MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES, MUMBAI HELD ON 18th DECEMBER, 2015, AT NIRMAN BHAVAN, NEW DELHI.

The fortieth meeting of the General Council (GC) of the International Institute for Population Sciences [IIPS], Mumbai was held at 4.00 p.m. on 18th December, 2015 at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, the President, GC, IIPS.

- 2. The following members were present in the meeting:
 - Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, 348-A, Nirman Bhavan, NEW DELHI - 110 108.

: President

ii. Shri Bhanu Pratap Sharma
Secretary to the Government of India
& Chairman, Executive Council, IIPS,
Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Room No. 156-A, Nirman Bhavan,
NEW DELHI - 110 108.

: Vice- President

- iii. Ms. Vijaya Srivastava
 Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor
 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
 Government of India & Chairperson,
 Standing Finance Committee, IIPS
 R.No.244-A, Nirman Bhavan,
 NEW DELHI 110 108.
- iv. Shri P.C. Cyriac
 Deputy Director General (Statistics)
 Department of Health and Family Welfare
 Government of India,
 Room no. 243/B, 'A' Wing, Nirman Bhavan
 NEW DELHI 110 108.

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v. Dr. Faujdar Ram Director & Sr. Professor IIPS, Deonar, MUMBAI - 400 088.

vi. Shri S. Shankar Deputy Secretary (Representative of Joint Secretary) (University and Higher Education) Dept. of Secondary & Higher Education Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, Shastri Bhavan, NEW DELHI - 110 011.

vii. Dr. Jagdish Prasad Director General of Health Services Directorate General of Health Services, Room No.446, 'A' wing, Nirman Bhavan, NEW DELHI - 110 011.

viii. Mr. Kamleshwar Ojha, Addl. RGI (Representative of Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India) 2-A, Mansingh Road NEW DELHI - 110 037.

ix. Mr. D K Shukla Head (N.C.D., ICMR) (Representative of Dr. Soumya Swaminathan Secretary (DHR) and Director General) Indian Council of Medical Research Ansari Nagar, Post Box No.4911, NEW DELHI - 110 029.

x. Dr. D.A. Nagdeve Professor, IIPS, Deonar, MUMBAI - 400 088.

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xi. **Dr. Murali Dhar**Associate Professor
IIPS, Deonar
MUMBAI - 400 088.

xii. **Dr. Sunil Sarode**Asstt. Professor
IIPS, Deonar
MUMBAI - 400 088.

xiii. Dr. M.K. Kulkarni Registrar IIPS, Deonar MUMBAI - 400 088. : Non-member Secretary

Ms. Navanita Gogoi, Director (Stats.), Mr. G.L.Meena, S.O. & Mr. S. Bandyopadhyay, Consultant from DoHFW and Mr. Ramchandra Rathod, Assistant Finance Officer, IIPS, also attended the meeting.

Dr. Siddhartha Roy, Dr. Sanjay V Deshmukh, Prof.(Mrs.) Vasudha Kamat, Dr. S. Parasuraman, Shri Ashish Kumar, Prof. Dileep Mavalankar, Dr. P.M. Kulkarni, Prof. Jayanta Kumar Das and Dr. Satish Pawar could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

- 3. DDG (Stats.) briefed GC that the main purpose of the meeting is to adopt the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts of the IIPS, for the year 2014-15 which were duly recommended by the 80th meeting of the Standing Finance Committee [SFC] held on 18.11.2015 and 101st meeting of Executive Council [EC] held on 11.12.2015 of the IIPS. The GC adopted Annual Reports and audited accounts are required to be placed in Parliament.
- 4. Dr. Faujdar Ram, Director & Senior Professor, IIPS thanked Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and President, GC, IIPS for kindly consenting to preside over the 40th General Council meeting. He made a presentation about the overview of IIPS and its activities during 2014-15. This was followed by detailed discussion on items included in the agenda and the following decisions were taken:

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Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 39th meeting of the General Council held on 21st February, 2012.

The minutes of the 39th meeting of the General Council held on 21st February, 2012 were confirmed.

Item No.2: Action taken on the decisions of the 39th meeting of the General Council held on February 21, 2012.

Action taken (ATRs) on the decisions of the 39th meeting of General Council held on February 21, 2012 as reported by the IIPS were noted. IIPS was, however, directed that reporting of matters on Action Taken must be done henceforth in a tabular form, as already advised by the EC in its 101st Meeting and the SFC in its 80th meeting, as otherwise, some of the ATRs would be left out or wrongly represented. For instance, the decision under Sub-item No.10, was to amend the MOA, Rules and Regulations and Bye-laws to adopt the clause "declared as Deemed-to-be-University under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1965" instead of "An University Established under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956, vide Ministry of Education, GOI Notification No. F.9-14/81-4-3 dated 14th August 1985". Action taken on this decision was not indicated in the ATR. Director, IIPS clarified that action on this decision would be taken when the Bye-laws are next amended. The President, GC observed that necessary action on the said decision of the 39th GC has been unduly delayed. He directed the IIPS that all decisions of supervisory bodies should be implemented expeditiously.

Secretary [HFW] and Vice-President informed the GC that the issue of amendment of Bye-laws was discussed in the 101st EC meeting and IIPS was directed to redraft the Bye-laws and submit a detailed proposal for approval of MoHFW well in advance, and thereafter to bring the matter in the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Item No.3: Recommendation for adoption of the Annual Report and the Audited Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2014-15.

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The General Council considered and adopted the Annual Report and the Audited Annual Accounts for the year 2014-2015 of IIPS as recommended by SFC and EC for placing them in both the Houses of Parliament.

The GC noted the corrected agenda item as "Adoption of the Annual Report and the Audited Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2014-15".

Item No.4:

Overview of the findings of the Research Studies of National Importance and Review of Research Projects and Publications.

The presentation made by the Director & Senior Professor, IIPS at the beginning of the meeting covered details of the Research Studies of National Importance, Projects and Publications of IIPS. The General Council noted the on-going research projects funded by the Ministry as well as by outside agencies.

Secretary [HFW] and Vice-President, GC advised that projects which have not even been initiated, should be dropped from the list of on-going projects stating clearly the reasons thereof. The Director & Senior Professor, IIPS clarified that, the proposal to drop one study will be considered for dropping in the next meeting of the Academic Council, proposed to be held in February, 2016, as per laid down procedure.

Item No.5:

Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2015-16.

The General Council approved the proposal of the revised estimates for the year 2015-16, duly recommended by the EC and the SFC, as given below:

(In lakhs)

1. Non-Plan

₹ 1501.00



2. Plan

₹ 746.00

₹ 2247.00

Item No.6: Budget Estimates for the year 2016-17.

The General Council approved the proposal of the budget estimates for the year 2016-17, duly recommended by the EC and the SFC, as given below:

(In lakhs)

1. Non-Plan

₹ 1965.00

2. Plan - Capital ₹ 200.00 General ₹ 718.00

₹ 918.00

₹ 2883.00

Item No.7: Reporting of progress on Infrastructural Development project of IIPS.

It was mentioned that the matter has been taken up at the level of Honorable HFM with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra. The President advised the IIPS to coordinate with the appropriate authorities to expedite the necessary approvals and thereafter to commence the work with a sense of urgency.

Item No.8: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

A. Secretary (HFW) and Vice-President, GC mentioned that IIPS is conducting crucial surveys entrusted by the Ministry. But it needs to

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minimize delays involved in conducting such surveys without compromising on quality of results.

- B. DDG (Stats.) mentioned with the permission of the Chair that timely holding of supervisory bodies has not been done by the IIPS and that the Institute should ensure holding meetings of all the supervisory bodies in accordance with the Bye-laws as stipulated under:
 - General Council: at least once a year (not later than nine months after the expiry of the financial year).
 - Executive Council: at least thrice a year.
 - Standing Finance Committee: at least twice a year.
 - Academic Council: at least twice a year.
- C. The following points were also mentioned by the Members:
 - The Institute should focus on quality of education and students strength instead of running a number of various courses/degrees.
 - IIPS should contribute towards some courses on health education
 - Studies on subjects like transgender and surrogacy should also be included.
 - Efforts should be made for creating placement through campus selection and create more opportunity for employability of students.
 - The Institute should try for NAAC accreditation and Choice Based Credit Systems.
 - UGC is doing Indian Ranking System of Universities. IIPS should also explore the possibility to participate in it.

Director, IIPS clarified that there are a few Ph.D students who are working on surrogacy and IIPS has also organized international conference on surrogacy. Some work has been done by IIPS students on lifestyle of transgender and their health conditions. He opined that once IIPS upgrades its infrastructure, then NAAC accreditation can be attempted, as presently the infrastructure of the Institute is perhaps inadequate. Regarding courses on health education, it was clarified that the mandate of IIPS is to train students from India and other countries on subjects of population and related issues. However, IIPS would be able to undertake surveys in the area

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of education, if approached by any concerned authority. The GC was informed that the students completing various courses in the IIPS are all being getting employed with decent pay packages.

Director, IIPS assured that due care will be taken in future to hold the meetings of the supervisory bodies in time. Regarding delay in completion of NHFS-4, it was clarified that the delay was attributable to court cases and refusal of some of the selected field agencies to undertake the survey, which are beyond control of the IIPS. However, all issues have now been sorted out and no further delays in NHFS-4 are expected. Director, IIPS informed that fact sheets of 14 first phase States/ UTs have already been sent to MoHFW for perusal and clearance. These would be released after clearance of the Ministry.

- 5. Concluding the discussions, the President directed IIPS to make all out efforts at improving the quality of work as well as its performance so as to make it more relevant to the present times. He also directed the Institute to ensure timely action on all decisions of the supervisory bodies like the GC, the EC and the SFC and on completion of surveys being undertaken by them. The IIPS was further directed that all the meetings of these bodies should be held as stipulated in the Bye-laws.
- 6. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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