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(Department of Justice)

Jaisalmer House,
26-Mansingh Road, New Delhi- 110011
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Minutes of Twelfth Meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) to consider Research / Project Proposals received under 'Plan Scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms' - Regarding**

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of twelfth meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) chaired by Secretary, Department of Justice, on 15th February, 2019 (Friday) to consider 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

Member of the Project Sanctioning Committee:

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.

Copy to:-
PSO to Secretary (Justice)

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the "Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC)" of the "Scheme of Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms" held on 15th February 2019 under Chairmanship of Secretary (Justice) in Conference Room, Department of Justice Jaisalmer House, New Delhi.

The 12th meeting of the 'Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC)' to consider Action Research Project Proposals received under 'Scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms' was held on 15th February 2019 at Jaisalmer House, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. Alok Shrivastava, Secretary (Justice). The list of participants is at **Annexure - I.**

Secretary (Justice) welcomed all the members of the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) and requested Joint Secretary & Mission Director of National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms to initiate discussion on the proposals.

All 18 proposals alongwith their one-page summary sheets of every proposal were sent to all Members of the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) well in advance through email as well as in hard copies. After discussions on each of the proposal, following decisions were taken.

SI.No.	Proposal	Decision Taken
1.	"A New Administration Model of Judicial Systems" submitted by DAKSH, Bengaluru.	The Committee after detailed deliberations did not approve the proposal in view of (i) non-clarity on types of cases / laws to be studied; and (ii) utility of such research.
2.	"Study the impact of litigation on Public Infrastructural Projects" submitted by National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.	The Committee after deliberations approved the proposal, <i>subject to conditions</i> that (i) ten ure of the project shall be reduced to 12 months, (ii) Budget shall be revised after removing item nos. (iii) and (iv) relating to consultation fees for Vice Chancellor and Registrar; (xiii) relating to institutional fee in view of (xii) miscellaneous; either of the two i.e. (vii) for stationary and communications, and (x) for report writing, printing and submission under the Proposed Budget; and University will be requested to explain the no. of internal and external experts under item (v) of the Budget. In addition, the study should come out with the affects before and after litigation.
3.	"Research study on improving effectiveness of Gram Nyayalayas and accelerating the implementation of Gram Nyayalayas Scheme" submitted by National Productivity Council, New Delhi	The Committee after deliberations did not approve the proposal, as similar studies have already been carried out by other institutes / organisations.

4.	"Review of sexual harassment laws, implementation and Access to Justice in tertiary education Institutes in India". O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat.	The Committee after deliberations approved the proposal, subject to condition that the tertiary education Institutes shall be specified / defined in detail by the Institute.
5.	"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". submitted by Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.	The Committee after deliberations it was decided to ask the University to take into account similar studies conducted on the subject including two reports of Law Commission of India and to submit the revised proposal. The Committee also decided to ask University to reduce the duration of the course to 12 months and to reduce the project cost accordingly.
6.	"Tribunal reforms: A study of the Infrastructure, Recruitment and operational challenges faced by Central Tribunals".submitted by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi.	The Committee after deliberations did not approve the proposal as there is already a Report of Law Commission on the subject.
7.	"Consolidating the discourse on `All India Judicial Service". submitted by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi.	The Committee after deliberations did not approve the proposal as there is no consensus of High Courts on the subject.
8.	"What does India litigate ? :A study to understand the nature of legal disputes being initiated by Indian citizens across the country" submitted by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi.	The Committee after deliberations did not approve the proposal as the analysis of NJD G data does not seem require legal expertise.
9.	"A field study to evaluate the efficacy of Access to Justice for Under-trials in selective prisons in the specific States". submitted by National Law University, Delhi.	The Committee after deliberations approved the proposal, subject to the condition that details regarding framework and usage of pilot shall be mentioned in the revised proposal.
10.	"Capacity Building Programme in effective handling of disputes". National Law University, Delhi.	The Committee after deliberations did not approve the proposal as the project does not seem Action Research Study and the outcome is also not given.
11.	"Development of a Scientific Framework to measure the performance of Subordinate Courts". Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.	The Committee after deliberations did not approve the proposal as the Law Commission report number 235 already available on the subject.
12.	"Bail Reforms in the context of Under Trial Women Prisoners: An action oriented research with special reference to Sabarmati Central Jail in the State of Gujarat".	The Committee after deliberations approved the proposal.

	submitted by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.	
13.	"Assessing the potential of Data Analytics to interpret large scale Judicial Data and assist in Judicial Reforms" submitted by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.	The Committee after deliberations decided that the University will be asked to explain the details of technical help in the team and thereafter the proposal shall be referred to e-Committee for approval.
14.	"Analysis of lack of Infrastructure and vacancies and its impact on pendency in Subordinate Courts: A study of Delhi, Punjab and Haryana". submitted by University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU, New Delhi	The Committee after deliberations approved the proposal.
15.	"Study on bottlenecks in the organization and functioning of ADRs". submitted by National Law University, Jodhpur.	The Committee after deliberations did not approve the proposal.
16.	"Research Study on impact assessment of Computerization of Courts in reducing pendency and improving justice delivery" submitted by National Productivity Council, New Delhi	The institute has been asked to apply in the ongoing process for evaluation of E-Courts Project.
17.	"Impact assessment of computerization of Courts in reducing pendency and improving justice delivery" submitted by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.	The institute/University has been asked to apply in the ongoing process for evaluation of E-Courts Project.
18.	"Studies to assess feasibility of introduction of computerized Case Management Procedure to enhance speed in Service of Process" submitted by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.	It was informed to the PSC that the proposal was referred to the e-Committee for their comments/views on this proposal. It was felt by the Member, e-Committee that the proposal be placed before next e-Committee meeting.
Other Decisions:-		
19.	Waiver of Penalty imposed on Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur, Kashipur	The Committee approved to waive off the penalty.
20.	Change in TOR - Delhi Judicial Academy	The Committee after detailed deliberations expressed reservations on the issue and ask the Department to ensure proportionate reduction in project cost in view of reduction of sample size from 65,000 to 1500-2000.

<p>21.</p>	<p><u>Presentation (PPT) on Final Reports:</u></p> <p>i). Project titled “A Study to create evidence-based proposals for reform of Legal Education in India” suggestions for reforms at National Law Universities set up through State Legislations” conducted by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad</p> <p>ii). Project titled “An Analysis of the functioning of Lok Adalats in the Eastern Region of India” conducted by Odisha Judicial Academy in association with National Law University Odisha, Cuttack.</p> <p>iii).Project titled “Analysis of functioning of Legal Aid Cells in various Law Schools/ University Departments/Private Universities” conducted by Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi.</p>	<p>After presentation, all the three Final Reports of the Action Research Projects were accepted by the Committee for release of final / balance instalments.</p>
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The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants of 12th Meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee held on 15.02.2019

1. Shri (Dr.) Alok Shrivastava, Secretary (Justice), - Chairperson.
2. Shri G.R. Raghavender, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, Department of Justice.
3. Prof. Geeta Oberoi, representing Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal
4. Ms. Varsha Chandra, representing Law Commission of India
5. Shri C.K.Reejonia, Director, Department of Justice.
6. Shri Shailesh Shrivastava, Director, Department of Justice
7. Shri K Suresh Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Finance), Legislative Department representing Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser (Law).