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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MIZORAM**  
(An Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)  
CHALTLANG, AIZAWL, MIZORAM - 796012

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,  
NIT MIZORAM HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2021 AT 11:30AM**

**Members present:**

1. Prof. Rajat Gupta Director NIT Mizoram	Chairperson, BOG
2. Prof. Rajat Gupta Director, NIT Mizoram	Ex-officio Member
3. Mr. Madan Mohan Addl. Director General (HE), Department of Higher Education Ministry of Human Resources Development C-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 00	Member
4. Mr. D. K. Singh Deputy Secretary, IFD Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education C-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001	Member
5. Prof. P.K Ray Professor Dept of Industrial & System Engg IIT Kharagpur	Member
6. Prof. Gopal Das Dean of Research and Development IIT Guwahati	Member
7. Er. Vanlal Duhsaka Secretary (Retd.) PWD, Govt. of Mizoram	Member
8. Dr. Ranjita Das Assistant Professor Gr - II (CSE) NIT Mizoram	Member
9. Dr. Chailati Koley Coordinator, TEQIP-III NIT Mizoram	Special Invitee
10. Mr. Sandeep Kumar Dash Asst. Prof. Grade-II Dept. of CSE Representative of ERP Team NIT Mizoram	Special Invitee
11. Dr. Lalthanchami Sailo Registrar NIT Mizoram	Secretary, BoG

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Discussion of the meeting commenced as follows:

<b>BOG 24.1</b>	<p><b>Welcome to members by the Chairperson, BOG cum Director, NIT Mizoram.</b></p> <p><b>The Director cum Chairman, Board of Governors, NIT Mizoram welcomed the members and expressed his gratitude for their continued support and invaluable contributions for the growth of the Institute.</b></p>																														
<b>BOG 24.2</b>	<p><b>REPRESENTATIONS OF 5 ASSISTANT PROFESSORS ON CONTRACT FOR EXTENSION OF THEIR SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board is hereby informed that representations have been received from the following 5 Assistant Professors on Contract whose Contract periods are expiring on the date shown below. As per the terms and conditions of appointment vide the Model Recruitment Rules for Faculty 2014, faculties with M.Tech degree are expected to obtain Ph.D degree during the 5 years contract period. Copy of the Appointment Order is placed at Annexure-I of BoG.24.2.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Sl. No</th><th>Name of Faculty</th><th>Department</th><th>Date of Joining</th><th>Date of expiry of 2nd extension</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Mr. Sandeep Kumar Dash</td><td>Computer Science &amp; Engg</td><td>03.02.2014</td><td>01.02.2021</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Ms. Krishnarti De</td><td>Electrical &amp; Electronics Engg.</td><td>22.01.2014</td><td>20.01.2021</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Mr. Suman Majumder</td><td>Electrical &amp; Electronics Engg.</td><td>09.01.2014</td><td>07.01.2021</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Mr. Ramesh Kumar</td><td>Electrical &amp; Electronics Engg.</td><td>03.02.2015</td><td>01.02.2021</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Mr. Anagha Bhattacharya</td><td>Electrical &amp; Electronics Engg.</td><td>09.04.2014</td><td>07.04.2021</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><b>First Extension:</b> The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of BoG on 17th December 2018 decided as "<i>Approved with 1 year extension initially of the services for one year. Extension to be considered on the basis of the Progress Report of the concerned faculties</i>".</p> <p><b>Second Extension:</b> The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of BoG on 6th December, 2019 extended the services of the 5 faculties with remarks as given "<i>Granted another one year extension. However, the Assistant Professors on Contract Basis may no longer be liable for further extensions. They shall have to complete their Ph.D within the extended period positively</i>".</p> <p>Decision of the Board was conveyed vide Order No.</p>	Sl. No	Name of Faculty	Department	Date of Joining	Date of expiry of 2nd extension	1	Mr. Sandeep Kumar Dash	Computer Science & Engg	03.02.2014	01.02.2021	2	Ms. Krishnarti De	Electrical & Electronics Engg.	22.01.2014	20.01.2021	3	Mr. Suman Majumder	Electrical & Electronics Engg.	09.01.2014	07.01.2021	4	Mr. Ramesh Kumar	Electrical & Electronics Engg.	03.02.2015	01.02.2021	5	Mr. Anagha Bhattacharya	Electrical & Electronics Engg.	09.04.2014	07.04.2021
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	<p>NITMZ/BOG/18/2019/89 dated 20.01.2020. Copy of the Order is placed at <b>Annexure-II of BoG 24.2</b>. The faculties strived hard to obtain the degree during the second extended period of 1 year. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 pandemic conducting research work in laboratories was not possible which ultimately slowed down the progress of research work.</p> <p>In this connection, the UGC has also issued a Public Notice dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 for further extension of six months for terminal M.Phil/Ph.D students. Copy of the Notification is placed at <b>Annexure-III of BoG 24.2</b>. Although NITs are not within the ambit of UGC yet in line with the decision of UGC, extension is hereby proposed for six months in view of the progress of the above faculties who are pursuing the Ph.D degree as part-time scholar and who are also assigned with administrative responsibilities apart from their academic duties.</p> <p>The Board may therefore consider extension of the services of the 5 Assistant Professors for <b>six months</b> from the date of expiry of their second extension.</p>
	<p><b>Decision of the Board:</b></p> <p><b>It was decided that the service of the 5 (five) Assistant Professors on 5 Year Contract may be extended up to 30.06.2021.</b></p>
<b>BOG 24.3</b>	<p><b>REPRESENTATION OF MR. HASAN MOHAMMED SARWAR, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REGARDING UPGRADATION OF GRADE PAY AS PER RRs 2014.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>The Board is hereby informed that an application for financial upgradation of Grade Pay has been received from Mr. Hasan Mohammed Sarwar, Executive Engineer who was appointed vide No. NITMZ/R/Non-Teaching/01/2014/4574 dated 27.05.2015. Copy of the request letter is placed at <b>Annexure-I of BoG 24.3</b>. The request for upgradation of the grade pay is based on the contentions highlighted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching in NITs (2014) issued vide F.33/2/2013-TS.III dated 5th February, 2014, the scale of pay is mentioned as " PB3 (Rs. 15,600-39,100) with Grade Pay of Rs. 6600/- . After five years as Executive Engineer with GP of Rs.6600/- an incumbent will automatically move to the higher GP of Rs. 7600/- with the same designation". Copy of the RR for Executive Engineer is placed at <b>Annexure-II of BoG 24.3</b>. The incumbent has already completed 5 years in July 2020.</li> <li>The Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching posts issued vide</li> </ul>

F.33-3/2012-TS.III dtd 20.12.2017 under Clause 3(i) mentioned that "Those who have been recruited as per the RRS issued on 5th February 2014 will continue to be governed by the same". Copy is placed at **Annexure-III of BoG 24.3.**

- Further, as per the Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Posts issued vide No.F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 4th April 2019 under Clause 2 has the following written - " Those who have been recruited as per the RRs issued on 5th February, 2014 and 20th December 2017 respectively, will continue to be governed by the same. Copy is placed at **Annexure-IV of BoG 24.3.**

A Committee to examine the pay upgradation of Mr. Hasan Mohammed Sarwar, Executive Engineer was constituted vide Order No.NITMZ/A-49/2015/873 dated 20.10.2020. The Committee consists of the following members:

- Dr. S.K Tiwari, Registrar of MNNIT, Allahabad-Chairman
- Mr. Binod Doley, Registrar, MANIT, Bhopal - Member
- Mrs. L. Zote, Dy.Registrar of NIT Mizoram-Member Convener.

The Committee met on 23.10.2020 and copy of the meeting minutes is placed at **Annexure-V of BoG 24.3.**

To summarise the Committee's deliberation and recommendation of the matter is that-

- The new Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Posts, 2019 notified by the Ministry of Education (previous MHRD) vide letter No.F.35-5/2018-IS.III dated 20th February, 2019 and 4th April, 2019 is applicable to all the posts of Non-Teaching staff of NITs including existing incumbents.
- That, the application of Mr. Hasan Mohammed Sarwar, Executive Engineer for movement from Grade Pay of Rs. 6600/- to Rs. 7600/- with the same designation on completion of 5 years of service as per applicable under Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching in NITs (2014) may not be considered.
- Further, his application for higher post may be considered as per the applicable eligibility criteria either by direct recruitment or by promotion as per the new Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Posts (2019), subject to availability of vacancy.

While the Board is informed of the Committee's recommendation,

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	<p>the Institute would like to highlight the followings in oppose to the recommendation as the bone of contention lies in the MHRD letter No.F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 04.04.2019 (refer Annexure-IV)</p> <p>1. Under Para No.3 – “<b>Those who have been recruited as per the RRs issued on 05.02.2014 and 20.12.2017, respectively, will continue to be governed by the same</b>”. While the above Committee stated that all the Non-Teaching staff including the service of the incumbent is to be governed by the RR 2019.</p> <p>2. Para No.2 of the same Ministry’s letter No.F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 04.04.2019 “<b>For promotion of Non-Teaching employees who were recruited before the implementation of above mentioned RR issued on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 and 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, respectively, will continue to be governed by the same educational qualifications which were prevalent before the respective RRs.....</b>” while the Committee’s partial application of the above Para indicates only for promotional cases. While the case of Executive Engineer as per RRs 2014 is not “promotion against regular substantive vacancy” but instead banks on “upgradation of the post of EE where he holds lien”.</p> <p>3. The new Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching 2019 cannot be made applicable as stated under Sl.no 1 above and due to the fact that the instant RRs 2019 no longer project the RRs for the post of Executive Engineer at PB3 with GP Rs.6600/- in the direct recruitment method. Highlight that the incumbent Executive Engineer was recruited following all codal formalities at PB3 with GP Rs.6600/-</p> <p>As per the new RRs 2019, the post of EE stands at GP Rs.5400/- and GP 7600/- alone and does not reflect for RRs for the post of EE with GP Rs. 6600/- by direct recruitment, thereby indicating the efficacy of Para 3 of the MHRD letter No. F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 04.04.2019 that “those who have been recruited as per the RRs issued on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 and 20.12.2017, respectively, will continue to be governed by the same”.</p> <p>The Board may therefore, examine the recommendation of the Committee with the contentions put forth by the Institute for a clear cut decision for action.</p>
	<p><b>Decision of the Board</b></p> <p><b>It was decided that the Institute refers the matter to the Ministry of Education, for examination.</b></p>

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<b>BOG 24.4</b>	<p><b>SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT &amp; AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2018-19 AND ANNUAL REPORT &amp; AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2019-20</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> This is to place before the Board the proposal for seeking approval of the followings:</p> <p><b>1. Annual Report and Audited Accounts (including the SAR) for the year 2018 – 2019:</b> The Annual Report and Audited Accounts of NIT Mizoram for the year 2018 – 2019 is placed for approval of the Board. Copy is placed at <b>Annexure-I of BOG 24.4</b></p> <p>In this regards, the Delay Statement for Annual Report and Audited Account for the year 2018-19 from the Institute is also placed at <b>Annexure – II of BOG 24.4</b></p> <p><b>2. Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2019 – 2020:</b> For 2019-20, the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of NIT Mizoram for the year 2019 – 2020 (<b>SAR is awaited</b>) is placed for approval of the Board. Copy is placed at <b>Annexure-III of BOG 24.4</b>. The Delay Statement for Annual Report and Audited Account for the year 2019-20 from the Institute is also placed at <b>Annexure – IV of BOG 24.4</b></p> <p>The Board may kindly approve the <b>Annual Report and Audited Accounts (including the SAR) for the year 2018 – 2019</b> and <b>Annual Report and Audited Accounts (for which SAR is still awaited from CAG) for the year 2019 – 2020</b> for further Hindi Translation and Printing in preparation for submission to the Ministry for laying in Two Houses of the Parliament.</p>
	<p><b>Decision of the Board</b></p> <p><b>The Annual Report and Annual Accounts (including the SAR) for the year 2018-19 is approved.</b></p> <p><b>However, the action taken on the SAR of the Annual Accounts 2018-19 along with the remedial measures taken by the Institute may be placed before the next Board meeting.</b></p>
<b>BOG 24.5</b>	<p><b>PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL OF THE SMILE ERP SERVER AND ITS ACCESSORIES</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board maybe informed that NITMZ/SERVER package amounting to Rs. 3034285.72 (estimated) was approved by the 23<sup>rd</sup> BoG held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.2020.</p> <p>IIT Kharagpur, who is entrusted the responsibility of</p>

implementation of SMILE ERP at five different NITs namely NIT Mizoram, NIT Bhopal, NIT Jamshedpur, NIT Jalandhar, NIT Warangal in the pilot phase, had a virtual meeting with NPIU and few other NITs on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2021 (Reporting of the meeting minutes placed at Annexure-1). The following points were highlighted:

- The action plan can be modified if the Institute wants in terms of accomodating the specific servers in place of already given items in the action plan. He suggested to have a discussion on this with the authority of the Institue. Also he mentioned that payment needs to be cleared on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and PO can be issued at any date before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021
- NIT Mizoram should inform NPIU in two days if it wants to opt out of the process so that any other NIT can be included in place of NIT Mizoram
- The software is free of cost upto 31st March, 2021. Afterwards there will be requirement of MoU with the Institute

In this regard, a meeting was held virtually on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2021 (meeting minutes attached at Annexure-2). The following points were highlighted:

- The Action Plan can be modified by removing the 'Blade Server' package costing 30Lakhs which included 3 blade servers ( 2 for backup server purpose of existing ERP and one for Departmental research work of CSE). However the approximate cost of the setup required is around 38 Lakhs (details mentioned at the end of Annexure-B).
- The committee is of the opinion that the Institute should do the needful for obtaining the required components for successful implementation of the SMILE ERP at NIT Mizoram. The fund may be allocated from TEQIP-III or from Institute fund.

The specification attached was approved by IIT Kharagpur and the estimated server amount is given below:

SI No	Item details	Approx. Cost	Quantit y
1	Server	35 Lakhs	4
2	1 Gbps ethernet switch	2 Lakhs	1
3	Rack mount SAN switch	50,000.00	1
4	Rack	50,000.00	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>38 Lakhs</b>	

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	<p>The action plan which include Server package amounting to Rs. 3034285.72 (estimated) approved by the 23<sup>rd</sup> BoG held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.2020 may be replaced with the new Server package amounting to Rs. 3800000.00 (exclusive of 18% GST and with 18% GST the amount will be Rs. 4484000.00).</p> <p>The matter is therefore placed before the BoG for consideration and approval.</p>
	<p><b>Decision of the Board</b></p> <p><b>The Board decided to deliberate further on the agenda on 22.01.2021 (Friday) with supporting documents, comparative statements and justifications on the option for the IIT-Kharagpur devised SMILE-ERP and the current Institute ERP; so that the NPIU can be given a concrete response within the 2 days timeline given by them to NIT Mizoram.</b></p>

  
01/02/21

(Dr. LALTHANCHAMI SAILO)  
Registrar  
&  
Secretary, Board of Governors  
National Institute of Technology Mizoram