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Government of India
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(Department of Justice)

Jaisalmer House,
26-Mansingh Road, New Delhi- 110011
Dated: 22.11.2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Minutes of Fourteenth Meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) of the Scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms' - Regarding**

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of fourteenth meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) chaired by Secretary, Department of Justice, on 14th November, 2019 (Thursday) to consider requests for extension and review the progress of research / Project Proposals received under 'Plan Scheme for Action research and Studies on Judicial Reforms' for your kind information and record.



(Girdhar G. Pai)
Director

Tel. No. 011-23072145

Encl: As above

1. Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor (Law and Justice), Ministry of Law and Justice, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
3. Joint Secretary and Mission Director, Department of Justice, Jaisalmer House, 26-Mansingh Road, New Delhi.
4. Joint Secretary, Law Commission of India, 2nd Floor, B-Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi – 110003(Kind Atten: Shri Rajiv Mani, JS, Department of Legal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.)
5. Director, Indian Law Institute, Opposite Supreme Court of India, Bhagwan Das Road, New Delhi.
6. Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhadbhadha Road, Suraj Nagar P.O. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
7. Smt. Varsha Chandra, Additional Law Officer, Law Commission of India, 2nd Floor, B-Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi – 110003.
8. Prof. D. P. Verma, Additional Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhadbhadha Road, Suraj Nagar P.O. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Copy to:-

PPS to Secretary (Justice)

Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) of the Scheme of Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms held on 14th November, 2019 in Jaisalmer House, New Delhi

1. The Fourteenth Meeting of the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) to consider requests for extension and review the progress of research/project proposals received under Scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms was held on 14th November, 2019 at Jaisalmer House, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Justice).
2. The list of participants is attached as *Annexure*.
3. Secretary (Justice) welcomed all the members of the Committee present at the meeting and requested the implementing agencies, as per the Agenda, to make their presentations.
4. As per the Agenda, 8 presentations were to be made. However, due to technical issues, presentation by NIT, Rourkela could not be made.
5. In respect of the 7 proposals for consideration of the meeting, the following decisions were taken:-

Sl. No.	Agency	Project Title	Decision taken
1	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	Legal Response to Domestic Violence: a Study in Assam	The project was due as on 27.11.2019. The PSC agreed to grant extension of 3 months i.e. upto 29.02.2020. Also, it was informed that DoJ can facilitate in getting access to Courts for collecting data. For this purpose, the implementing agency may write to DoJ with the details.
2	Delhi Judicial Academy	To identify the reasons for delay in disposal of cases and evaluate Capacity Gap to manage the Pendency of cases in District & Subordinate courts of Delhi	The PSC expressed displeasure at the slow progress of the project despite 2 extensions. While granting extension upto 31.01.2020, the PSC desired that involvement at the senior level at the Academy is required to ensure that the project is completed by 31.01.2020.
3	Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur	Court-referred mediation in the States of West Bengal and Jharkhand	The PSC agreed to grant extension upto 31.03.2020. It was suggested that the study may also include Mediation other than court annexed mediation and analyse its efficacy / shortcomings / challenges. Also, it was suggested that the districts of Deogarh and Dumka may also be covered in the study.

4	Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur	Global Practices in Continuing legal Education: emerging Platforms for Professional Developments of Advocates	The PSC agreed to grant extension upto 31.12.2019. It was suggested that the study may suggest a standard framework for online courses which can be adopted by all legal education institutes / universities. Also, it was decided that on receipt of the final report the same may be forwarded to Indian Law Institute. Also, it was suggested that the Advocates Resource Book containing platforms of MOOCs proposed to be prepared under the project may be given wide access.
5	National Judicial Academy, Bhopal	An analysis of Pendency of cases in Family Courts of Madhya Pradesh and methods to reduce pendency	NJA, Bhopal desired an extension in order to hold a brainstorming meeting on the findings in the project report before finalizing and submitting the final report. The project due date is 17.12.2019. The PSC agreed to grant extension upto 31.01.2020.
6	Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi	Effectiveness of Mediation (ADR) in India: A special focus on online mediation and mediation in family dispute, consumer redressal dispute, commercial dispute, Intellectual Property Disputes, Dispute in Multi-national companies.	The PSC was satisfied with the progress of the project and suggested that the 16 City Civil Courts of Mumbai, which have been designated as Commercial Courts, may also be included in the study.
7	Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar	Bail reforms in the context of Under Trial Women Prisoner: An action oriented research with special reference to Sabarmati Central jail in the State of Gujarat.	The PSC was satisfied with the progress of the project. Also, it was informed that DoJ can facilitate in getting access to Courts for collecting data. For this purpose, the implementing agency may write to DoJ with the details.

List of Participants of 14th Meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee held on 14.11.2019

1. Shri (Dr.) Alok Srivastava, Secretary (Justice) - Chairperson
2. Shri G.R. Raghavender, Joint Secretary and Mission Director.
3. Shri Giridhar G. Pai, Director, Department of Justice.
4. Prof. D.P. Verma , Additional Director, National Judicial Academy.
5. Ms. Varsha Chandra, Additional Law Officer, Law Commission of India.
6. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi

IIT, Guwahait (through VC)

1. Ms. Sawmya Ray, Associate Professor, Sociology

National Judicial Academy

1. Ms. Nitika Jain, Law Associate.
2. Shri Prasadh Raj Singh, Law Associate.
3. Shri S.P. Srivastava, Professor.

IIM Kashipur

1. Shri Baharul Islam, Dean & Professor.
2. Ms. Sana Fatima, Academic Associate.

IIT Kharagpur

1. Shri Uday Shankar, Assistant Professor.
2. Dr. S. Matila, Assistant Professor.

Gujarat National Law University

1. Dr. Jagadeesh Chandra T G, Assistant Professor of Law.
2. Dr. Sourabh Anand, Assistant Professor of Law.

Delhi Judicial Academy

1. Shri Kovai Venugopal, Additional Director.

Faculty of Law, Delhi University

1. Shri Ashutosh Mishra, Assistant Professor.
2. Shri Ashutosh Acharya, Assistant Professor.
3. Shri Abhishek Bhati, Project Assistant.
4. Shri Gurkaran Singh, Project Assistant.
5. Ms. Tanya Malhotra, Project Assistant
