

MINUTES OF THE 2ND MISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The 2nd Mission Advisory Committee meeting of the GSITI was held at Mission-V Headquarters Hyderabad on 8th and 9th April 2010, under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Ayyasami, Dy. Director General & HOD, GSITI. The meeting was attended by-

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1. Dr. K.Ayyasami, Dy. Director General	Chairman
2. V.Hanumanth Rao, Director,(TC), TI, Hqrs	Member Secretary
3. Dr. D.K.Mehrotra, Director, RTI Lucknow	Member
4. S.V.Kumar, Director, Bhimtal FTC	Member
5. H.Y.Bhai, Director, Raipur FTC	Member
6. S.K.Mitra, Director, RTI, ER, Kolkata	Member
7. N.Kutumbh Rao, Director & HOO, TI Hqrs	Member
7. M. Purushothaman, Director, RTI, WR Jaipur	Member
8. M.B.Beeraiah, Director, FTC, Chitradurga	Member
8. A.Sashidharan, Director,RTI, CR, Nagpur	Member
9. M.Sundaram, Sr.Geologist & faculty CGMT	Observer
10.S.A.D. Kudari, Sr.Geologist & faculty, (TC) TI,Hqrs	Observer
11.B.M.Shah, Sr.Geologist & faculty (TC)TI, Hqrs.	Observer

02.01.00: Shri V.Hanumanth Rao, Director (TC) & Member Secretary, GSITI, welcomed the Chairman and the members to the 2nd MAC meeting. He informed the members that this meeting is called at a juncture when 149 newly recruited Geologists have directly joined the TI Headquarters Hyderabad. The meeting was necessary to discuss the modalities and execution of training modules planned for 33rd OCG batches at seven centres from April to October 2010.

02.01.02: Dr. K.Ayyasami, Dy. Director General, in his opening remarks said as per the National Mineral Policy 2008, GSI and IBM are to be strengthened and as per the HPC report, the strength of GSI has been increased. As a result of the decision taken by the Ministry of Mines, 175 persons were given provisional appointment by the UPSC, 2007 Batch to join GSI. Out of which, 149 has joined the Training Institute Headquarters, Hyderabad, directly on 1st April 2010. In view of this it is necessary that the Training Centres should be strengthened by posting faculty so that large number of trainees can be trained. The Chairman informed the members that a letter will be written to all the HODs of the Regions to suggest names of the officers for induction in TI as faculty.

Discussions on Agenda Items

02.02.00: During the OCG Modules, lot of traveling is involved and the participants have to move from one centre to other. After deliberations it was decided that the traveling charges of the trainees shall be arranged and paid by the TI, through "Party Bill" mode instead of giving TA advances to the trainees.

Action HOO;TI

02.02.02 It was also decided that the transport charges for local movements, like from Airport/Railway Station /Bus stand to camp will be arranged by the TI and shall be paid by the respective centres from their contingent advances or through party bill.

Action: Dir.RTIs/FTCs

02.03.00: At Centres like Bhimtal, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Kothagudem, Saketi and Visakhapatnam where TI has no establishment of its own, the trainees have to be accommodated in private Hotels. After deliberations it was decided that the Director/course coordinator of the Centre shall make arrangements and make payments through party bill for the stay of trainees in hotels.

Action Dir.RTIs/FTCs

02.04.00 The Directors of the Centres expressed their difficulty in running the OCG courses with the present Rs.1 lakh RCA. They stated that a minimum of Rs.3 lakhs expenditure is involved in running an Orientation Course batch for one month. It was agreed that the established centres like, Chitradurga, Kuju, Raipur and Zawar shall be provided an ACA of Rs. 1 lakh in addition to Rs. 1 lakh for conducting the course. In case of Centres like Bhimtal, Kothagudem and Saketi, which do not have permanent establishment, RCA of Rs. 1 lakh should be sufficient to run the course.

Action Dir. FTCs

02.04.01 The Chairman suggested that in case of RTIs an amount of Rs.Fifty thousand will be provided as an RCA to run the RTI after ascertaining that the regions are not providing the necessary funds in their budget.

Action Dir.RTIs/FTCs

02.05.00 On the issue of accommodation the Director TC brought to the notice of the Chairman that RTIs of ER and CR has been provided with accommodation by the respective regions. In WR and NR the FTCs are already having establishment and to accommodate newly created RTIs, additional space is required. The Chairman informed the members that the HODs of the regions will be requested to provide sufficient space to accommodate the RTIs. In case of NER, the space provided by the region is too insufficient for RTI to function effectively. As GSI does not have its own building in NER the TI will look for an alternate accommodation.

Action Dir(TC)

02.05.01 The Directors of the new RTIs apprised the Chairman of non-existing or meager infrastructural facilities in their offices. Since RTIs are functioning under Regions, it was learnt that due to budgetary constraints the Regions are not in a position to procure and provide infrastructure like furniture etc. to RTIs. The members agreed that the minimum requirements of the RTIs shall be met from the RCA of the respective FTCs, whenever possible.

Action Dir.RTIs/FTCs

02.05.02 As a sequel to discussions on infrastructure, the Chairman advised the RTI Directors that for office assistance and housekeeping the work can be outsourced and payment be made through RCA till the RTIs budget is met from the respective Regions. The RTI Directors and faculty should also be involved in the OCG course being conducted in the FTC in their jurisdiction.

Action Dir.RTIs

02.06.00 On discussions pertaining to facilities for the OCG participants the Chairman desired that the Directors of FTCs should create excellent living conditions, keeping in view a large number of lady participants. He stressed that all FTCs should provide safe drinking water facility, sports facility and ensure hygienic ambience in the camp premises. Medical facility should also be available round the clock

Action Dir.FTCs

02.07.00 During the deliberations the Directors of Chitradurga, Kuju and Zawar FTCs wanted that the constructions of boundary walls are very essential for the safety of the centres. The chairman advised the HOO to expedite and follow up the matter with the CHQ if not already done

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02.08.00 The Chairman advised that every centre must have internet facility so that the trainees can utilize the facility. He also advised that the Centre Directors and faculty associated to make effective use of handy-cam and digital cameras for photographs and making short video-films of the courses conducted at their centres and submit a copy to the headquarters for editing and uploading in portal. This will help in generating a video library for display at various meetings where TI is involved. Zawar centre may try for satellite phone facility, for internet connection, if such a facility is allowed under the law.

Action Dir.RTIs

02.08.01 The rotational chain for the 33rd OCG was discussed in detail and the Chairman invited comments from the members on the subject. It was observed that the FTCs will be continuously occupied till the end of the field season thereby affecting some of the courses approved for FS 2009-10. The Chairman advised the Directors of the RTI to accommodate as many as possible courses. The Chairman also advised the Director FTC Raipur to shift 32nd OCG Batch B training module of Deccan Trap Mapping from Jabalpur to Malegaon or Pune to accommodate F-Batch of 33rd OCG at Jabalpur, if found necessary

Action Dir.RTIs/FTCs/FTC-Raipur

02.09.00: As this time the number of participants is more as a result shortage of field equipments like Brunton compass, hammer etc. may arise in the Centres. The Chairman advised the Centre Directors to interact with their respective Regions and obtain the equipments for the trainees.

Action Dir.RTIs/FTCs

The Chairman in his concluding remarks advised the members to communicate through email for CLs, RH and station leaving permission and in a similar way they may demand CLs, RH and station leaving permission from their subordinates in electronic form. He also wanted them, to give indents for PCs, laptops and GPS for training purpose in camps immediately. Recreation facilities (indoor and outdoor) should be made available and in case they are not available, they may improve on the facilities that are existing. He also instructed the Directors to indent for any machinery and equipments, like generator sets, coolers, etc, which are required for conducting training in comfortable environment keeping in view the weather conditions especially, summer. In addition, the FTC may consider procuring machines for demonstration purposes of various activities in the field. He also advised all the Directors of FTCs that in view of the large number of lady trainees, additional attention is to be paid towards the security and safety.