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Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001 Dated the 8th March 2010.

Τo

All NIPERs.

Sub: Minutes of the 7th Meeting of Steering Committee for new NIPERs held on 2.3.10.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to forward a copy of the minutes for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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(P K SINGH) SECTION OFFICER

Copy to:

- 1. Secretary (Pharma).
- 2. JS (AJ), D/o Pharmaceuticals.
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S.No. 196

Date: 12/3/10

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of Steering Committee for new NIPERs held on 2.3.10 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (P), New Delhi.

- 2. The list of participants is attached.
- 3. The following emerged at the meeting:

Award of Degrees to the students of new NIPERs.

- (i) Secretary (Pharma) desired that the award of Degrees at new NIPERs should be done expeditiously with the prior approval of the Steering Committee. Convocations for conferring Degrees should be held in all NIPERs by June, 2010.
- (ii) Registrar, NIPER, Kolkata made available a list of guidelines to be observed while awarding Degrees certificates by the NIPERs. A copy of the guidelines is enclosed at Annexure –I. These guidelines were approved, in principle, by the Steering Committee. The Registrar, NIPER, Kolkata was asked to further fine tune the guidelines so as to ensure that no shortcoming is left in the guidelines to be followed in awarding the Degrees to the students of new NIPERs.

Conduct of Joint Entrance Examination, availability of seats, admission etc.:-

(i) The information in this regard made available by NIPERs was discussed. Secretary (Pharma) stated that there is need to increase the intake of students so as to provide trained man-power to the Pharma industry. He, therefore, directed that the number of seats may be increased as under and the details worked out accordingly. The requisite amendment / modification

to the Notice already issued by the NIPER may be carried out without any delay:

(ii)				
S.No.	Name of Institute	Projecte d by NIPER	Approved by Steering Committee	Remarks
1	MOHALI	165		To be intimated by NIPER, Mohali separately.
2	AHMEDAB AD	46	75	New courses for MS Pharm, Medical Devices to be introduced
3	Guwahati	31	40	A new course on Bio logics to be introduced
4	Hajipur	46	46	
5	Hyderabad	62	75	
6	Kolkata	46	50	New course on Biotechnology to

be introduced

III Matters regarding recognition of MS Degrees.

A view emerged that Pharmacy Act, 1948 does not (i) empower PCI to accord recognition to the Post Graduate level degrees awarded by NIPERs. It was suggested that the matter be taken up with the Ministry of Human Resource Development etc. It was mentioned that an inter Ministerial meeting is being held in the Department on 5.3.2010 to discuss and sort out the issue. Project Directors were requested to send their further views in the matter before the meeting scheduled for 5/3/10. Chairman was authorized to take necessary action and make necessary correspondence to UGC, PCI etc. for resolution of the issue at the earliest.

IV Initiation of Doctors level courses at new NIPERs

It was agreed to introduce Doctor level courses at new NIPERs as follows:

i.	Ahmedabad	9
ii.	Guwahati	4
iii.	Hajipur	6
iv.	Hyderabad	9

It was decided that the Doctors level courses should be in the streams that are being taught in the new NIPERs. In respect of NIPER, Guwahati and Rae Bareli, a view will be taken later on.

The students doing the Doctor level course would be given stipend only during the first three years subject to their achieving fixed milestones.

Requirement of additional funds on account of payment of stipend, consumables, setting up laboratories should be projected by the NIPERs, for introduction of Doctoral course and the same would be provided for by the Government.

V <u>Setting up National Phyto pharma Center at and off campus</u> facilities

Secretary (P) stated that the Department plans to set up new NIPERs as Centers of Excellence in specialized areas. For example, at NIPER, Ahmedabad Green Field Medical Devices and Equipment Park is proposed to be set up. At NIPER, Hyderabad, R&D Center for Bulk Drugs is proposed to be set up. Similarly, for NIPER, Guwahati, Department plans to set up National Phyto Pharma Center at and off campus. The Committee, in principle, approved the proposal.

VI Other issues.

New NIPERs should prepare Annual Report for placing on the Table of the Houses of Parliament as per the requirement of NIPER Act, 1998. Project Directors of NIPERs agreed to submit the draft Report by 20th March, 2010.

VII Grievance Redressal Mechanism of students of new NIPERs.

It was agreed that a Professor in charge (Students' welfare) be assigned the task of hearing and sorting out grievances of the students. For the purpose, he should meet students at fixed time each Monday. A box should be placed at the central place to enable students to file their grievance in the box in writing. Professor in charge of Students' Welfare will report direct to the Project Director about the action taken to address the grievance of students. Apart from grievances of the students, feedback from students on quality of teaching and other facilities should also be taken periodically.

VIII Syllabus in new NIPERs in case new course to be introduced in new NIPERs

In case any course is to be introduced in the NIPERs in respect of which syllabus is not available, the new NIPERs will constitute a Committee to finalise a uniform syllabus for all six NIPERs wherever the new course(s) is to be introduced. The Committee will comprise the following:

- 1 Project Director of concerned NIPER
- 2 Representative of NIPER, Mohali
- Representative of CDRI, Lucknow.
 The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.
