

MINUTES OF 15TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIJU PATNAIK NATIONAL STEEL INSTITUTE, PURI, HELD ON 17.03.2016 AT 5.00 P.M. IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL.

15th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Biju Patnaik National Steel Institute, Puri was held on 17.03.2016 at 5:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Sunil Barthwal, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India, in Steel Room, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of Members of the Board who attended the meeting is at Annexure. Principal Secretary to Government of Odisha, Department of Steel & Mines, Shri D.N. Rao, President, Director (O), RINL, Shri Ratnasanu Das, ES, JPC, Shri Rabi Narayan Mishra, nominee of Puri MP, Shri G.S. Gill, MD, NINL, and Shri Padma Lochan Mohanty, President, Odisha Sponge Iron Manufacturers' Association could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted by the Chair. C.E.O. of RSP was represented by Dr. Sumit Datta, GM (HRD).

2. The Chairman welcomed the Members and initiated the discussion.

3 Agenda Item 1.0: *Confirmation of the Minutes of 14th Meeting of Board held on 10.06.2015*

The minutes of the 14th Board Meeting was discussed and confirmed.

4. Agenda Item 2.0: *Director's report.*

A report on the activities of the Institute since the last Board meeting and the activities that are being planned for the coming year was given by the Director. The members appreciated the various efforts that are being made to generate revenue for the Institute and make it sustainable. Members took note of the fact that the efforts are not giving the desired results due to lack of infrastructure, facilities and the current predicament of the industry.

Thus, members are of the view that all the efforts should be directed towards acceleration of the upgradation process. Meanwhile, the expenditure of the Institute be pegged at a bare minimum, cutting all extra/incidental costs. Towards that end, a letter would be issued by the Ministry requesting the Government of Odisha to provide suitable office space for the Institute in Bhubaneswar at no cost or a nominal cost that would help reducing day to day expenses of the Institute. After the letter is sent from the Ministry, the matter would be followed up by Prof. Damodar Acharya and Mr. Brahmananda Mishra at the State Government level to expedite the process and get an early possession of the required office space.

5. Agenda Item 3.0: *Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 14th Board meeting.*

The Action Taken Report of the Institute was discussed by the members of the Board and it was decided to continue the periodic inspection of the 25 acres of land of the Institute at Baliana, Jagannathpur mouza to safeguard it from any encroachments.

6. Agenda Item 4.0: *Creation of leave salary & gratuity funds.*

The proposal was discussed. The Board felt that because of lack of funds and lack of revenue generation, leave salary and gratuity funds cannot be created in the current situation.

7. Agenda Item 5.0: *Extension of Shri Sibinand Mishra, Project Engineer.*

The proposal of extension was discussed and approved.

8. Agenda Item 6.0: *Issue of performance incentive for the non-executive staff of BPNSI.*

The proposal was discussed. The Board felt that performance incentive for the non-executive staff cannot be made because of lack of funds.

9. Agenda Item 7.0: *Budget for FY 2015-16 (balance) & 2016-17.*

The Budget proposal for the FY 2015-16 (balance) & 2016-17 was discussed. The Board is of the view that the basic salary of the employees need to be protected and all other expenses need to be cut down. Following directives are issued by the Board in this regard:

- a) The assets of the Institute and the staff be accommodated in the Academic building in Puri, so that the Administrative building of the Transit house (in Puri) can be surrendered.
- b) Keep only one land line for the Institute and surrender all the remaining land lines
- c) Make a conscious effort to minimize the expenses of the Institute wherever possible.

With the above guidelines, the Board has approved the following budget:

1) For 2016-17	Rs. 130 lakhs
2) For 2015-16 (balance)	Rs. 22 lakhs*
3) Outstanding committed liability towards Payment of gratuity & leave dues of Shri R.K. Padhy absorbed by JPC	Rs. 1.69 lakhs**

Total	Rs. 153.69 lakhs
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* The budget given for 2015-16 was 144.91 lakhs. According to the discussed guidelines, the budget of 2015-16 could be trimmed down to Rs. 135 lakhs. Receipt of funds in FY 2015-16 was Rs. 112.55 lakhs. Thus another 22 lakhs are required to meet the statutory payments for the remaining 2 months of FY 2015-16.

** Shri R.K. Padhy was a permanent employee of BPNSI who went to JPC on deputation and subsequently got absorbed in JPC. The Institute has already committed to pay JPC the gratuity and leave dues of Mr. Padhy.

10 Agenda Item 8.0: *Extension of tenure of deputation period of Shri Pradeep Kumar Mahallik at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.*

The proposal was discussed. The Board while approving an extension for one year has also instructed that given the fund situation, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar may be requested to absorb Mr. P.K. Mahallik.

11. Agenda Item 9.0: *Any other item with the permission of the Chair.*

Since no other matter was taken up, the meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.

ANNEXURE

**15TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON 17-03-2016 AT
5.00 P.M – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

1. Mr. Sunil Barthwal, Joint Secretary, M/o Steel & Chairman, BPNSI
2. Mr. Subhash Bhattacharya, Deputy Secretary, M/o Steel & Director, BPNSI
3. Prof. Damodara Acharya, SOA University, Bhubaneswar
4. Mr. Brahmananda Mishra, Utkal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Odisha
6. Dr. Sumit Datta, G.M (HRD)
6. Mr. R.K. Bagchi, Director, NISST
7. Mr. C.P. Mohanty, Sr. Asst. Professor, BPNSI.