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MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2000 AT 12.00 P. M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, BLOCK - 8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Abdul W. Khan, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Prof. V.S. Prasad
3. Dr. D.K. Choudhry
4. Prof. A.K. Agarwal
5. Dr. Ram Pratap
6. Shri Vikram Chandra

Shri K.J.S. Prasada Rao, Member-Secretary, could not attend the meeting.

Prof. K.N. Tripathi, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. R. Sreedher, Director (EMPC) and Shri V. Rama Rao, Joint Director (EMPC) attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Shri D. Deb, Assistant Registrar (Governance), was present to assist the Committee.

The following items were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 07, 2000.

PC 11.1.1 While considering the confirmation of the Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Purchase Committee, the following points were noted:

- (i) With regard to the period of warranty for the systems, the M/s ESSEL Shyam Communications Ltd. has quoted under the quotation of financial bid 3 years warranty period.
- (ii) It was agreed that a map highlighting the locations and the Districts in which the sites for DRS/RTS are located

throughout the country be appended with the proposal which will help in showing the extent of coverage.

- (iii) A two member team of technical experts should visit Jaislamer, Rajasthan where the installation and execution of the system of DRS by the ESSEL Shyam Communication Ltd. will be done with a view to have the feed back based on the spot assessment of the installation and commissioning of the system.

PC 11.1.2

With the above observations, the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Purchase Committee held on 7-1-2000 were confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2

TO OUTSOURCE EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE FROM OPEN UNIVERSITY UK, CHANNEL 4, BBC AND TRANSTEL, GERMANY WITH A MULTIPLE TELECAST AND HINDI DUBBING RIGHTS.

PC 11.2.1

The Committee considered the proposal for outsourcing educational software from Open University UK, Channel 4, BBC and TRANSTEL, Germany with a multiple telecast and Hindi dubbing rights. After detailed discussion, the following observations were made:

- (i) There is a need for publicity and advertisement of the initiatives taken by the EMPC, IGNOU to start the educational channel. A close interaction and exchange of ideas between State Open Universities, Correspondence Institutes, National Open School and IGNOU has also been emphasised in this regard.
- (ii) Some of the agencies like UN agencies, International Development Agencies, ET&T and MHRD have to be identified so that these agencies and Government departments will be aware of the programmes which will be telecast through educational channel. This interactive communication will facilitate developing a meaningful and useful system for a wider variety of audience in the country.
- (iii) There is a need for preview of the software which are to be purchased from outside in order to ensure that these programmes meet our requirements both in terms

of quality and performance.

PC 11.2.2 The Committee decided to constitute a Technical Committee for the purpose of preview and assessment. This Committee will have members comprising subject expert, programme expert, technical personnel.

PC 11.2.3 With regard to the modalities of transactions, the Committee decided:

- (i) That the terms and conditions of the agreement with the concerned agencies should be mutually agreed upon in order that the interests of the University and the technicalities involved in the procurement are safeguarded.
- (ii) The agreement will include a Clause that in the case of technically defective tapes or unsuitable contents, the University will reserve the right to return the tapes within 30 days of the receipt of the software or exchange the tapes with suitable replacement.

PC 11.2.3 With the above observations, the Committee approved the proposal for outsourcing software from Open University UK, Channel 4, BBC and TRANSTEL, Germany with a multiple telecast and Hindi dubbing rights.

ITEM NO. 3 **TO REIMBURSE THE COST FOR THE EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO THE EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL FROM TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION CHANNEL (TDCC) TO ISRO, AHMEDABAD.**

PC 11.3.1 In considering the matter relating to the reimbursement of the cost for the equipment which has been diverted to the educational channel from Training and Development Communication Channel (TDCC) to ISRO, Hyderabad, the following observations were made:

- (i) That the advance of Rs.1.2 Crores was made to ISRO for the purpose of replacing the existing TRACT with the modern uplift and communicating system.

- (ii) There has been an inordinate delay in the actual supply of equipments and that the delay was partially due to intervening political complication because of US sanctions, etc. as explained by ISRO and GCEL.
- (iii) The educational channel launched by IGNOU requires an uplink. The essential equipments received from M/s. GCEL have been diverted for the same except for one number upconverter.
- (iv) The Director, EMPC will take up the matter on priority basis with ISRO regarding expeditious installation and commissioning of the Project.

PC 11.3.2

With the above observations, the Committee approved an amount of Rs.42.04 Lakhs towards the reimbursement of cost of equipments already supplied by ISRO and which have been diverted for the educational channel.

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

(ABDUL W. KHAN)
Vice-Chancellor