

Minutes of the meeting of the Principals of Government Engineering Colleges held on 7-8-09 from 10.30Am in the Conference hall of Science and Technology, museum, Thiruvananthapuram

The meeting was presided over by Shri.Kuruvila John IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala and later in his absence by Dr.Kuncheria.P.Issac, Director of Technical Education.

Present

1. Prof. Antony Thomas, Joint Director (IIIC),DTE
2. Prof. K.P.Geetha, Senior Joint Director (ECS),DTE
3. Dr.C.Sam, Principal, GEC Bartonhill , Thiruvananthapuram
4. Prof. Kuncheria.J.T, Principal,RIT,Kottayam
5. Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, Joint Director, RDTE Kothamangalam
6. Dr.K.Vijayakumar, Principal, GEC , Thrissur
7. Prof. K.Vidyasagar, Principal, GEC, Wayanad
8. Dr.J.Letha,Principal, College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram
9. Prof.V.Santhakumari, Principal, GEC Idukki
- 10.Prof. Mary George, Principal, GEC Sreekrishnapuram
- 11.Prof .P.A.Saheeda, Principal, GEC, Kozikode
- 12.Dr.B.Anil, Special Officer CERD
- 13.Sri.N.Sreekumar, Senior finance Officer, DTE's Office

The meeting has discussed various matters of Government Engineering Colleges as per the agenda and reviewed the progress of implementation of decision taken in the meeting of the Principals held on 2/6/09

1. Review of the progress of Plan scheme

The senior Finance officer reported the actual figures of plan expenditure as on 31-7-09 in each of the Government engineering Colleges at the outset. The Principals were given opportunities then, to explain the present position of incurred expenditure, cases of Administrative Sanction issued, committed expenditure, expenditure under pipe line, pending payment. The

review of plan progress of the colleges revealed that, only a few colleges could reach up to the mark in processing for the utilization of plan fund within the fixed time schedule. The Principal Secretary has expressed his dissatisfaction on the slow pace of progress in plan expenditure by the colleges. He has directed the Principals to speed up procedures so that the half target for the year 2009-10 can be achieved before 30-9-2009

2. Visiting Faculty Scheme

The process of implementing visiting faculty scheme as envisaged norm in Government Engineering Colleges has been reviewed. The Principal College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram reported that some programmes have already been conducted in that institution. Principals of CET, Thiruvananthapuram, GEC, Thrissur, GEC Barttonhill, RIT Kottayam have explained the programmes conducted and planned to be conducted under this scheme. The Principal Secretary has expressed his doubts on engaging faculty members of other Engineering Colleges and some other names from the Engineering / Architecture field selected as experts. He has reminded that services of eminent Persons with reputation in the particular topics or subjects need to be invited as guest faculty. The Principal Secretary has also suggested that the service of a visiting faculty is to be made available at least 2 to 3 days if possible.

It has been decided that the fund provided for visiting faculty scheme should be utilized and a core group has been constituted to facilitate programmes in all Engineering Colleges under this scheme with the following members

Prof. Antony Thomas, Joint Director (IIC)

Prof. K.P.Geetha, Senior Joint Director (ECS)

Dr.J.Letha, Principal, College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram

The core group should communicate details of availability of faculty, topics etc to the principals of all Government Engineering Colleges.

3. Review of the Percentage of Pass

Principals have reported the percentage of pass out students in the last year in respect of their institutions. Differences in pass percentage have been analyzed and the very low percentage of

pass among SC/ST students of Engineering Colleges during the previous years was a concern in the meeting. The Principals Secretary has directed the Principals to take stringent and effective steps to improve the percentage of pass among these students in an emergent manner.

4. Industry Institution Interaction

The action taken reports including the progress in signing MOU with industries by all Government Engineering Colleges have been analyzed Principals of College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram, GEC, Thrissur, GEC Kozikode, RIT Kottayam, GEC Idukki have reported that discussion with various industries of public and private sectors, academic & research institutions are in progress and it is expected that MOUs can be signed shortly .It has been decided that speedy steps are to be taken in this matter so as to sign the MOUs

5. ICT

The Progress of implementation of ICT among all the Engineering Colleges has been reviewed in detail. In most of the colleges laptops and LCDs have been supplied .The project proposals under ICT are decided to be completed within 31st August 2009. It is also decided to establish an ICT knowledge Network between Engineering Colleges and Dr.Radhakrishnan, Joint Director, Regional Directorate of Technical Education, Kothamangalam is nominated to chalk out the scheme in tune with the national knowledge Network.

6. Presentation of Vision Documents

Vision documents pertaining to College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram and RIT, Kottayam have been presented in the meeting. The Principals of other Engineering Colleges have been directed to make available their documents to the Director of Technical Education urgently

7. Center for Engineering Research and Development

The setting up of the Center for Engineering Research and Development in CET, with satellite Center at other 8 Government

Engineering Colleges have been reported in the meeting. Dr.B.Anil, Prof (Mech), College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram, being the Special officer, has described the aims and objectives and activities planned to be implemented in the center

8. Short term Courses / Seminars and conferences

The proposals for the conduct or short term courses and conferences submitted by the Principals of various Engineering Colleges were scrutinized and approval was given for the conduct of 29 short term courses, 5 national conferences and 3 International conferences in various Engineering Colleges. 9 courses were rejected due to various reasons (Detailed list attached)

9. Other Decisions

- (a) It is decided to revamp the lateral entry admission for which a committee has been constituted with following members.
 1. Prof.Antony Thomas, Joint Director (IIC)-Chairman
 2. Prof.K.P.Geetha, Senior Joint Director(ECS)-Secretary
 3. Dr.S.Radhakrishnan,Joint Director, Regional Director of Technical Education, Kothamangalam - Member
 4. Dr.J.Letha, Principal, CET
- (b) It is decided to prepare salary bills of all employees of the colleges and institutions under DTE using SPARK from the salary 15 September 2009
- (c) It is decided to make the General Transfer Procedures of this Department computerized.

The meeting was concluded at 3.30 Pm

Principal Secretary (Higher Education)

Director of Technical Education