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AGENDA

29th MEETING

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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LBSNAA, Mussoorie

Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie

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ITEM 1 – Confirmation of minutes of the 28th Meeting of the PMC held June 20, 2016

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on June 20, 2016 were circulated by e-mail to all members present.
2. The same are placed at **Annexure A** for confirmation.

ITEM 2 – Discussion on Foreign Study Tour as part of Phase IV course from July 18 to 22, 2016

1. The 11th round of Phase IV course is currently being conducted at the Academy from June 27 to July 22, 2016. This is in consonance with the review of the Mid-Career Training Programme undertaken by Government in April 2016 wherein the duration of the Phase IV course has been reduced from 8 weeks (including two week Foreign Study Tour) to 4 weeks (including one week Foreign Study Tour). 57 participants from 1991 to 2001 batches are attending the course.

3. As discussed in the last meeting of the Committee, the Foreign Study Tour was proposed to be organized in partnership with London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK from July 18 to 22, 2016. The Academy had sought offers from Crawford school of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra and LSE, both being countries of the Commonwealth & Westminster model parliamentary democracies, which may offer useful lessons for public policy. Crawford School, where a group of Phase V participants visited last year, had regretted its inability to organize the Tour during those dates. LSE agreed to host the participants at cost of 85,000 GBP (around **USD 125000** at prevalent exchange rate at the time) for a group size of 80 participants. The Committee in its last meeting accorded its approval for the same.

4. However, on June 22, 2016, LSE communicated its inability to host the Study Tour citing inexplicable reasons. The Academy, given the short time left for commencement of the course, sought offers for willingness and price from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in National University of Singapore and Institute of Public Administration (IPAC) Canada. Both institutions responded positively expressed their willingness to host the Study Tour except that IPAC cited two possible caveats given that July is a holiday season in Canada: one, that hotel rates may be high; and two, it may be difficult to draw upon certain faculty given their vacation commitments. The financial offer of programme fee received from both institutions is as follows:

- LKY School, NUS (Singapore) – S\$118,028 (excluding local transportation and incidentals) or around **USD 87500**
- IPAC (Canada) – **USD 169,500** (excluding local transportation and incidentals)

5. Besides the significant cost differential between the two above said offers (as mentioned in the preceding paragraph), LKY School is an internationally acclaimed school of public policy and DoPT has also been sponsoring officers to the School for

long-term training programmes under DFFT. In addition to the lower programme fee in the case of LKY School, expenses incurred on air travel to Singapore would also be significantly lower than in the case of travel to Canada. Further and importantly, given the short time left for the Study Tour, it may be expedient to travel to Singapore as it has visa on arrival on Official passport. The Academy proposes to make arrangements for accommodation (on single occupancy basis) will be made by the Indian High Commission.

6. The matter is placed for discussion and decision before the Committee.

ITEM 3 – Any other item(s) with the permission of the chair

Any other issue/s may be taken up for discussion with the permission of the chair.

ANNEXURE – A

MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF MID CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMME HELD AT 4.00 PM ON JUNE 20, 2016 AT LBSNAA, MUSSOORIE

The following were present:

1. Sh. Rajeev Kapoor, Director LBSNAA – *in chair*
2. Sh. PK Das, Joint Secretary, Training Division, DoPT (*through VC*)
3. Dr. Gyanendra Badgaiyan, Director General NCGG, Delhi
4. Sh. Tejveer Singh, Joint Director LBSNAA

The Committee was informed of the regrets received from Prof. Ashok Gulati and Dr. Tishyarakshit Chatterjee as well as Chief Secretaries of Uttarakhand, Telengana and Gujarat regarding their inability to attend due to prior engagements.

After discussion, the following decisions were taken:

1. Agenda Item No 1 – Confirmation of minutes of the 27th meeting of the PMC dated September 15, 2015 – Confirmed.

2. Agenda Item No 2 – Action Taken Report – The Committee noted with satisfaction the excellent overall feedback of 95.08% received during Phase V course.

3. Agenda Item No 3 – Presentation of course design of Phase IV (Round 11) of MCT Programme to be held from June 27 to July 22, 2016 – The Committee discussed the draft course design of the forthcoming Phase IV course and made the following observations:

- i. It was felt that a session may be scheduled to cover aspects of accountability and constraints on public policy.
- ii. In order to ensure greater seriousness in the Foreign Study Tour, a Foreign Study Tour paper capturing key learnings on public policy may also be included in the proposed evaluation scheme.
- iii. In addition to the above, the Committee found the course design both relevant and meaningful.

The Committee took note of the efforts made by the Academy on the Foreign Study Tour with Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU Canberra and LSE, UK, especially

in view of the short time available for securing a tie up. It approved the selection of LSE (UK) as the partner institution along with the draft course design sent by LSE, and authorized the Academy to make further necessary arrangements.

It was also decided that a meeting would be scheduled later during the week over video conferencing with the Establishment Officer and JS Training to finalize the evaluation scheme in view of Government's directions regarding factoring it for empanelment.

4. Agenda Item No 4 – Other item/s taken up for discussion – No other item was taken up for discussion.

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