

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of Programme Management Committee (PMC) held at LBSNAA, Mussoorie on Thursday the 22nd August, 2013 at 1600 hrs. in Conference Hall, Dhruvshila.

The following were present:

1. Shri Padamvir Singh, Director, LBNA, Mussoorie – in Chair.
2. Shri Rathin Roy, Director, NIPFP, New Delhi.
3. Shri P.K. Mahapatra, Resident Commissioner, Government of Haryana, New Delhi.
4. Shri Dharmendra Singh Gangwar, Principal Secretary, Government of Bihar, Patna.
5. Shri Dushyant Nariala, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie.
6. Smt. Ranjana Chopra, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
7. Shri Prem Singh, Deputy Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie
8. Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Director, LBSNAA, Mussoorie

In addition, Prof. Peter Ronald De Souza, Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla also participated in the meeting through video conference.

Agenda Item No.1 - Confirmation of the Minutes of 16th Meeting of the PMC

The minutes of 16th meeting of the PMC were confirmed.

The Committee took note of the action taken on the Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the PMC. It was decided that the Phase IV cohort may be divided and taken to Canada and Brazil for the foreign study tour. The Committee appreciated the suggestion of the Brazilian Ambassador that this issue may be flagged in the bilateral meeting of the two countries scheduled in October, 2013. It was advised that a note on the subject may be sent to Joint Secretary (Latin America), Ministry of External Affairs through DoPT. An Academy representative may attend the bilateral meeting so that any queries about the objectives of the visit and support required are clarified and the matter can be fast tracked.

Agenda Item No.2 – Course Review of the ongoing Round 8, 2013 Phase IV of MCT Programme

The Committee noted the feedback of the ongoing Phase IV Programme. The following decisions were taken in course of discussion:

- (a) Focus of the Phase IV programme will continue to be on Policy formulation and not on implementation per se.
- (b) The Academy should develop a shelf of good policies formulated at state level to provide a more focused context in the public policy module. It should be the endeavor to deal with few topics thoroughly than just skimming the surface of a large number.
- (c) The Academy may contact institutions which are presently assigned in-service training programmes by DoPT and explore the possibility of such institutions designing and delivering one to two day module on different sectors. Smt. Ranjana Chopra, Joint Director was advised to design two-day module on 4-5 broad themes and present in the next meeting of PMC.

Agenda Item No.3 – Course Report of Phase III Round 7, 2013

The Committee perused the course report of the Phase III, 2013 and appreciated the efforts put in by the course team. It was suggested that the state-level public service delivery statutes must receive greater attention in the programme including pan India experience in this regard.

Agenda Item No.4 – Update on the Design of Phase V

Detailed discussion was held on the design of the Phase V programme, 2013. The following suggestions were made in course of deliberations:

- (a) Issues related to trade policy in drugs may be covered in Public Health Module.
- (b) Contemporary developments in economy and particularly those related to the fiscal deficit may find place in the Public Finance Module.
- (c) In the National Security module, a speaker from civil society may be invited to present the counter point.

The PMC meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the members.