

**MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF MID CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMME HELD AT 3.45 PM ON JULY 16, 2015 AT LBSNAA, MUSSOORIE**

The following were present:

1. Sh. Rajeev Kapoor, Director LBSNAA – *in chair*
2. Sh. Anthony J C de Sa, Chief Secretary to Government of Madhya Pradesh
3. Sh. Tejveer Singh, Joint Director LBSNAA

Sh. GV Srinivas, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs and Sh. AN Narayanan, Deputy Secretary, Training Division (as representative of Joint Secretary Training) joined through video-conferencing but could not participate in the meeting's proceedings due to technical hitches in the audio.

After discussion, the following decisions were taken:

1. **Agenda Item No 1 – Confirmation of minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PMC dated May 21, 2015 – Confirmed.**
2. **Agenda Item No 2 – Action Taken Report of 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PMC –** The Committee expressed satisfaction on the action taken on the items listed in the agenda.
3. **Agenda Item No 3 – Course Review of on-going round 9 of Phase III of MCT Programme –** The Course Coordinator Dr. Prem Singh apprised members present of the progress of the course, in terms of its design and delivery. The Director stated that the Academy had attempted to impart a greater focus on implementation aspects of service delivery during the course, keeping in view that most participants are officers working in the field as Collectors or Municipal Commissioners or as Heads of Departments. The members expressed general satisfaction with the feedback received from the participants. In the discussion that ensued, the following suggestions were received from members present:
  - a. CS, Madhya Pradesh suggested that since Phase III & IV courses of the MCT programme are being evaluated by the Academy in a structured manner, it may be useful that the evaluation of participants is shared with DoPT and State Governments.
  - b. CS, Madhya Pradesh also suggested that in case any good papers are being generated as part of the course work during the MCT Programme, these should be shared with the State Governments for dissemination.

4. **Agenda Item No 4 – Course Report of Phase IV, Round 10, 2015** – The Committee perused the end-of-course feedback report as well as the sessional feedback. It expressed its satisfaction with the successful outcome and the positive feedback received in the course.
  
5. **Agenda Item No 5 – Update of Phase V, Round 9, 2015** – The Committee took note of the general design proposed for the reduced duration of four weeks from five weeks in the past. It also took note of the possible destinations for the one-week Foreign Study Tour being planned in week 2 of the course, i.e.
  - a. Modernizing Government – Australia (in partnership with Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra)
  - b. Understanding China – Shanghai (in partnership with CELAP with whom the Academy has a MoU)
  - c. Issues in Urbanization – South Africa or Brazil
  - d. Regulation & Public Policy – UK (in partnership with LSE)
  - e. Homeland Security – USA

The Director stated that out of these possible destinations, the Academy would seek to take participants for the Foreign Study Tour in groups of around 25 each to study a particular aspect of governance. He informed that the Government has approved the Academy proposal to discontinue the practice of taking the entire group of 100 to USA for classroom sessions in New York & Washington DC and had asked the Academy to take participants in smaller groups for focused visits, which have a healthy blend of classroom discussions and interactions with government practitioners. Upon return, participants would be asked to make presentations to foster discussion on the key learnings from the Foreign Study Tour. The Academy would also like to focus on key aspects in the policy design of social and urban sector programmes, as well as provide inputs on strategic thinking and their application for reform in government.

CS, Madhya Pradesh appreciated the idea of participants working in groups and suggested that, if feasible, key policy problems could be identified that may become the focus of discussion with participants upon their return.

6. **Agenda Item No 6 – 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.