

**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) held virtually on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 01.30 P.M. under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD.**

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The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council of ISLRTC was held virtually on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 01.30 PM, under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

2. Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary welcomed the members and informed them about the progress of ISLRTC. Thereafter, agenda items were discussed as under:

**Item No. 15.1**

**Confirmation of the Minutes of 14th Meeting of EC held on 29.09.2020**

Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting held virtually on 29.09.2020 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD in the Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, B-III Block, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, were confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 15.2**

**Action taken report on the minutes of the 14th EC Meeting**

The Executive Council noted the action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29.09.2020.

As regards the action taken on 'Video Relay Service Project', the Council asked Sh. A. S. Narayanan, Member of EC and Ms. S. Soniya, Assistant Professor to work out the details, alongwith financial implications and submit the proposal to the Centre.

**Item No. 15.3**

**Indian Sign Language Android Application**

Sh. Jestin Joy, Assistant Professor, Federal Institute of Science and Technology (FISAT), Kerala explained the proposal during the meeting and stated that FISAT will develop android and web based ISL app for ISLRTC without any financial implications on the part of ISLRTC and in return FISAT expects acknowledgement of their work in writing, mentioning its name in the app and MoU, between FISAT, Kerala and ISLRTC, New Delhi.

The Council decided that the app may be developed in English, Hindi and any other language. The Copyright and Intellectual Property Rights will be with ISLRTC.

**Item No. 15.4**

**Weekend ISL Course**

The Council approved the proposal to start the course on trial basis and based on the feedback of the learners, the Centre may modify the course and launch on virtual platform. There will be no financial implications on the part of the Centre. The Centre may also apprise the EC of action taken in its next meeting.

**Item No. 15.5****Republic Day Parade Tableau 2021 and related Expenditure**

The Council appreciated the efforts of the Centre for presenting the Tableau with the theme 'Bhartiya Sanketik Bhasha: Ek Rashtra, Ek Sanketik Bhasha', under the banner of DEPwD during the Republic Day Parade, 2021.

The Council approved the total expenditure incurred / to be incurred for the tableau, amounting to Rs. 27,58,810/-, to be met from General Head of the Centre, with details as under:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount (in Rs.)</b>
1.	Expenditure on costumes, etc. of 12 students	65,510/-
2.	Medical Fitness and COVID test	7,000/-
3.	Stay of students in the Guest House of PDUNIPPD, New Delhi	6,300/-
4.	Hiring of Vehicle	25,000/-
5.	Tableau Fabrication and Designing, etc. to L-1 Agency i.e. M/s R. S. Bhatnagar & Sons	26,55,000/-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Rs. 27,58,810/-</b>

**Item No. 15.6****Proposal for conducting online Indian Sign Language Course by hosting it on SWAYAM platform with technical support from KINTEL INCOMM Pvt. Ltd**

Keeping in view the activities being undertaken by the Centre for online courses, the Council dropped this item.

**Item No. 15.7****Deafness Empowerment & Awareness for Families – Nationwide Programme II<sup>nd</sup> Phase**

The Council discussed the matter in detail and decided that, in the first instance, the Centre may get an evaluation study conducted of the first phase of the Pilot Project undertaken for 3 states namely Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana and place the findings of the study in the next meeting of EC.

**Item No. 15.8****Launch of the 03<sup>rd</sup> Edition ISL Dictionary**

The Council accorded ex-post facto approval for launch of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of ISL Dictionary, with financial implications of Rs. 76,156/-.

**Item No. 15.9**

**To avail SBI Net Banking facility and implementation of SBI eCollect module for collection of online fees for admission and exam, etc.**

The Council accorded ex-post facto approval to the Centre for implementing SBI eCollect module for collection of online fees for admission and exam, etc.

**Item No. 15.10**

**Medical Facilities for the staff and their dependents**

The Council approved the proposal of the Centre for availing medical / reimbursement facility to the employees and their dependents, through Government authorized hospitals at CGHS approved rates. Further, Rs. 15,000/- per annum for an employee (including dependent members of family) was fixed as the limit of reimbursement for OPD treatment including the lab investigations, radiological & other investigations, if carried out either at Government or CGHS approved labs & hospitals.

**Item No. 15.11**

**Implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC for faculty of the Centre**

It was explained in the meeting that the posts of Faculty / Librarian in the Centre were created in February, 2016 with the approval of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure as per UGC Pay Scales with Academic Grade Pay. Subsequently, Department of Expenditure has taken a view that the Centre does not fulfill the eligibility conditions for UGC Pay Scales. Keeping in view these facts, JS & FA suggested that a proposal to revise the pay of Faculty / Librarian as per Central Government Pay Scale at suitable Pay Level may be prepared by the Centre, after taking consent of the concerned employees which may be placed before EC in its next meeting, before it is referred to the Department of Expenditure.

**Item No. 15.12**

**Fixation of Pay Level for the post of Assistant Professor (Sign Linguistics)**

The Council decided that the Centre may go ahead with the recruitment and the decision to be taken against the Item No. 15.11, in consultation with Department of Expenditure, will be applicable to the post of Assistant Professor (Sign Linguistics) as well.

**Item No. 15.13**

**Deputation of Interpreter for Court Cases**

The Council decided that the department may take up the matter with Ministry of Law & Justice to see that the Interpreters deputed for providing Sign Language Interpreting services for the Court cases may be treated as sign language experts and may not be recorded as 'Witness', as interpreters do not have any direct or indirect link to court cases. Further, the issue of not calling interpreters for providing services to mentally retarded persons may also be taken up with the Ministry of Law and Justice.

**Item No. 15.14**

**Engagement of outsourcing agency through GeM for providing Housekeeping Staff**

The Council accorded ex-post facto approval to the Centre for engaging M/s Anita Housekeeping Solutions, New Delhi, through GeM for providing 02 housekeeping staff for a period of 01 year w.e.f. 20.11.2020 as per prescribed minimum wages.

**Item No. 15.15**

**Engagement of one more Housekeeping Staff**

The Council did not approve the proposal for engaging one more housekeeping staff.

**Item No. 15.16**

**Engagement of Agency for DEO & MTS through GeM**

The Council accorded ex-post facto approval for extending the contract of M/s Trio Securities & Intelligence Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi upto 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 on earlier terms & conditions and for engaging a new agency through GeM for a period of 01 year w.e.f. 23.02.2021 as per prescribed minimum wages.

**Item No. 15.17**

**Procurement of Photocopier Machine**

The Council approved the proposal to procure a new photocopier machine through GeM within estimated expenditure of Rs. 1.50 lakh.

**Item No. 15.18**

**Procurement of Furniture**

The Council approved the proposal to procure office furniture through GEM within estimated expenditure of Rs. 2.35 lakh + GST (as applicable), with details as under:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Estimated Rate (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost (in Rs.)</b>
1.	Steel Almirah (Big size)	05	30,200	1,51,000
2.	Four-drawer Lateral Filing Cabinet	02	42,000	84,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>Rs. 2,35,000/-</b>

The expenditure will be incurred from the available funds under Capital Head.

**Item No. 15.19**

**Engagement of Internal Auditor**

The Council approved the proposal of the Centre for extending the contract of M/s Gaur & Associates, a Chartered Accountant Firm, empanelled under C&AG of India, as Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2020-21 on the existing terms & conditions.

**Item No. 15.20**

**Payment of Audit Fees for Audit of Accounts for FY 2019-20**

The Council accorded ex-post facto approval to the Centre for releasing an amount of Rs. 2,20,200/- to C&AG towards Audit fees for Audit of Accounts for Financial Year 2019-20.

**Item no. 15.21**

**Consideration of Budget Proposal for 2021-22**

The Council decided that BE for FY 2021-22 may be 10% over and above the actual expenditure incurred by the Centre for the current FY i.e. 2020-21

**Item No. 15.22**

**Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the FY 2019-20**

The Council approved the Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Financial Year 2019-20. The Centre may place these reports before GC for approval.

**Any other Item(s) with permission of the Chair**

1. The Council decided that the Department may write to the Ministry of External Affairs informing about various activities of the Centre, to explore the feasibility of collaboration with Universities and other educational institutions in SAARC countries.