

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the General Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vinod Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and President, General Council, ISLRTC on 18th March, 2016.

The 2nd Meeting of the General Council of ISLRTC was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vinod Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and President, General Council, ISLRTC on 18th March, 2016 in Conference Room, Paryavaran Bhavan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-03. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

2. At the outset, Secretary, DEPwD welcomed all the participants. He mentioned that the Recruitment Rules for various posts being finalized may be reviewed after 3 years. He further stated that action may be initiated for ensuring 'A' level contents of ISL in D.Ed and B.Ed courses and B level in M.Ed. Thereafter, Shri Awanish K. Awasthi, Joint Secretary, DEPwD briefed the participants about the progress regarding setting up of ISLRTC and the agenda points for discussion in the meeting. He stated that as regards the posts of Associate Professors and Assistant Professors, these posts have been divided on equal basis for research and educational aspects, keeping in view the objectives of the Centre.

3. The Council considered the representations received from various organizations for the Deaf and some members of the GC /EC and the observations that Masters degree in Linguistics should be one of the essential qualifications as this is more suitable for the given posts under ISLRTC. It was noted that persons of around 50 years of age with 'C' level certification may not be available and therefore, excellent communication skills in Sign language (to be tested through Proficiency test for Sign Language, minimum acceptable level: 'B' of ISL) may be kept as essential qualification for the post of Consultant, Director, Associate Professor (Sign Linguistics), Assistant Professor (Sign Linguistics), Associate Professor (Interpreting), Assistant Professor (Interpreting). The Council also noted the content of ISL in D.Ed (DHH), B.Ed. (HI) and M.Ed. (HI) curriculum, sent by AYJNIHH, Mumbai.

4. Shri Zorin Singha, Member expressed the view that in the Selection Committee for the posts having provision of Members of GC and Experts, one person should be nominated from the Deaf community. To this, Secretary, DEPwD explained that these views will be taken care of while constituting the Selection Committees

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5. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken in the meeting:-

- i. The Council approved the Recruitment Rules for posts as per details at **Annexure II** – Consultant (2 posts), Director, Associate Professor (4 posts), Assistant Professor (8 posts), Instructors (2 posts), Research Assistant (1 post).
- ii. For recruitment to the post of Consultant, age limit will be kept as below 65 years with the provision that 2 years' relaxation may be given at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- iii. The Recruitment Rules for various posts may be reviewed after 3 years.
- iv. The Council approved the note (**Annexure III**) received from Indian Sign Language Interpreters Association, Hyderabad, for the purpose of judging excellent communication skills in sign language (to be tested through Proficiency test for sign language, minimum acceptable level 'B' of ISL) with the observation that level 3 of the Note will be equal to level 'B' of ISL.
- v. The Council approved a budget of Rs.50 lakh together with the list of books received from some members of the GC/ EC and the equipments required for the Centre (details at **Annexure IV**) for procurement. It was also decided to constitute a Committee for Procurement of Books under the overall charge of Director, AYJNIHH as under:-
 - a) Deputy Director (Admn.), PDUIPH, New Delhi.
 - b) Librarian, PDUIPH, New Delhi.
 - c) Shri A.S.Narayanan, Secretary, NAD, New Delhi.
 - d) Shri Suman Kumar, Dy. Director, RCI, New Delhi.
 - e) Dr. Surinder Randhawa, Expert, Indian Sign Language.
 - f) Shri Shishir Kumar, Lecturer (Education), Regional Centre, AYJNIHH, Noida/New Delhi.

It was decided that PDUIPH, New Delhi will put the list of books on e-portal, asking for minimum discount to the tune of 30% w.r.t. the marked price of the books and enough e-books should be procured.

As per list of equipment, purchase of upto Rs.25.00 lakh was approved as per GFRs.

- vi. It was decided that to begin with, the space requirement of about 6,000 sq. feet for the first year may be approved which may be enhanced to 8,000 sq. feet in subsequent year. The space may be hired for a period of five years. Due process be ensured for selection of space.

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6. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair:-

It was decided that RCI shall modify its courses and ensure 'A' level contents of ISL in D.Ed and B.Ed. courses and 'B' level in M.Ed. courses as compulsory syllabus.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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