



Minutes of the 157th Executive Council Meeting of Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai held on 9th July, 2026 at 11.00 am at AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai

The 157th Executive Council Meeting of Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai was conducted under the Chairpersonship of Shri Girish C Hosur, Joint Secretary, DEPWD, MSJE and Chairman, Executive Council. The following other member attended the meeting:

1. Dr Avinash Vachasundar-Member-Virtual
2. Dr Mahendra Natwarlal Sanghpal-Member- Virtual
3. Shri Subhabrata Karmakar, DS (Representative of ASFA)-Member-Virtual
4. Shri Kumar Raju, Director, ISLRTC, New Delhi -Member- Virtual
5. Dr Suman Kumar, Director – Member Secretary

Special Invitees

1. Dr Lalit Narayan, Director, NILD, Kolkata- Virtual
2. Shri Ravi Shankar Kumar, SO, DEPwD, MSJE- Virtual

Dr. Suman Kumar, Director, extended a warm welcome to the Chairperson and all esteemed members of the Executive Council. With the kind permission of the Chairperson, the proceedings of the Executive Council meeting commenced, and the agenda items were taken up as listed below:

Agenda Item No 157.01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 156th EC held on 8th May 2026 at AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai.

Decision: The minutes of the 156th Executive Council meeting held on 8.5.2026 was confirmed as no comments were received from the members.

Agenda Item No 157.02: Action taken report of 156th EC meeting held on 08/05/2026.

Decision: The Action Taken Report of the 156th meeting of the Executive Council was duly noted. With reference to Agenda Item No. 156.06, and after perusal of the documentary evidence placed before it, the Executive Council directed that, with effect from the academic year 2026–27, students who discontinue or leave a programme midway at AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai, its Regional Centres, or CRCs shall be liable to pay all applicable fees, except hostel fees, for the remaining duration of the programme, as detailed below:

Programme	Fee Liability (Remaining Period)
B.ASLP	2 years of fee
M.Sc. (Audio/SLP)	1 year of fee
M.Ed. Spl. Ed. (HI)	1 year of fee
B.Ed. Spl. Ed. (HI)	1 year of fee
Diploma (2yrs duration)	1 year of fee

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Agenda Item No 157.03: Review of Services provided by AYJNISHD(D) and CRCs- Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Chhatarpur & Goa

Decision: The Executive Council perused and took note of the services provided by AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai, and its Composite Regional Centres.

Agenda Item No.157.04: Approval of Annual Accounts for the 2025-26

Decision: The Executive Council perused and considered the Annual Accounts of AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai, including its Regional Centres and the Composite Regional Centres at Ahmedabad, Nagpur, and Chhatarpur, for the financial year 2025-26.

Agenda Item No. 157.05: Immediate Handover of Possession of Land Affected by the Regular Line of L.K. Mehta Road for Road Widening.

Decision: After detailed deliberation, the Executive Council directed that the proposed land shall not be handed over, considering the existing space constraints, clinical services being provided to persons with disabilities, and academic requirements of the Institute.

Agenda Item No. 157.06: Permission to Open Separate Bank Accounts for Salary and Capital Heads

Decision: After detailed deliberation, the Executive Council approved the proposal for opening separate bank accounts.

Agenda Item No. 157.07: Permission for Closure of Bank Accounts and Utilization/Transfer of Available Funds

Decision: The Executive Council approved the proposal for closure of the UCO Bank Donation Account. The Council further authorized the Director to accord approval for the development of new tests, revalidation of existing tests, and research-related activities up to a financial limit of ₹10.00 lakh for each project/activity, subject to the recommendation and approval of the Academic Committee of AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai.

The Executive Council also approved that the balance amount available in the Union Bank of India SC/ST Grant Account shall be refunded to the Government through Bharatkosh after completion of the necessary reconciliation and prescribed formalities. Thereafter, the said bank account may be closed.

The Executive Council approved the closure of the Union Bank of India RCI-NBER Examination Account and the HDFC Bank RCI-NBER Examination Account, with the available balances to be transferred to the newly opened RCI-NBER Account in Canara Bank.

With regard to the Union Bank of India Account maintained for CRC, Chhatarpur, the Executive Council approved that the operation of the account may be transferred to CRC, Chhatarpur, subject to administrative and banking feasibility. Alternatively, the existing account may be closed and the available balance may be transferred to a new or designated bank account operated by CRC, Chhatarpur. The Director was authorized to take an appropriate decision in this regard and complete all necessary banking, accounting, and administrative formalities.

Agenda Item No. 157.08: One-Time Age Relaxation for In-Service Officials of AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai

Decision: After detailed deliberation, and considering the limited promotional avenues, infrequent occurrence of vacancies, and the extensive professional and institutional experience acquired by the existing employees, the Executive Council approved the proposal to grant a one-time relaxation in the upper age limit up to 45 years to eligible in-service officials of AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai, for applying against regular vacancies, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed educational qualifications, experience, and other conditions stipulated in the applicable Recruitment Rules.

Agenda Item No.157.09: Ratification of Approval for 20% Deviation in Scope of Work and Release of Balance Funds for Boundary Wall Construction and Maintenance Work at Kasturba Niketan, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi.

Decision: The Executive Council ratified the approval accorded by the competent authority for the modified estimated amount of ₹74,51,600/- for the construction of one-side boundary wall and repair and maintenance of the existing three-side boundary wall for separation of the land at Kasturba Niketan, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi. The Executive Council also ratified the approval for 20% deviation in the sanctioned scope of work under the work order issued by DUSIB to the contractor for ₹58,62,640/-. The 20% deviation amount comes to approximately ₹11,72,528/-, which is within the modified estimated amount approved for the said work.

Agenda Item No. 157.10: Payment of Housekeeping and Security Service Charges in Respect of the Regional Centre of AYJNISHD(D), Kolkata, with Effect from 01.04.2026

Decision: After detailed deliberation, the Executive Council directed that it may be communicated that the payment should be made by the Local National Institute, as per the provision contained in Para 3(A)(i) of the Ministry's Letter No. F. No. N-2206/63/2024-NI dated 13.01.2025 regarding transfer of the administrative set-up of the Regional Centres.

Agenda Item No. 157.11: Appointment of Sign Language Interpreter for Students with Hearing Impairment Enrolled in Training Programmes

Decision: EC approved the proposal to engage one Sign Language Interpreter on a contractual/outsourced basis for providing interpretation support to students with hearing impairment at a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 35,000/- per month.

Agenda Item No. 157.12: Purchase of a Vehicle for Official Use at AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai

Decision: After detailed deliberation, the Executive Council accorded in-principle approval for procurement of a new vehicle at a cost not exceeding ₹16,00,000/-. The Executive Council further directed that efforts may also be made to procure the vehicle through CSR support.

Agenda Item No. 157.13: Issuance of No Objection Certificate to establish AYJNISHD Alumni Association

Decision: The Executive Council approved the issuance of a No Objection Certificate for the formation of the AYJNISHD Alumni Association. The Council further approved that allocation of suitable dedicated space within the Institute premises may be considered, subject to availability and without affecting the functioning of the Institute. Before submission of the Byelaws to the Registrar of Societies, the same shall be vetted and approved by the legal consultant of the Institute. The Association shall be required to comply with all applicable legal, financial, administrative, and institutional requirements. The name, emblem, logo, address, infrastructure, and other resources of the Institute shall be used only with the prior written approval of the competent authority. The allocation of space shall not confer any ownership, tenancy, leasehold, or permanent right upon the Association and may be reviewed, modified, or withdrawn by the Institute whenever required.

Agenda Item No. 157.14: External Repairs and External Painting of the Institute's Main Building - Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (A/A & E/S) for Balance work of the Installation of Aluminium Composite Panel sheet Chajjas to the External Windows of the Institute's Main Building at AYJNISHD(D), Bandra (West), Mumbai.

Decision: After discussion, the Executive Council approved the utilization of the available balance funds of ₹13,53,191/- from the previously sanctioned project lying with CPWD, along with an additional financial sanction of ₹28,55,983/- under the Capital Head, for installation of the remaining Aluminium Composite Panel sheet chajjas.

Agenda Item No. 157.15: Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the State Bank of India.

Decision: The Executive Council noted and appreciated the initiative taken by AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai, towards making banking services more accessible for persons with hearing disability.

Agenda Item No. 157.16: Approval of Preliminary Estimate for Construction of Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Building at Goa.

Decision: After detailed deliberation, the Executive Council approved the DPR submitted by CPWD. The Council further directed that estimates may also be obtained from NBCC and the State PWD, and a comparative statement may be placed before the Executive Council in the ensuing meeting. It was further directed that a joint visit of the Chairperson, Executive Council, along with officers from the Department and Institute, may be undertaken in the meantime to inspect the proposed land for construction of the CRC Building at Goa.

Agenda Item No. 157.17: Approval for Extra Essential Deviated Items During the Ongoing Work of Revamping of Existing Acoustically Sound-Treated Audiometric Testing Rooms and Speech Recording Rooms at AYJNISHD(D), Mumbai

Decision: The Executive Council accorded ex-post facto approval for execution of the essential extra/deviated items amounting to an estimated cost of ₹14,80,244/- (approximately 9% over the tendered contract value), subject to adjustment of the final completion cost on the basis of actual quantities executed and savings, if any, in the original tender items. The details of the essential extra/deviated items are as under:

Sr. No.	Description of Item	Estimated Cost (Including 18% GST)
1	Providing Real Wood Flooring (95 sq.mtr.@4950+18% GST) Original item of particle wood flooring is not sustainable to climatic condition which was noticed during execution of work.	₹5,54,895/-
2	Replacement of old rusted GI Ducting in D-01 for Air Conditioning	₹2,97,242/-
3	Providing Customized Furniture and Fixtures in Acoustically Sound-Treated Audiometric Testing Rooms and Speech Recording Rooms as per departmental requirements	₹6,28,107/-
	Total Estimated Cost	₹14,80,244/-

Agenda Item No. 157.18: Approval for execution of preventive repair and maintenance works at AYJNISHD(D), Regional Centre, Kolkata through CPWD based on the Preliminary Estimates submitted by CPWD.

Decision: After detailed deliberation, the Executive Council accorded approval, with reference to DEPwD Letter No. N-2204/3/2025-NI dated 27.05.2026, for undertaking preventive repair and maintenance works based on the site inspections carried out by CPWD. The approval was accorded for the following essential works:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (₹)
1	Roof treatment to prevent seepage and water leakage during rainy season and repairing of expansion joints of the main building at AYJNISHD(D), RC, Kolkata	82,97,600/-
2	Repairing of existing approach road at AYJNISHD(D), RC and NIEPID, RC, Kolkata inside NILD Campus (50% amount on shareable basis between AYJNISHD(D), RC and NIEPID, RC, Kolkata)	57,74,300/-
	Total -Rupees One Crore Forty Lakh Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred only	1,40,71,900/-

Agenda Item No. 157.19: Revamping and Renovation of the Existing Speech Science Recording Laboratory at Regional Centre, Kolkata.

Decision: After detailed discussion and consideration of the existing structure, the Executive Council approved an amount of ₹81,86,703/- for revamping and renovation of the existing Speech Science Recording Laboratory at the Regional Centre, Kolkata.

Agenda Item No. 157.20: Permission to Purchase a Diesel Generator Set for the Regional Centre, Janla.

Decision: The Executive Council enquired about the current functioning of the Institute and the requirement for the proposed procurement. After detailed discussion, the Council approved the proposal for procurement of a three-phase diesel generator set of approximately 60 kVA capacity, conforming to the latest CPCB IV+ emission norms, for the Regional Centre, Janla, at an estimated total cost not exceeding ₹10,00,000/-. The procurement shall be made through CPWD/ GeM/ CPPP, as per applicable Government of India rules and procedures.

Supplementary Agenda-157.01-Proposal for Consideration of Coverage of Eligible Employees of AYJNISHD(D) under the Old Pension Scheme in Place of the National Pension System

Decision: After discussion, the Executive Council approved the proposal regarding applicability of the Old Pension Scheme in place of the National Pension System in respect of Dr. Suman Kumar and Ms. Gauri Telang, whose appointments were finalized before 01.01.2004 and who joined Government service on or after 01.01.2004.

Supplementary Agenda-157.02- Proposal for Revision of Monthly Remuneration of Legal Consultant (Contractual)

Decision: The Executive Council approved the revision of the consolidated monthly remuneration of the Legal Consultant from ₹50,000/- to ₹70,000/- per month.

Supplementary Agenda-157.03- Proposal for Annual Maintenance Contract for Audiological Diagnostic Equipment

Decision: The Executive Council approved the proposal for awarding the Annual Maintenance Contract for Audiological Diagnostic Equipment to M/s Allied Biomedica Pvt. Ltd., for a total amount of ₹1,66,380/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty only), inclusive of 18% GST, being the exclusive distributor for GSI equipment in India. Further, the Executive Council directed that such proposals should be incorporated within the annual action plan and presented accordingly, rather than being submitted separately during the course of the year, as these constitute routine and foreseeable activities.

Supplementary Agenda-157.04- Proposal for Engagement of One Liftman through an Outsourcing Agency at RC, Kolkata

Decision: Considering the safety and accessibility requirements of persons with disabilities availing services at the Regional Centre, Kolkata, the Executive Council approved the engagement of one Lift Operator through an outsourcing agency after the lift is completed and commissioned. The engagement shall be made in accordance with the applicable minimum-wage provisions and other relevant rules.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Suman Kumar