON-TEACHING POSTS	SANCTIONED POSTS	FILLED UP POSTS	VACANT POST
FACULTY			
Professor	5	1	4
Associate Professor	11	7	4
Assistant Professor	22	22	0
TOTAL	38	30	8

It maybe indicated that the vacant positions of the Professors could not be filled up in the bygone years due to dearth of qualified candidates, with the exception of 1 (one) in EEE (Electrical & Electronics Engineering Department) in 2018 recruitment. In order to ease the stagnancy in recruitment of the Professor's position and to open the pathways for recruiting entry grade faculty, it is hereby proposed that the vacant posts of Professor (4 nos), faculty at the level of Assistant Professor (Level 10) may be recruited against the aforesaid vacant post of Professors which is proposed for appropriation, as an when additional posts of Assistant Professors are sanctioned by the Ministry of Education, in the future.

The Department-wise distribution of the aforesaid vacant posts in the level of Associate Professors and Assistant Professors as proposed is given in the table below-

Name of Post	Pay Level	Total vacancy	Un-Filled	Remarks
1. Associate Professor (AGP 9,500)	13A2	4	EEE=1(OBC) ECE=1(SC) CSE=1(OBC) CE=1(UR)	4 (Four) to be re-advertised on mission mode
2. Assistant Professor (AGP 6,000)	10	4	ECE = 1 (UR) CSE = 1 (UR) ME = 1(OBC) * CE = 1 (UR)	4 (Four) to be re-advertised on mission mode

The matter is therefore, placed before the Board for approval and for carrying out the re-advertisement on mission mode.

Decision of the Board :
Approved.

PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF ADDITIONAL FACULTY AND NON-TEACHING POSTS AT NIT MIZORAM

Background :

This is to place before the Board the details of sanctioned posts by the Ministry of Education (erstwhile MHRD), **posts filled** and **vacant posts** of both Faculty and Non-Teaching posts in respect of NIT Mizoram, **as on date** is tabulated as under in **TABLE - I:-**

TABLE – I

NAME OF FACULTY / NON-TEACHING POSTS	SANCTIONED POSTS	FILLED UP POSTS	VACANT POST
FACULTY			
Professor	5	1	4
Associate Professor	11	7	4
Assistant Professor	22	22	0
TOTAL	38	30	8
NON-TEACHING			
Officer – Grp ‘A’	5	5	0
Technical (Higher) – Grp ‘B’	5	4	1
Technical (Lower) – Grp ‘C’	6	3	3
Ministerial (Higher) – Grp ‘B’	3	2	1
Ministerial (Lower) – Grp ‘C’	5	5	0
Supporting Staff – Grp ‘C’	2	1	1
TOTAL	26	20	6

The Institute had recently completed the first phase of Faculty Recruitment, on Mission Mode, and Appointment Orders had been issued to 22 (twenty two) Candidates i.e 4 (four) new Faculties (external candidates) and 18 (eighteen) existing Faculties (internal candidates) and appointed 1 (one) Assistant Registrar (1-UR) too.

The Institute is also in the throes of re-advertising to fill the above mentioned 14 vacant posts, on mission mode, for both Faculty (8 posts) and Non-Teaching posts (6 posts), as per instructions from the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

The recruitment of Non-Teaching posts, advertised vide No. NITMZ/R-1-11/NT/2022/2478 dated 08.07.2022, is anticipated to be completed during January, 2023, after completion of the screening tests, competitive examinations for Group ‘A’, ‘B’ & ‘C’ posts.

This is to inform the Board that since 2015, no Faculty posts has been sanctioned and since July 2016, no Non-Teaching posts have been sanctioned to NIT Mizoram, even after repeated requests to the Ministry. In this regard, the Institute has been submitting proposals for sanction of additional Faculty & Non-Teaching posts since 2012 as the minimum requirements of posts are not fulfilled for the Institute at the Student : Teacher ratio of 12:1 and the Teaching : Non-Teaching at the ratio of 1:1.1. The actual sanctioned posts are far from being satisfactory to comply with the norms. Further, as the Non-Teaching posts sanctioned is only 26, it is much deficient from the required posts to meet the ratio of Faculty : Non-Teaching ratio of 1:1.1 from the 38 sanctioned posts of Faculty.

Copy of Letters to the Ministry of Education are placed at **Annexure – I of BOG 33.7 Page No. 113-145.**

For sanction of Faculty and Non-Teaching posts, the Ministry's stand had always been based on the actual students' strength in the Institute. If so, taking the actual students' strength since 2020-21 to 2022-23, the number of students has enormously increased as compared with the initial years at NIT Mizoram as shown in Table-II, indicating sufficient justifications for claiming the sanction of the balance of posts, as under-mentioned for Faculty and Non-Teaching positions.

TABLE-II

Year	No. of student intake	Posts Admissible as per Students Strength	Posts sanctioned from Ministry	Additional Posts to be sanctioned
2020-21				
Faculty	676	56	38	18
Non-Teaching		62	26	36
2021-22				
Faculty	739	62	38	24
Non-Teaching		68	26	42
2022-23				
Faculty	750	63	38	25
Non-Teaching		69	26	43

It may be worthwhile to highlight the number of posts sanctioned for some of the new NITs as provided in **Table-III.**

TABLE-III

Name of NIT	Students' Strength	No of Post sanctioned		Total sanctioned posts
		Faculty	Non-Teaching	
NIT Meghalaya	1167	78	86	164

NIT Nagaland	1028	38	32	70
NIT Sikkim	705	38	37	75
NIT Manipur	1127	54	60	114
NIT Uttarakhand	679	86	95	181

The data obtained from the above NITs clearly highlights the fact that the number of posts sanctioned for NIT Mizoram is the least amongst all the new NITs. As portrayed in Table – III above, there is ample indication of ambiguity in sanction of posts amongst the new NITs too; i.e posts are not sanctioned based on students’ strength. The Institute has been providing the Ministry with valid justifications for sanction of additional posts i.e based on the actual students’ strength every Academic Year. As in the present situation, with the existing strength of Non-Teaching staff in particular, it is very difficult or rather impossible to cater to the academic and non-academic requirements, with due diligence.

The detailed requirements for creation of additional Faculty and Non-Teaching posts at NIT Mizoram are tabulated as under:

FACULTY POSTS DETAILS IN THE YEAR 2022-2023 (FOR 750 STUDENTS STRENGTH):

CADRE	No. of Posts Desirable 2022-2023	No. of Sanctioned Posts till Date	No. of Existing Faculty	Existing Vacancy Col 3 - 4	Additional Posts to be Created Col 2 - 3
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Professor (1)	9	5	1	4	4
Associate Professor (2)	18	11	7	4	7
Assistant Professor (4)	36	22	22	0	14
TOTAL	63	38	30	8	25

NON-TEACHING POSTS DETAILS IN THE YEAR 2022-2023 (FOR 750 STUDENTS STRENGTH):

Cadre	No. Of Posts Desirable	No. of Sanctioned Posts	No. of Staff Existing	Existing Vacancy Col. 3-4	Additional posts to be created Col. 2-3
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Officers 10% of faculty strength	6	5	5	0	1
Technical (Higher) 30% of faculty strength	19	5	4	1	14
Technical (Lower) 30% of faculty	19	6	3	3	13

strength					
Ministerial (Higher) 8% of faculty strength	5	3	2	1	2
Ministerial (Lower) 17% of faculty strength	11	5	5	0	6
Supporting 15% of faculty strength	9	2	1	1	7
Total :- (110%)	69	26	20	6	43

The detailed Proposal in Tabular Form for additional Faculty & Non-Teaching posts, as per the actual Students' strength of **750** in the **year 2022-2023**, is placed at **Annexure – II of BOG 33.7 Page No. 146-151**.

Justification to the proposal of sanctioning additional Faculty and Non-Teaching posts to NIT Mizoram, being submitted to the Ministry is placed at **Annexure – III of BOG 33.7 Page No. 152-153**.

It may further be highlighted that a majority of the Non-Teaching Officers and Staff are now long overdue for their regular promotions/career progressions, due to non availability of the substantive vacant sanctioned post(s). It is unfortunate that the incumbent employees of the Institute have been lying stagnant in their initial entry grades, without any avenue for regular promotions for the last seven to eight years. The details of overdue Promotions are given at **Annexure - IV of BOG 33.7 Page No. 154-156**.

The Financial Implication involved under OH – 31, 35 and 36 on creation of the above faculty and non-teaching posts is placed at **Annexure – V of BOG 33.7 Page No. 157**.

Further, in view of the much required NIRF ranking which the Institute is preparing for, it is essential to have the required manpower in position to fulfill one of the parameters for Teaching Learning Resources (TLR) & Perception. If the required manpower is sanctioned and all are in position, performance of the Institute would be much heightened -academically and non-academically. This would help in achieving high-quality education by improving & maintaining the standards and quality of the infrastructure and facilities. The Institute with good environment for learning, with all support of the State Government, has the potential for growth and development to live up to the standard of Institute of National Importance. Hence, the attention of the Ministry is essential and crucial for the growth of the Institute by sanctioning the much needed additional posts – faculty & non-teaching posts, due on NIT Mizoram.

	<p>The matter is therefore, placed before the Board for information and approval for sanction of the additional Faculty & Non-Teaching posts, such that the required additional posts be sanctioned by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, within the current Financial Year, 2022 - 2023.</p>																				
	<p>Decision of the Board :</p> <p>After a length of discussion, the Board decided that the requirement with justification and clarification as sought by the Ministry of Education may be furnished immediately by NIT Mizoram for sanction of the additional posts.</p>																				
BOG 33.8	<p>PROPOSAL FOR TERMINATION OF 4 (FOUR) ASSISTANT PROFESSORS (Adhoc) AT NIT MIZORAM</p> <p>Background :</p> <p>This is to place before the Board that the NIT Mizoram had engaged the under mentioned 4 (four) Assistant Professor (Adhoc) during 2013 & 2014. The engagement is made on a fixed Consolidated Remuneration, as per the Model RRs for Faculty, 2010 and as per Annexure – III of the 4 – Tier Flexible Faculty Structure of NITs vide F. No. 33-9/2011 – TS.III dated 23rd August, 2013 and letter even number dated 15th January, 2014, which is being referred to in the succeeding RRs issued by the MHRD, GoI. Copy of the Annexure – III of the 4 – Tier Flexible Faculty Structure of NITs is placed at Annexure – I of BOG 33.8 at page no. 158-179.</p> <table><tr><th>Sl.No.</th><th>Name of Asst. Professor (Adhoc)</th><th>Department</th><th>Engagement w.e.f</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Dr. Sukanta Debnath</td><td>EEE</td><td>12.03.2013</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Dr. Upama Das</td><td>EEE</td><td>07.02.2014</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Dr. Pragati Singh</td><td>ECE</td><td>31.01.2014</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Dr. Remika Ngangbam</td><td>ECE</td><td>07.02.2014</td></tr></table> <p>This is to inform the Board that the services of the above Assistant Professor (Adhoc) along with other 8 (eight) Asst. Professors (Adhoc) had been terminated in June, 2018, with the approval of the Board of Governors in its 10th Meeting dated 01.06.2018, vide Order No. NITMZ/C-86/2016/547(A) dated 26.06.2018 (Copy of the Order is placed at Annexure – II of BOG 33.8 at page no. 180).</p> <p>However, with the intervention of the Hon’ble Gauhati High Court vide Gauhati High Court Judgment Order vide I.A (Civil) No. 84/2018 in WP(C), 83/2018 and Cont. Case (C) No. 19/2018 dated 30.10.2018, the services of the above 4 (four) Asst. Professors (Adhoc) has been retained and continued w.e.f 18.09.2018, for one year each till date, giving 1 (one) day service break, with a rider that</p>	Sl.No.	Name of Asst. Professor (Adhoc)	Department	Engagement w.e.f	1	Dr. Sukanta Debnath	EEE	12.03.2013	2	Dr. Upama Das	EEE	07.02.2014	3	Dr. Pragati Singh	ECE	31.01.2014	4	Dr. Remika Ngangbam	ECE	07.02.2014
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“the services of the 4 (four) petitioners i.e Asst. Professor (Adhoc) should not be disturbed till the returnable date or till regular appointment of faculty is made, whichever is earlier” as per the Contract Agreement.

However, since no Recruitment of regular Faculty has been conducted at NIT Mizoram during 2018 - 2022, the services of the above mentioned 4 (four) Asst. Professors (Adhoc) has been retained w.e.f 18.09.2018 till date, with regular one day break in service after every 1 (one) year.

The Institute has recently completed Recruitment of Faculty, on a mission mode, vide **No. NITMZ/R-1-9/F/2022/2606 Dt. 12.05.2022** during August & September, 2022 and the recommendations of the Selection Committee has been approved by the Board of Governors in its 31st Meeting dated 07.10.2022 vide BOG 31.19 and the results has been declared accordingly. Out of the **11 posts advertised, 4 (four) External Candidates** and 18 Internal Candidates were selected and Appointment Orders were issued accordingly and appointees have duly joined.

The current status of sanctioned posts, posts filled and vacancies in faculty positions are as under in **TABLE - I:-**

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FACULTY			
Professor	5	1	4
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The above data clearly highlights that the **22 sanctioned posts of Assistant Professor** (Level 10 / Level 11) are now fully filled.

Therefore, the retention of 4 (four) Assistant Professors (**Adhoc**), as under, at NIT Mizoram, against the vacant sanctioned posts of faculty (i.e Assistant Professor) shall no longer hold ground.

Based on the fact that the NIT Mizoram has filled all the 22 sanctioned vacant posts of Assistant Professors and the mode of **Ad-hoc** appointment i.e **‘to make the ad hoc appointment against the sanctioned posts at all level, for a maximum duration of 12 months, and shall not be extended even with breaks’**, the long retained services of the above mentioned 4 (four) Asst. Professors (Adhoc) be **terminated, with one month’s notice as per the initial Contract Agreement** entered between the Asst. Professor (Adhoc) and NIT Mizoram. Copy of the Contract Agreement is placed at **Annexure – IV of BOG 33.8 at page no. 181-182.**

The matter is placed before the Board for information and for approval / decision.

	<p>Decision of the Board :</p> <p>Approved.</p>																				
BOG 33.9	<p>ISSUES FACED BY NIT MIZORAM DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FLOW OF FUND TO MANAGE THE ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>This is to place before the Board the current status of the Institute and its functioning as an Institute of National Importance. The Institute is back to its normal academic activities w.e.f 01.08.2022 after 2 years of Covid pandemic situation which paralyzed the activities of the Institute like other Institutes. With the re-opening of the Institute on 01.08.2022 on an offline mode and with the joining of 168 new students through CSAB 2022, the total strength of students currently studying at the Institute is 768 (B.Tech=560, M.Tech=12 & Ph.D=196) as on 15.11.2022.</p> <p>With the ushering of the current Financial Year 2022-23, Grant-in-Aid are received through the Treasury Single Account (TSA) System, a System in which all Institutes are required to operate a Bank Account in the Reserve Bank of India, through which Grant-in-Aid are transferred and monitored. While the System works efficiently, Grant-in-Aid released to the Institute, however, has not been able to meet the minimum requirements of the Institute.</p> <p>Table-I below shows the Budget Estimate of the Institute while Table -II is the Tentative Allocation of Fund for NIT Mizoram during FY 2022-23 as conveyed by the Ministry vide letter No.F.No.36-2/2022.Ts.III dt 21.04.2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TABLE-I</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Object Head</th><th>Amount of BE (in lakhs)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>OH- 31</td><td>2020.76</td></tr> <tr> <td>OH - 36</td><td>2457.30</td></tr> <tr> <td>OH - 35</td><td>30193.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>34,671.06</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">TABLE-II</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Object Head</th><th>Tentative Allocation of Fund (in lakhs)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>OH - 31</td><td>1000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>OH - 36</td><td>918.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>OH - 35</td><td>100.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>2018.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Minimal Allocation of Funds under Object Head - 31:</p> <p>The Tentative Allocation of Fund indicates a deficit of 50.51% right from the BE of the Institute for FY 2022-23 - a projection based on the actual requirement of</p>	Object Head	Amount of BE (in lakhs)	OH- 31	2020.76	OH - 36	2457.30	OH - 35	30193.00	Total	34,671.06	Object Head	Tentative Allocation of Fund (in lakhs)	OH - 31	1000.00	OH - 36	918.00	OH - 35	100.00	Total	2018.00
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NIT Mizoram after 2 years of pandemic situation. Having poor percentage of IRG, the Institute is solely dependent on the Grant-in-Aid from the Ministry. Release of funds within the Tentative Allotment of Fund, however, cannot meet the monthly requirements of the Institute. Further, with the re-opening of the Academic Activities w.e.f 1st August 2022, the fund requirement has increased exponentially. Payment of scholarship/stipend, honorarium for External Experts for Doctoral Committees, Board of Studies, Extramural & Popular Lectures, Cultural Fest, Technical Fest, Orientation programme, participation in Sports Meet, NCC, NSS, recurring lab. expenses, procurement of e-books, e-journals etc charges. Actual Fund released to the Institute as highlighted at **Table-III** explicitly shows the inadequacy of fund to clear the monthly bills received for house rent, outsourced services, utility charges and all other academic and administrative expenses. The concerns of the Institute has been raised through letters submitted to the Ministry vide -

- i) Letter addressed to the Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor vide No.NITMZ/BoG/29/2022/3022 dated 20.07.2022 &
- ii) Letter addressed to the Deputy Secretary, NITs Division vide No.NITMZ/C-45-7/2020/3758 dated 03.10.2022

To illustrate the actual expenditure bills received in November 2022 including pending bills of the previous month is **Rs.1,47,78,489.00**(Rupees One Crore Forty-Seven Lakhs Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-Nine Only), detailed list is placed at **Annexure-I of BoG 33.9 at page no.183** while, the actual Grant-in-Aid released as shown in Table -III for the month of November, 2022 is Rs. 85.00 Lakhs which indicates that the Ministry of Education, Govt of India is providing only 57.51% of the actual requirement, which is highly insufficient. With acute deficit of fund, all bills cannot be settled on time and some bills have to wait for the next month's release. It is therefore, upon the Ministry to provide the necessary finances to the CABs and that too, in due time, with sufficient provision of funds.

TABLE-III

Date of Receipt	Month-wise release of Fund upto November 2022		Total released (in Lakhs)
	OH-31	OH-36	
30.04 2022	84.00	77.00	161.00
12.05.2022	81.00	77.00	161.00
23.06. 2022	82.00	76.00	161.00
26.07. 2022	81.00	85.00	166.00
26.08. 2022	81.00	85.00	166.00
28.09. 2022	80.00	84.00	164.00
28.10. 2022	85.00	145.00*	230.00
16.11. 2022	85.00	145.00*	230.00
Total	662.00	774.00	1436.00

**to meet the requirement of additional manpower newly recruited and promoted.*

Requirement of Fund under OH-35:

Similar to the condition as mentioned above, only essential need-based items of laboratory equipments, furniture have been identified by the Academic Departments which were placed before the 29th BoG meeting on 25.05.2022 & 31st BoG meeting held on 07.10.2022. On account of the necessity and urgency to have the required items for the upcoming Semester i.e Even Semester 2022-23 commencing from February 2023, the proposals were approved by the BoG as under-mentioned:

BoG meeting's approval	List of items approved	Amount (in lakhs)
29thBoG meeting on 25.05.2022	Agenda No.BoG 29.46 :	
	i)Books,	25,00,000.00
	ii)Lab.equipments,	216,00,000.00
	BoG29.50.1 :	
	i)Furniture for replacement of the old items in Hostels	44,47,100.00
	Sub-Total	2,85,47,100.00
31stBoG on 07.10.2022	Agenda BoG 31.15:	
	i)Lab equipments	12,89,62,591.00
	ii)Physical Books	7,57,963.00
	Sub-Total	12,97,20,554.00
	Grand Total	15,82,67,654.00

Even though approvals of the BoG have been obtained, it may be mentioned that no fund has been released under OH-35 from Tentative Allocation of Fund for 2022-23 nor from the approved balance of the RCE Funds.

With the Grant-in-Aid received under OH-36 for payment of Salary, the Institute is able to manage within the amount released. The concern of the Institute is therefore, the Grant-in-Aid released under OH-31 for recurring expenditure and OH-35 for creation of assets.

Letter recently received from the Ministry vide F.No.33-1/2012.TS-III (pt) dated 18.10.2022 conveyed the concurrence of the IFD to delink the recurring expenditure from RCE approval subject to compliance of the lists of conditions laid down. Copy of the letter is placed at **Annexure-II of BoG 33.9 at page no. 184-185**. Through this letter, it is informed that NIT Mizoram is still under Project Mode. However, it may be highlighted that NIT Mizoram was idealized as Project Mode upto FY 2021-22 i.e 31.03.2022. With NIT Mizoram into FY 2022-23, it may no longer be proper to objectify NIT Mizoram as still being on project mode.

	<p>If NIT Mizoram is going to endure another spate of Project Mode, the balance of RCE Fund under OH-35 may be released for procurement of the required laboratory equipments, furniture, books etc. It is imperative for the Institute to have the essential requirements in place at this juncture. In the absence of such requisite laboratory equipments, furniture, books etc, producing quality students is far-fetched.</p> <p>It is therefore, placed before the Board that the Ministry take proactive steps to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) release fund amounting to Rs. 15,82,67,662.00 under OH-35 as these are the approved immediate requirement of the Institute which may be beyond the RCE approved outlay for Equipments, Furniture, Books etc., and b) to revise the Tentative Allocation under OH-31 for the Year 2022-23 (refer Table-I), as per the actual requirement of Rs. 20,20,76,000.00 <p>With the urgent need to improve the performance of the Institute academically and non-academically, to achieve high-quality education by improving the standards and quality of the infrastructure & facilities and in view of the aspiration and efforts to achieve the NIRF ranking, the attention of the Ministry is much required to provide adequate financial support, as required every month without delay. So that NIT Mizoram is not lagging behind the other NITs.</p> <p>The matter is, therefore, placed before the Board for consideration and for urging Government of India, Ministry of Education in allocating fund as per the actual requirement of NIT Mizoram, under OH-31 and OH-35.</p>
	<p>Decision of the Board :</p> <p>Representative from the Ministry of Education indicated on how the Tentative Allotment of Fund for all the NITs had been worked out. For NIT Mizoram, the Tentative Allocation of Rs. 20.18 Crores i.e OH-35, OH-31 & OH-36 is based on the past performance i.e expenditure incurred in the previous years resulting to poor levels of Grant-in-Aid injected to NIT Mizoram. Further, the representative also queried whether the rental rates of the buildings hired by NIT Mizoram can be normalised as per the CPWD norms.</p> <p>To this, the NIT Mizoram Team made it clear that with commencement of classes in offline mode w.e.f 01.08.2022, it is imperative to have the essential infrastructure in place viz. hiring of additional buildings for hostel accommodation and classrooms & laboratories, purchase of need-based Laboratory Equipments, Software(s), Furniture, Library Books etc., several Academic activities apart from the normal Administrative and Establishment expenses. That the reason for low expenditure during 2019 & 2020 under OH-31 was due to the alternate fund provision from TEQIP-III, wherein all the academic activities were funded by TEQIP-III.</p>

	<p>It was emphasized that Grant-in-Aid released to NIT Mizoram on monthly basis, as tabled in the Agenda Note, are insufficient and can barely cover 50% of the monthly requirements under OH-31. Late remittance of the Funds has also invited disgruntled Contractors and Service Providers, for late payment of their bills or for making them to wait for the next release of fund, in the succeeding month only.</p> <p>The Registrar & Ex-Officio Secretary, FC highlighted on the facts that the State Government has not promulgated any Regulations/ Rules on Rental of Buildings and that the rent is based on the market/local prevailing rates. That, the standing rental rates of the hired buildings is done through stringent negotiations and measures to normalize the rental rates of buildings, at all times.</p> <p>Govt of Mizoram nominated member of the Board, who is a retired Secretary, Mizoram PWD, further explained that Mizoram PWD follows the codal norms and specifications of CPWD. Cost Index based on Delhi Rates are calculated for items to prescribe the standard basic rate in Aizawl Mizoram. All Scheduled Rates are based on CPWD coefficient. The rental calculation, is, therefore, based on SOR Mizoram PWD, by taking 12% of the total cost. But in most cases, the landlords are not ready to accept the rent for their property. Hence, one has to go by the local market prevailing rates.</p> <p>After a length of deliberation, the Board felt the need to address the issue on urgent basis, to provide succour to the plight of NIT Mizoram That, NIT Mizoram shall submit the requirement once again to the Ministry with justifications for consideration, immediately.</p>
<p>BOG 31.10</p>	<p>TAKING OVER OF COMPLETED WORKS FROM M/S IRCON INTERNATIONAL LTD. AT THE PERMANENT CAMPUS SITE AT LENGPUI.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>This is to place before the Board of Governors the proposal for taking over of completed works and left-over materials from M/s IRCON International Ltd. at permanent campus site at Lengpui.</p> <p>Handing & taking over of the capital assets: Action taken on decision of 31st BoG relating to settlement of IRCON bills.</p> <p>Regarding handing over and taking over, the 13 th BWC held on 31.08.2020 decided vide Agenda BWC 13.6 - "Approval for release/finalisation of outstanding dues, taking over of completed works at site and capitalization of</p>

assets created" that under decision No-III, *"After payment of outstanding liabilities, taking over of completed works at site"* The same agenda was taken up in the 21st BOG held on 28.09.2020 vide BOG 21.5 where the decision was as below-

"Approved in line with the decision of the 13 th BWC and 17 th FC meetings. However, corrected final bills are to be sought from M/s IRCON International Ltd., New Delhi. Taxes and direct cost are to be verified by the Institute. Payment to be processed only after clearance of the pending issues" Therefore, since the outstanding liabilities have been paid, handing over/ taking over may be taken into consideration.

In pursuance of decision of the BOG 31.9, outstanding bills of IRCON as per their statement of claims (including item put on hold, External development Consultancy works placed before Arbitral Tribunal) to the tune of Rs.167,44,98,320.00 (Rs 166,89,43,364 being value of work done & centage and Rs 55,54,956 being penal interest as per Arbitration Award. Another sum amounting to Rs.12,57,960.63 being extra charging of taxes is taken back to the Arbitral Tribunal on 20/10/2022 for seeking correction of bill. [It was submitted to Sole Arbitrator vide Misc. Case No No. 01 of 2022 (arising out of Arbitration Proceeding No. 01 of 2021 (Disposed off)]. The final payment has been made to the tune of Rs. 11,57,90,320 (Rs 11,02,35,364 being principal amount and Rs 55,54,956 being pre and post award interest) only vide cheque no 641118 dated 14th October 2022.

Since all the outstanding liabilities have been settled, the process of handing over and taking over of the capital asset worth Rs.1,67,44,98,320 is to be taken up without delay. If taking over and preventive maintenance is not taken up, then there is risk of theft, wear and tear and gradual deterioration.

The detail of completed works listed in the 13th BWC held on 31.08.2020 is as below-

Sl.No.	Description	Constructed/Installed
1	Boundary Wall	3673.47 m
2	Peripheral RCC	4204.9 m
3	PCC Breast Wall	3133.8 m
4	RCC Retaining Wall	4314.42 m
5	Plum Wall	756.74 m
6	Drain	7449.02 m
7	Pathway	3401.3 m
8	Cable Laying & Lighting Fixtures	16528 m & 933 nos.

The permanent campus site is under Forest Clearance.

However, it may be highlighted that the permanent campus is under Forest Clearance and the clearance is being sought by the User Agency i.e Deptt. of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Mizoram. After the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi gives approval in principle, the User Agency (here Deptt. Of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Mizoram) will be asked to submit Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value including penal amount, if any. Only then this part of Riverine Reserve Forest will be transferred in the name of the User Agency. Then the User Agency will be required to mutate the land in the name of NIT Mizoram. As per the latest query raised by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi to the Govt. of Mizoram vide letter dated 23.08.2022, the State Forest Department (SFD) was asked to submit the action taken report regarding action against responsible person for the violations done under FCA 1980 and has sought some clarifications for further consideration of the proposal. But regardless, the onus of safeguarding the assets created lies with the Institute.

Left-Over Materials:

BoG 31.9. decided that 'utilization of the left-over materials, on site, will be taken up in full, as per the requisite needs of NIT Mizoram and shall be incorporated in the Revised Cost Estimates. The following are the left-over materials, on site to be taken over worth Rs. 1,69,54,861.30.

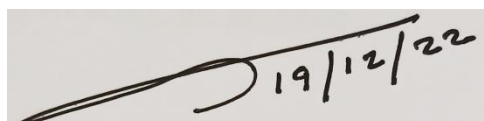
LIST OF LEFT-OVER MATERIALS LYING ON WORK SITE				
Sl No.	Item details	Unit	Quantity claimt	Quantity found
1	4 core x 35 sqmm. AlAr. XLPE Cable	Mtrs	298	201
2	4 core x 50 sqmm. Al Ar. XLPE Cable	Mtrs	4368	4368
3	4 core x 70 sqmm. Al Ar. XLPE Cable	Mtrs	500	485
4	SGP 333/250W HPSV Fixture	Sets	6	6
5	SGP 333/400W HPSV Fixture	Sets	4	4
6	BRP 409(36W) LED Fixture	Sets	143	141
7	BRP 410(72W) LED Fixture	Sets	121	121
8	Street Light Pole 4270 mm	Sets	264	263
9	9 Street Light Pole 7000 mm	Sets	6	6
10	10 Street Light Pole 9000 mm		4	4

In view of the foregoing notes, the proposal is therefore, placed before the BoG for approval.

	<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>As all the liabilities with IRCON International Ltd. have been cleared as on 14.10.2022, Taking Over-Handing Over of the works completed by IRCON International Ltd. at the permanent site of NIT Mizoram at Kawntengek Ram, Lengpui stands approved.</p> <p>However, the NIT Mizoram shall take stock of the assets created along with the left-over materials before the actual Taking Over-Handing Over. The NIT Mizoram shall also place the estimates for the Stores for the left over materials, Construction of Temporary Gate along with the Watch & Guard requirements in the next meeting.</p> <p>The Table given below is depicted to provide a clear picture on the payment of liabilities to IRCON International Ltd as:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="437 768 1369 1081"> <tr> <td>Arbitration Award Amount</td><td>11,14,93,325.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Less amount retained for correction</td><td>12,57,961.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Balance Award Amount</td><td>11,02,35,364.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interest payable as on 14.10.2022 (pre & post award interest)</td><td>55,54,956.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total payment to IRCON (inclusive of 2%TDS of GST)</td><td>11,57,90,320.00</td></tr> </table> <p>Break-up of the payment to IRCON Intl. Ltd from the under-mentioned sources:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="437 1236 1369 1507"> <tr> <td>Payment made from fund set aside under OH-35</td><td>11,53,00,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Payment made from IRG/Corpus Fund of NIT Mizoram (vide decision of BoG 31.9 dated 07.10.2022)</td><td>4,90,320.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total payment to IRCON (inclusive of 2%TDS of GST)</td><td>11,57,90,320.00</td></tr> </table>	Arbitration Award Amount	11,14,93,325.00	Less amount retained for correction	12,57,961.00	Balance Award Amount	11,02,35,364.00	Interest payable as on 14.10.2022 (pre & post award interest)	55,54,956.00	Total payment to IRCON (inclusive of 2%TDS of GST)	11,57,90,320.00	Payment made from fund set aside under OH-35	11,53,00,000.00	Payment made from IRG/Corpus Fund of NIT Mizoram (vide decision of BoG 31.9 dated 07.10.2022)	4,90,320.00	Total payment to IRCON (inclusive of 2%TDS of GST)	11,57,90,320.00
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BOG 33.12.1	<p>PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE 20th MEETING OF SENATE, NIT MIZORAM</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>This is to place before the Board the proposal for approval of the recommendation of the 20th meeting of Senate of NIT Mizoram held on the 14th December, 2022. Copy of the minutes is placed at Annexure-I of BoG 33.12.1 placed at page no. (placed separately).</p> <p>Agenda discussed and forwarded to the Board for approval.</p> <table><tr><th>Agenda Item No.</th><th>Agenda & Memorandum</th><th>Decision of the Senate</th></tr><tr><td>SNT 20.13</td><td>Direct PhD admission from B.Tech with CGPA ≥ 8.0 with Institute Fellowship without GATE</td><td>Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.</td></tr><tr><td>SNT 20.14</td><td>PhD admission from Master’s Degree with Institute Fellowship without GATE</td><td>Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.</td></tr><tr><td>SNT 20.15</td><td>Introducing and opening of a Centre of Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research</td><td>Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.</td></tr><tr><td>SNT 20.16</td><td>Revision of Institute Overhead of Consultancy works</td><td>Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.</td></tr><tr><td>SNT 20.17</td><td>M.Tech in Structural Engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering</td><td>Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.</td></tr></table> <p>The Board may consider approval of the aforesaid Senate recommendations of the 20th Meeting of Senate, NIT Mizoram dated 14.12.2022.</p> <p>The matter is placed before the BOG, for approval.</p>	Agenda Item No.	Agenda & Memorandum	Decision of the Senate	SNT 20.13	Direct PhD admission from B.Tech with CGPA ≥ 8.0 with Institute Fellowship without GATE	Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.	SNT 20.14	PhD admission from Master’s Degree with Institute Fellowship without GATE	Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.	SNT 20.15	Introducing and opening of a Centre of Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research	Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.	SNT 20.16	Revision of Institute Overhead of Consultancy works	Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.	SNT 20.17	M.Tech in Structural Engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering	Approved. To be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting.
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