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Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India

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New Delhi-110020

Dated: 20th Nov, 2024

Office Memorandum


Sub: 29th Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi, held in hybrid mode on 07th Nov, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

Twenty Ninth Meeting of Executive Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi, was held in hybrid mode on 07th Nov, 2024 at 11:00 AM, under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary (DEPwD) and Chairperson, Executive Council of ISLRTC, in the Conference Room, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-03

2. A copy of the duly approved minutes of the meeting is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action of all concerned.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As Stated


(Sanjay Kumar)
Deputy Director (Admin), ISLRTC

To-

- 1) Ms. Debolina Thakur, Joint Secretary & FA, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
- 2) Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director, All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, Karnataka- 570006
- 3) Dr. Suman Kumar, Director, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), K. C. Marg, Bandra Reclamation, Bandra (West), Mumbai- 400050.
- 4) Mrs. Nisha Grover, Director, Akshar Trust, 11th Floor Kirti Tower, Next to Kirti Mandir, Tilak Road, Vadodara, Gujarat-390 001.

- 5) Shri A. S. Narayanan, President, National Association of the Deaf, No. 102, 1st Floor, Plot – 19-A, Vishal Complex, Patparganj Village, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi- 110091
- 6) Shri Kamla Kant Pandey, Lecturer, Uttar Pradesh Institute for Hearing Handicapped 4/7Malviya Road, George Town, Allahabad- 211002
- 7) Dr. Vinay Singh, Professor, Department of Education of Groups with Special Needs, National Council of Education Research and Training, Sri Aurobindo Marg, Block A, NCERT Campus, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi- 110016
- 8) Shri Arun C. Rao, President, Association of Sign Language Interpreters, No.243/1, MTNL Building, 2nd Floor, Savitri Nagar, New Delhi
- 9) Ms. Atiya Hajee, General Secretary, Indian Sign Language Interpreters Association, Hyderabad 14/4, Konark Nagar -1, Opp. Reliance Fresh, Viman Nagar, Pune- 411014 (Maharashtra)
- 10) Ms. Uma Kapoor, Secretary General, All India Foundation of Deaf Women, 1st Floor, DDA Community Hall, Gali Chandiwali, Paharganj, New Delhi- 110055.
- 11) Shri Padmakar Tulshiram Ingle, Vivekanand Pratisthan, Plot No. 62, Gat no. 163, Girna Pumping Road, Jijau Nagar, Jalgaon - 425002
- 12) Smt. Karri Uma Devi, 202, Rahul Kunj, Plot-7, Srinivasa Nagar, Ring Road, Vizianagaram- 535002 (A.P.)
- 13) Member Secretary, RCI, B-22, NRPC Colony, Block B, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi- 110016.

Copy to:-

- i) PPS to JS (RS), DEPwD
- ii) Director, ISLRTC

Minutes of 29th Meeting of Executive Council of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi held in hybrid mode on 07th Nov, 2024.

The 29th Meeting of Executive Council of ISLRTC was held in hybrid mode under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, Executive Council of ISLRTC, at DEPwD, 5th Floor, B-III, Block, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

At the outset, Director, ISLRTC, welcomed the Chairperson and all others Members of the Council and thereafter with the permission of the Chair, agenda items were discussed and considered.

Item No. 29.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 28th meeting of EC held on 08th July, 2024

Minutes of the 28th EC meeting held on 08th July, 2024, circulated vide email dated 16th July, 2024 and Minutes considered through circulation vide email dated 12th Sep, 2024 were considered by EC and confirmed.

Item No. 29.2

Action Taken Report on minutes of 28th EC held on 08th July, 2024 and the decision taken are as follows:

Item	Decision/resolution
Additional Agenda Item no. 1 Collaborations/MoUs with possible Organizations	The Council advised that the Centre to take initiative and tie up with various Universities such as IGNOU, Delhi University, Bhoj University, Netaji Subhas University, Kolkatta and to conduct awareness programme/ start ISL courses through RCI.
Additional Agenda Item no. 4 Engagement of additional Instructors and Master Trainers on contract basis	The Council accorded ex-post facto approval for engagement of 06 additional Instructors on contract basis initially for a period of one year w.e.f 19 th Sep, 2024, with financial implication of Rs. 28,20,000/- which will incurred from General Head of GIA.
Additional Agenda Item no. 8 Engagement of ISL Interpreters on contract basis	The Council accorded ex-post facto approval for engagement of ISL Interpreters on contract basis for a period of 01 year w.e.f. 03 rd Oct, 2024 with monthly Remuneration of Rs.40,000/- P.M on the same terms and conditions with an financial implication of Rs. 14,40,000/- which will be incurred from the General Head under GIA.

<p>Table Agenda no.1 Work order for recording of 500 words and to expedite the recording</p>	<p>The Council advised that the ISL Material such as ISL Dictionary, ISL content video etc should be connected with prominent search engine of website such as Google etc. to have wide publicity and easy access.</p>
<p>Table Agenda no. 2 Procurement of chairs</p>	<p>The Council accorded ex-post facto approval for procurement of 80 chairs through GeM with an financial implication of Rs.4,77,200/-.</p>

Item no. 29.3

Establishment of Centre at AYJNISHD, Mumbai

The Council approved the proposal and advised that the ISLRTC to maintain appropriate record of the service provided, to have visible difference and data based evidence, to establish the outcome of establishment of ISLRTC Centre at AYJNISHD, Mumbai.

Item no. 29.6

Recruitment of Assistant Professor and Librarian

The Council noted the recruitment process initiated by the Centre for the post of Assistant Professor (Sign Linguistics)-01, Assistant Professor (Interpreting)-01 and Librarian -01 and recommended following proposal of the Centre for further consideration of GC

- i) The post carries "All India Service Liability"
- ii) The maximum age limit for the selection of Assistant Professor (Sign Linguistics & Educational Interpreting) may be revised from 40 to 45 years, in line with maximum age criteria revised for Assistant Professor (Interpreting) by the General Council vide item no. 5.5 of GC Meeting held on 03rd May, 2019.

Item no. 29.7

Engagement of Library Assistant

The Council decided that, to meet the requirement of Library Assistant the Centre may engage Library Assistant on deputation/short term contract basis initially for a period of 02 year or till the post is filled on regular basis whichever is earlier from the date of joining. In case of contract, the post to be filled with a monthly fixed remuneration of

Rs.35,000/- per month i.e. (Corresponding pay of Level-4 as per DEPwD letter dated 25th March, 2023.)

Item no. 29.10

Fixing of honorarium/sitting fees for experts

The Council approved the proposal for fixing a rate of Rs. 2500/- per day as sitting fees/honorarium +TA/DA entitled for level-10 officer and local hospitality for ex officio member/expert and also considered the following expenditure incurred/committed towards payment of honorarium:

SI No	Programme	Honorarium proposed	Details of Honorarium, TA/DA	Total expenditure In Rs.
1.	Training on tactile Sign Language held on 22 nd & 23 rd Aug, 2024 for 2 nd year students of DISLI & DTISL	03 resource persons from Helen Keller Institute for Deaf & Deafblind, Mumbai	@Rs. 2500/-+TA, DA and Accommodation to each resource person	51,278/-
2.	7 th ISL Competition in August-September 2024	03 Judges Panel (Sh. Sunil Sahasrabudhe, Ms. Ritu Panda and Sh. Neeraj Agrawal) for 03 days	Rs. 2500/- per day to each panelist (for 03 days)	22,500/-
3.	To receive the award the winners from all over the country alongwith escort were invited in the ISL day.	To winner and escorts	@Rs.3,000/- lumpsum to each winner and escort received the award on ISL Day	1,59,000/-
4.	Interview held on 24 th Oct, 2024 for engagement of Multi Media Designer at ISLRTC on contract basis.	01 external member (Dr. KK Rattu, Director, Media & HoD, Jaipur National University, Jaipur, Rajasthan	Rs. 2500/- and TA as per rule.	4,033/- + TA, DA
5.	Reservation roster meeting held on 14 th Oct, 2024 at ISLRTC	To external member (Sh. Roshan Lal, Lecturer (PT), PDUNIPPD - Representative from the SC/ST category and Mrs. Manisha Bhatnagar, Dy. Director, Master Trainer at ISTM.	Rs. 3000/- + local TA to each external member as per rule.	6000+ Local TA
6.	To call a meeting of ISL experts in order to provide maximum resources to NCERT at its various location.	The Centre proposes to call representatives from IDBA and Yunikeeand to provide sitting fees and TA DA to external experts (nonofficial member).	@Rs.2500/- + TA&DA as per the level 10 officer of 7 th CPC	5,000/- + TA & DA

The Council also advised to frame standard guidelines for payment of TA DA as per rule to avoid proposing lumpsum payment to participant in any programme/ event in future.

Item no. 29.11

TA/DA to EC/GC members

The Centre approved the proposal to reimburse the TA and DA incurred by the EC/GC members invited to grace the Dias and to attend "Indian Sign Language Day" held on 23rd Sep, 2024. Further the Council also decided that, henceforth, the TA and DA as per the entitlement of EC/GC member may be provided, to the special invitee or EC/GC Members, if invited with due approval of Competent Authority for any mega/ special event of the Centre, as a special guest, to grace the Dias, for felicitation etc.

Item no. 29.12

Stipend of DISLI & DTISL students for the Academic Session 2024-2026.

The Council noted the stipend of Rs.2000/- per month, being paid to the students pursuing DISLI and DTISL courses at ISLRTC and agreed to be continue as per the decision taken in the 22nd EC vide Agenda item no. 22.8.

Further the Council recommended that the Centre to submit a proposal to National Fund of DEPwD, for getting funds for the expenditure towards stipend for the DISLI and DTISL students of Academic Session 2024-26.

Item no. 29.13

Delegation of Financial Powers to Directors of National Institutes and its CRCs under the aegis of Department

The Council approved the revised Delegation of Financial Powers to Directors of ISLRTC, as circulated by DEPwD vide its letter dated 30th Sep, 2024 w.e.f 07th Nov, 2024.

Item no. 29.14

Refund of caution money

The Council accorded ex-post facto approval, as proposed by the Centre for refund of caution money with an financial implication of Rs. 2,00,000/- from the Internal Accrual to DISLI and DTISL of Academic Session 2019-21, 2020-22 and 2021-23.

Item no. 29.15

Opening of CNA account for Skill Training, AGP

The Council approved the proposal for opening a zero balance subsidiary bank account in State Bank of India, Okhla, New Delhi for the project under the CNA account of "National Handicapped finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) vide account no.43237737795" and to open a zero balance subsidiary bank account in Punjab National Bank, New Delhi to receive funds under Awareness Generation Programme (AGP) scheme of DEPwD.

Item no. 29.16

Implementation of 7th CPC for Assistant Professor and Librarian

The Council noted the concern and advised that since the matter is already forwarded to DEPwD and it is under consideration, such issues and matters of subjudice nature shall not be included in EC agenda.

Agenda Item no. 29.17

Budget for the FY 2024-25

The Council considered the Revised Estimate (RE) for 2024-25 and the Budget Estimate (BE) for 2025-26 of ISLRTC and approved the same as under, subject to availability of funds:

Salaries Head	350 Lakh
General Head	668 Lakh
Creation of Capital Asset	30 Lakh
Total	1048 Lakh

Agenda Item no. 29.18

Annual Report of the Centre for 2023-24

The Council approved the Annual Report for the financial Year 2023-24 and for further submission to GC.

Table Agenda item considered by EC with the permission of the Chair

Item no. 1

Deputation of ISL Interpreter to Court

The Director, ISLRTC and some of the Council members submitted that the ISL Interpreters are providing Interpreting services to various Court, wherein they are considered as witness and later, summon/ arrest warrant are issued to provide subsequent Interpreting services for the case and sometimes, charges are also not been paid. It becomes very embarrassing, threat to life and unethical for the ISL Interpreter. The Council taken a serious view of the case and advised the Centre to submit a Draft letter to be send from DEPwD to Secretary, Ministry of Law and Supreme Court with a request that, to facilitate the hearing impaired with ISL Interpreter, to have unbiased Interpreting the Court may engage ISL interpreter on regular/contract basis, Interpreting provided by Interpreter to be recorded and the ISL Interpreter shall not be considered as witness of the case.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of participants in the 29th Executive Council meeting of ISLRTC held in hybrid mode on 07.11.2024 at 11:00 AM.

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Position
1.	Sh. Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, DEPwD	Chairperson
2.	Ms. Sunita Dhewal, Deputy Secretary, IFD	Representing Ms. Debolina Thakur, Joint Secretary & FA, M/o SJ&E
3.	Dr. Suman Kumar, Director, AYJNISHD, Mumbai	Member
4.	Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director, All India Institute of Speech & Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, Karnataka	Member
5.	Ms. Nisha Grover, Director, Akshar Trust, Vododara, Gujarat	Member
6.	Sh. A. S. Narayanan, President, National Association of the Deaf (NAD), New Delhi	Member
7.	Ms. Uma Kapoor, Secretary General, AIFDW, Paharganj, New Delhi	Member
8.	Dr. Vinay Singh, Professor, DEGSN, NCERT, New Delhi	Member
9.	Sh. Arun C Rao, President, ASLI, New Delhi	Member
10.	Mrs Monica Punjabi, President ISLIA	Representing Ms. Atiya Hajee, General Secretary, ISLIA, Pune
11.	Sh. Kamla Kant Pandey, Lecturer, Uttar Pradesh Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Allahabad.	Member
12.	Shri Padmakar Tulshiram Ingle Vivekanand Pratishthan, Jalgaon, Maharashtra- 425001	Member
13.	Smt. Karri Uma Devi, Rahul Kunj, Srinivasa Nagar, Ring Road, Vizianagaram.	Member
14.	Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Director, ISLRTC	Member Secretary

Following officials of ISLRTC were also present in the meeting

SI No	Name and Designation
1.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Deputy Director (Administration), ISLRTC
2.	Sh. Aviz, Section Officer, ISLRTC