Sub: - Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Steering Committee for new NIPERs held on 03.07.2013 at 3.00 PM in Department of Pharmaceuticals at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the minutes of the 17th meeting of the Steering Committee (3 pages) for new NIPERs held on 03.07.2013.
Minutes of the 17th Steering Committee meeting held on 03.07.2013 at 03:00 PM

The 17th meeting of the Steering Committee was held on 03.07.2013 at 03:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pharma) in the Conference Hall at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is at Annexure.

2. At the outset Secretary (Pharma) welcomed all the participants. The following were the deliberations / decisions of the Committee:-

**NIPER Act amendment:**

(i) As regards amendment to NIPER Act, 1998 Secretary (Pharma) desired to examine the composition and function of proposed NIPER Council vis-à-vis that of IIT.

(ii) Secretary (Pharma) observed that the very purpose of constitution of NIPER Council is improve the functioning of NIPERs. He opined that NIPER Council functions should be re-defined to make it more effective with clear cut demarcation on the role of BoG and NIPER Council.

(iii) Secretary (Pharma) desired to re-examine the criteria for making a NIPER an Institute of National Importance as in the case of NIPER, Mohali.

(iv) Para 4 (2) of the NIPER Act to be reviewed as no Institute can dispose of its properties (land etc.) without the prior approval of the Government.

(v) The term of office of NIPER Council as mentioned at section 13 is to be reviewed.

(vi) Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of Bihar opined that one member each from the SMEs and State Governments may be considered for inclusion in NIPER Council.

**Appointment of Directors for New NIPERs:**

The Steering Committee agreed to proceed further on the recommendation of the Selection Committee for appointment of Directors for New NIPERs. Two names of Dr. (Ms.) Kiran Kalia and Dr. V. Ravi Chandiran were recommended.

**Layout and Estimates for construction of new NIPERs at Guwahati and Gandhinagar:**

Both HSCL and EPIL made presentations on layout plan and elevations for NIPER, Gandhinagar and NIPER, Guwahati before the Steering Committee. Secretary (Pharma) desired that the layout and estimates be finalized in consultation with concerned NIPERs and get it evaluated by a third party. Project Directors are required to authenticate the layout and estimates.

Both HSCL and EPIL were advised to survey at least benchmark specification for GLP Lab facilities of Institutes/industry of repute and ensure strict compliance while finalizing the layout to meet the requirement of establishing a building for NIPER Institutes. It was also advised that the agencies if so required may consult the architect expert in such design/layout. The construction plan for students facility like library, hostel, classrooms, labs etc. to be of best quality.
Both the agencies were requested to finalize the layout/estimates expeditiously and latest by 15.7.2013.

**Matter regarding Shri Santosh Prakash Rav, Ph. D Scholar, NIPER, Ahmedabad:**

As regards feasibility of transfer of Shri Santosh Prakash Rav, from NIPER, Ahmedabad to any other NIPER the matter was discussed with all NIPERs. It was decided that Shri Santosh Prakash Rav, Ph. D Scholar may be transferred to NIPER, Mohali.

**Approval of Annual Statement of NIPER, Guwahati (2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12) and Hajipur (2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12):**

The Accounts were approved by the Steering Committee.

**Agenda items relating to NIPER, Hyderabad:**

(i) The Committee approved proposal of NIPER, Hyderabad for introduction of new courses: (1) MS (Pharm) Regulatory Toxicology and (2) M. Tech (Pharm) Pharmaceutical Technology (process chemistry).

(ii) The Committee approved the draft lease agreement document of training centre building of NIPER, Hyderabad. The Committee also accorded in principle approval for sanction of an amount of Rs. 63.60 lakhs as advance rent payment to IDPL, so as to enable NIPER, Hyderabad to take over the building and make arrangements to accommodate fresher's of 2013-14 batch.

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