

## **MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD AT 1630 HRS ON OCTOBER 7, 2011 AT INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, NEW DELHI**

1. The following members were present:

- (i) Sh. Padamvir Singh, Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
- (ii) Sh. K.T. Chacko, Director, Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi
- (iii) Dr. HP Dixit, former VC, IGNOU
- (iv) Sh. PK Gera, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
- (v) Smt. Upma Srivastava, Joint Secretary (Training Division), DoPT, GOI
- (vi) Sh. Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie

Sh. Gyanendra Badgaiyan, Professor, LBSNAA and Ms. Jaspreet Talwar, Senior Deputy Director, LBSNAA assisted the Committee.

At the outset, the Director welcomed the members to the meeting. Thereafter, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and took note of the Action Taken Report. Following deliberations on each agenda item, the following decisions were taken:

### **Agenda Item No. 2: Presentation on Phase-III (Round V) of the MCT Programme held from June 20-August 12, 2011**

Sh. Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Director and incharge MCTP programmes apprised the members regarding the overall assessment of Round 5 of the Phase III Programme. The overall feedback was 91.71%. The members applauded the LBSNAA for the excellent performance and also appreciated the fact that the average feedback of the LBSNAA faculty was much higher than the guest faculty during Phase-III. They also noted with satisfaction that the overall feedback of the Phase-III classroom sessions has gone up from 77.41% in the first cycle (2007-09) to 83.42% in this round. Shri Chopra also briefed the members about the foreign exposure visit of the Phase-III to Singapore and Malaysia in collaboration with LKY School of Public Policy in Singapore. From the feedback of the participants, a need was felt to take up the matter with the LKY School for improving the Malaysia component.

### **Agenda Item No. 3: Course Review of the ongoing Round VI of Phase-IV, 2011 of MCT Programme**

Shri Sanjeev Chopra briefed the members about the ongoing Round 6 of the Phase-IV programme and the general feedback upto week 6 and the Foreign Exposure Visit to Canada in collaboration with the Institute of Public Administration, Canada and the School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto. The feedback of the participants on the Canada visit has been satisfactory although the content of some sessions and the selection of site visits needs to be revisited. Regarding the sessional feedback, the members were happy to note the high feedback of the internal LBSNAA faculty but expressed concern about the feedback of the guest faculty including that from IIM (A). The members expressed the need to scout for better

guest faculty for the Phase-IV and desired that Academy should take the lead in developing the module for Public Policy to be delivered in the next rounds of the Phase-IV programme.

It was also decided to explore Japan and Russia as destinations for the exposure visit. The group can be divided in two and sent to different countries which would increase the cross-learnings besides easing the pressure on logistics.

#### **Agenda Item No. 4: Update on Preparation of Round V of Phase-V of MCT Programme to be held from October 9 to November 11, 2011**

Shri P.K. Gera, Joint Director and Course Coordinator, Phase-V briefed the members about the course design and the foreign exposure component. Shri Gera pointed out that there has been a drop in the total number of participants from 97 to 86 at the last minute, although these officers had confirmed participation. The committee expressed concern on this trend and it was felt that some punitive action must be taken against such officers who back out at the last minute after confirmation, since it results in waste of public money and time.

Regarding the selection process of the foreign partner, Shri Gera briefed the members about the RFP which had been floated and the subsequent process of selection of School of International Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University. Director, LBSNAA apprised the Committee about the possibility of organizing the foreign component of the Phase-V by LBSNAA in association with the Indian Embassy in the US in future. A final view on this matter would be taken upon completion of this round and the proposed meeting of Director, LBSNAA with the Ambassador of India to the US on 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2011.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5: Increase in Honorarium paid to domestic guest faculty**

It was pointed out that the honorarium being offered to domestic guest faculty for MCT Programmes is low compared with the rates fixed for visiting faculty from abroad. The members felt that there was a need to enhance these rates and to rationalize the categories. It was decided to recommend to the Government that there should be three categories of domestic faculty and the rates should be as follows:-

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| (i)   | Serving Officers | - | Rs. 1000/- per session   |
| (ii)  | Experts          | - | Rs. 5000/- per session   |
| (iii) | Eminent Persons  | - | Rs. 10,000/- per session |

#### **Agenda Item No. 6: Any other item/s to be taken up with the permission of the chair**

- a) It was decided that the dates for future meetings of PMC could be fixed one day prior to culmination of the Mid Career Training Programmes as the members can also attend the

feedback session with the participants. The dates so fixed can be intimated as soon as the training calendar for the year is finalized.

b) The Director informed the members that as per decision of the PMC, an offer had been invited from the Center for Good Governance (CGG), Hyderabad to do an impact evaluation study of the first cycle (2007-09) of the Mid Career Training Programme. As the quotation given by CGG was found to be extremely high (Rs. 55 lakhs), it was proposed to assign the work to the National Institute of Administrative Research (NIAR), Mussoorie. The details would be worked out with NIAR and intimated in the next meeting of the PMC. The members agreed to the proposal of Director, LBSNAA.

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