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MINUTES OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON AUGUST 03, 2001 AT 4.00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.

The following were present:

1. Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor in the Chair
2. Prof. N.V. Narasimham
3. Shri Vikram Chandra
4. Shri KJS Prasada Rao, Registrar - Member Secretary

Prof. S.C. Garg expressed his apology for not able to attend the meeting owing to official tour.

Dr. R. Sreedher, Director, EMPC and Shri V. Rama Rao were present as special invitees.

The following items were considered.

ITEM No. 1: TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE HELD ON JUNE 4, 2001.

PC 19.1.1. The Registrar informed that no comments on the Minutes were received from any member. Shri Vikram Chandra explained in brief the salient points in the Minutes. The minutes were confirmed.

ITEM No. 2: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON SETTING UP OF 40 RADIO STATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY UNDER GYAN VANI SCHEME.

PC 19.2.1 The proposal was explained by Dr. R. Sreedher. It was informed that after following due procedures, M/s. Digital Broadcast India Pvt. Ltd, was selected for supply of the 3 transmitters at a cost of US \$ 189675 equivalent to Rs.1.24 crores. The 3 transmitters are to be located at Coimbatore, Lucknow and Vishakapatnam. It was stated that clearance was received for 6 more Radio Stations at Bhopal, Mysore, Rajkot, Raipur, Varanasi & Allahabad. A repeat order of 2 more transmitters as admissible may be placed with M/s. Digital Broadcast India Pvt. Ltd. During the current financial year, it is expected that clearance for 15 more Radio Stations is expected. It was decided that procurement process around 12 more transmitters through a separate open tender may be floated, to locate them at the Radio Stations for which sanction were

received in this financial year. However, a provision may be made in the open tender to reduce or increase the number of transmitters plus or minus 2 depending on the actual requirements.

PC 19.2.2 The Purchase committee approved the placing of orders for 3 transmitters at a cost of Rs.1.24 crores and approved for placing repeat order for 2 more transmitters with M/s. Digital Broadcast India Pvt. Ltd. The Purchase Committee also approved in principle to float a tender for 12 more transmitters as indicated above.

ITEM No. 3: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON DEPOSIT AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO AIR FOR SIX MORE STATIONS.

PC 19.3.1. The Purchase Committee considered the proposal and approved the deposit amount to be paid to All India Radio of Rs.2.10 crores @ Rs.35 lakhs per station towards the cost of consultancy, system designing, system integration etc., It was informed that the proposed stations would be at Bhopal, Mysore, Raipur, Rajkot, Varanasi and Allahabad.

ITEM No. 4: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR GYAN DARSHAN ACTIVITIES.

PC 19.4.1.1 The item was considered.
The committee suggested that the exact configuration of the computers may be proposed. The computer systems for the computer Lab as well as other technical points may be decided by a high level technical committee which was separately appointed for the purpose. The external experts suggested for this committee are:

1. **Shri Goyal**
Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA)
2. **Ms. Sugata Mitra,**
Head-Research & Development,
NIIT
3. **Ms. Krishna Murthy,**
IT Consultant on EMPC, IGNOU

The report of the committee will be placed before the next purchase committee meeting for consideration.

ITEM No. 5: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON SATELLITE SUPPORT TO GYAN VANI STATIONS.

PC 19.5.1.1 It was decided that the matter needs further deliberations by a committee of experts before a final decision can be taken. The item was deferred.

ITEM No. 6: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON PAYMENT OF ADVANCE TO PRASAR BHARATI.

PC 19.6.1.1 It was stated that a sum of Rs.1.05 crores has already been paid to Prasar Bharati for providing consultancy for Radio Stations located at

Vishakapatnam, Lucknow and Coimbatore and Prasar Bharati has already started the work. It was stated that in terms of the MoU signed, it will be the responsibility of AIR Resource Centre to commission the Radio Stations and IGNOU's responsibility will be to provide transmitters and other related equipment. The AIR has raised second bill of Rs.84.50 lakhs for the above installations. It was decided that University may release Rs.60 lakhs initially and final amount be released after we receive total bills duly certified by the finance wings of the both organizations.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(H.P. DIKSHIT)
CHAIRMAN

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ELECTRONIC MEDICA PRODUCTION CENTRE
AGENDA ITEMS FOR PURCHASE COMMITTEE

SUB: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON SETTING UP OF 40 RADIO STATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY UNDER GYAN VANI SCHEME.

The Gyan Vani scheme has the approval of the Expenditure Finance Committee. A budget provision of Rs. Sixteen Crores has been made in the budget estimates for 2001-2002. A note to Cabinet on the IGNOU's 9th Plan prepared by MHRD had also included Gyan Vani as a Plan scheme of IGNOU. Frequencies along with Radio Stations have also been allotted by the Telecom Ministry. In the first phase for the year 2001-2002, it is proposed to set up 12 Radio Stations. All 12 Radio Stations coming in the first phase will be co-located in the premises of All India Radio using its towers. The first 3 Radio Stations will come up in Coimbatore, Lucknow and Vishakapatnam. The next lot of 6 Radio Stations will come up at Bhopal, Mysore, Raipur, Rajkot, Varanasi and Allahabad. AIR will provide turn key consultancy for setting up of these Radio Stations for which MoU is to be signed on 2nd August, 2001.

The Purchase Committee at its 15th meeting held on _____ had already approved the FM Radio transmitters on a repeat order basis on M/s. Harris Corporation on the basis of AIR earlier order with them. However, as this order was placed more than a year ago and considerable time had lapsed, it was decided to go for open tendering. Tender notice for purchase of three 10 KW Radio transmitters was issued on 28th April 2001. In response, 12 bids were received on the closing day which was 23.5.2001. Technical Evaluation committee consisting of Senior Officers of All India Radio / Doordarshan and officials of IGNOU were involved in evaluating the technical bids. The technical committee held 3 meetings on 23rd May, 26th May and 2nd June, 2001. There was deadline to set up 3 Radio Stations by 15th August, 2001. The most critical aspect of examining the bids was to see whether the firms were capable of supplying transmitters within 45 days. The technical evaluation committee found that only

5 out of 12 firms could meet the delivery schedule of 45 days. Out of which only one company complied with all the technical parameters. Therefore, it was decided to examine the remaining bids. The technical committee after examining the bids cleared two firms mentioned below, which met the technical parameters. The recommendation of the Technical was unanimous.

1. Harris Corporation
2. Digital Broadcast India Pvt. Ltd.

The commercial bids were then opened. On the basis of comparative statement, the orders were placed with M/s Digital Broadcast India Pvt. Ltd., which is L1 for 3 transmitters at a cost of \$ 1,89,675 equivalent to Rs.1.24 crores. The three transmitters are to be located at Coimbatore, Lucknow, and Vishakapatnam. Purchase committee is requested to clear the purchase of three 10 KW transmitters and communicate their approval to the opening of LC in favour of M/s. Digital Corporation Pvt. Ltd.,

In view of the fact that we have received clearance for 6 more Radio Stations at Bhopal, Mysore, Raipur, Rajkot, Varanasi and Allahabad, we may have to place repeat orders for two more 10 KW transmitter, as there is a provision in the tender to place a repeat order not exceeding two. Purchase Committee may kindly approve the proposal for purchase of 2 additional transmitters from M/s. Digital Broadcast India Pvt. Ltd.,

During the course of this financial year we are likely to get clearance for 15 radio stations, it would be advisable to go for open tendering procedure for the remaining ten transmitters which could be delivered between November, 2001 to March, 2002. Purchase Committee's approval in principle is required to start the open tendering process for 10 transmitters.

SUB: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ON SETTING UP OF GYAN VANI STATIONS:

Since IGNOU is going to commission 40 FM Radio Stations at different locations and they will be on stand alone mode of mostly depending on local software, it is necessary for a network have a national level stand by. Even though the Government of India does not allow of net working of transmitters, a national satellite based software support will certainly help these stations. FM programmes from Delhi will be broad cast on satellite and in cases of emergency, as well on subject of national interests, these station can downlink and rebroadcast. At present there is no satellite facility available in this country for audio in print. M/s. World Space Inc has come out with 3 satellite systems in the world to support FM Radio Stations. Almost all net works have hired the space in that including AIR. A committee was formed by the acting Vice-Chancellor and representative of MHRD nominated by Education Secretary was also included in the committee, to study the project.

The committee decided to hire 32 Kilo Bites space in the Asia Star of space for giving a setellite support to Gyan Vani stations. Original proposal included builing earth stations in EMPC without any financial implications to IGNOU. But subsequent meeting held at the chambers of Education Secretary wherein the Secretary of Information and Broadcasting Ministry and CEO of Prasar Bharati, it was decided that IGNOU will hire the world transpond uplink space and will be done by AIR. Hence the present proposal is that to hire 32 Kbit transponder space of Asia Star Satellite space for a period of 5 years as per the following rates:

From October 2001-March 2002 – Free of cost

2002-2003	US \$ 50000
2003-2004	US \$ 75000
2004-2005	US \$ 75000
2005-2006	US \$75000

The second part of this proposal is to buy initially 500 Radio sets from M/s. World Space at a price of around US \$50 which is 50% of the market price. This will be given to all our Study Centres so that IGNOU centers will have the benefit of receiving round the clock national level radio programmes from IGNOU. A total cost of 500 radio sets will be US \$ 25,000.

The proposal of an earth station on Build, Operate and transfer basis by M/s. World Space is deferred.

The Proposal is submitted to the Purchase Committee for its approval

PAYMENT OF ADVANCE TO PRASAR BHARATI:

We are entering into a MoU with Prasar Bharati for consultancy, installation and system integration of setting up of Gyan Vani video stations to be co-located in AIR/DD premises. With the knowledge of MHRD an advance of Rs.1.05 crores has paid to Prasar Bharati for providing consultancy for 3 radio stations at Vishakapatnam, Lucknow and Coimbatore. Prasar Bharati has already started the work. In terms of MoU, it will be the responsibility of AIR resource center to commission the radio stations. IGNOU's responsibility would be to provide transmitters and other related equipment. However, all the civil, electrical and AC requirements will be carried out by AIR resource center for which IGNOU will be billed separately. Now we have received the second bill of Rs.84.50 lakhs for the above 3 stations. We may release only Rs.60 lakhs initially and after we get full bills certified by the finance wings of the both organizations and can be settled.

3. PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR GYAN DARSHAN ACTIVITIES:

The activities of EMPC has increased in the past two years with the start of Gyan Darshan and Gyan Vani. EMPC received six computers in the month of October, 1999 but Gyan Darshan started in January, 2000 and Gyan Vani channel will commence soon. EMPC has been requesting for purchase of 25 computers mostly for use in the Audio/video studios, for teleconferencing wherein the multi media support is very essential.

Recently EMPC has taken one more step of developing multi media software laboratory. Special computers suited for the development of multi media software are required. To begin with we have assessed requirement of 10 computers for the laboratory. In all 35 state of art computers are needed for EMPC . The specifications are being worked out by a separate committee and thereafter purchase procedure will follow. The cost estimates are as follows:

10 computers @ Rs.90,000 =	Rs.9,00,000
25 computers @ Rs.50,000=	Rs.12,50,000

Total	Rs.21,50,000
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Purchase Committee may please consider the proposal for setting multi-media laboratory and providing multi-media computers for EMPC studios at a cost of Rs.21.50 lakhs. Funds are available.