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## **Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata at 10. 30 a.m.**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS was held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 10. 30 p.m. in the Director's Office, Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

### Members Present:

1. Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
2. Professor Uma Dasgupta
3. Professor O. P. Mishra
4. Professor Suranjan Das
5. Ms. Nirmala Goyal, Deputy Director, MOC, GOI (nominated by Sri. Ravindra Singh, Secretary, MOC, GOI to represent the MOC, GOI)
6. Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director & Member Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Professor Mushirul Hasan, Professor Ashis Kumar Roy, Mr. Raghav Chandra (FA & AS, MOC, GOI), Mr. Siddartha Varadarajan.

Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS welcomed all members of the Council requested Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS to begin the deliberations.

Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS thanked the Chairman of the Executive Council and began the deliberations of the 75<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS.

**Agenda Item No. 1:** To confirm the Minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on August 21, 2014 at IIC, New Delhi. (Annexure I)

The Council took note of the letter No. F. 12-6/ 2013- C & M, MOC, GOI dated October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and accepted the revision suggested by the MOC, GOI under Agenda Item No. 6 and regarding the revision suggested by the MOC, GOI under Agenda Item No. 18 in the resolution, the Council resolved that as MAKAIAS has always followed proper procedures with regard to field trips of the Fellows the same may be communicated to the MOC, GOI.

The Council confirmed the Minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS held on August 21, 2014 at IIC, New Delhi with the above observations.

**Agenda Item No. 2:** Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 74<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on August 21, 2014. (Annexure II)

The Council noted and confirmed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 74<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on August 21, 2014 with an additional item incorporated about the status of a National Seminar as discussed by the Council members.

**Agenda Item No. 3:** The Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting held on August 21, 2014 at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi is placed before the Executive Council, MAKAIAS for perusal and record. (Annexure III)

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting of MAKAIAS held on August 21, 2014 at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

**Agenda Item No. 4:** The Minutes of the Academic Committee meeting of the Institute held on October 14, 2014 is placed before the Council for perusal and confirmation. (Annexure IV)

The Council confirmed and approved the Minutes of the Academic Committee meeting of MAKAIAS held on October 14, 2014 with the suggestion that a detail note regarding the Research Advisory Committee may be placed in the next meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 5:** To consider the application for field trip submitted by Ms. Susmita Bhattacharya, Fellow, MAKAIAS to Mundgod, Karnataka with a budget of Rs. 60, 000/- (Rupees sixty thousand only). (Annexure V)

The Council approved the field trip application submitted by Ms. Susmita Bhattacharya in connection with her research to Mundgod, Karnataka with a budget of Rs. 60, 000/- (Rupees sixty thousand only) as per the practice in the Institute and the GOI rules applicable.

**Agenda Item No. 6:** To consider the proposal for an International Conference at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS during January 7- 8, 2014 on 'North east India in the Cultural Imaginations: History, Land and People' with a budget of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only). (Annexure VI)

The Council members perused and approved the International Conference to be organized by MAKAIAS at Azad Bhavan during January 7- 8, 2014 on 'North- East India in the Cultural Imaginations: History, Land and People' with the budget of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only) as per GOI rules applicable.

**Agenda Item No. 7:** To consider the proposal for an International Seminar on January 5, 2015 at MAKAIAS, Azad Bhavan on "BRICS and a New Information Structure" with a budget of Rs. 9, 45, 000/- (Rupees nine lakhs and forty five thousand only). (Annexure VII)

The Council noted and approved the proposal for organizing an International Seminar on January 5, 2015 by MAKAIAS, Kolkata at Azad Bhavan on 'BRICS and a New Information Structure' with the budget of Rs. 9, 45, 000/- (Rupees nine lakhs and forty five thousand only) as per GOI rules.

**Agenda Item No. 8:** To consider the proposal of collaborating with Jadavpur University in organizing an International Seminar titled "Centering Borders: Narrative explorations in South Asia and Latin America" during January 7- 8, 2015 with request of partial financial assistance of Rs. 70, 000/- (Rupees seventy thousand only). Although it has been mentioned is Jadavpur University contribute Rs. 35, 000/- (Rupees thirty five thousand only) the amount will be refunded to the Institute accordingly. (Annexure VIII)

The Council after due deliberations resolved that partial financial assistance of Rs. 50, 000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) may be approved for collaboratively organizing with Jadavpur University, Kolkata an International Seminar on "Centering Borders: Narrative explorations in South Asia and Latin America" during January 7- 8, 2014.

**Agenda Item No. 9:** The Council is requested to peruse, suggest changes and approve the revised Bye laws and Fellowship Scheme of the Institute. (Annexure IX)

The Council noted and discussed the Bye laws circulated and resolved that the suggestions given will be incorporated and the revised Bye laws will be submitted shortly.

**Agenda Item No. 10:** The Council is requested to consider publication of advertisement for recruiting Fellows under the MAKAIAS Fellowship Scheme- in house.

The Council resolved advertisement for Maulana Azad Fellows may be published at the earliest. Further, the Council resolved that once the Fellowship Scheme is formally accepted, the advertisement for Fellowship at MAKAIAS will be published.

**Agenda Item No. 11:** To Report the following to the Council: (Annexure X)

- i. Resignation submitted by Mr. Arunaloke Dutta, Research Assistant vide letter dated September 25, 2014 on grounds of his ill health.
- ii. To report the withdrawal of extension request of Professor Jayanta Kumar Ray, Maulana Azad Fellow, and vide email dated November 17, 2014 Prof. Jayanta Kumar Ray has informed the Director, MAKAIAS that he will be submitting his manuscript as early as possible.
- iii. To report the status of MAKAIAS as per the MoU signed between MAKAIAS and MOC, GOI and consider the review of the HRD policy.
- iv. To report the expansion of the Institute's North East programme- Maulana Azad Centre for North East Studies: The northeast region of our country has been one of the foci for the Institute's activities. The Institute has signed MoUs with 5 Central Universities in the North East and set up Maulana Azad Research Centres on Northeast India (MARCNEI) in the following universities: Rajiv Gandhi University (MARCBEI-RGU) in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim University (MARCNEI-SU) in Sikkim, Tezpur University (MARCNEI-TU) in Assam, North Eastern Hill University (MARCNEI-NEHU) in Meghalaya and Mizoram University (MARCNEI-MU) in Mizoram. As a part of its active endeavor MAKAIAS has recently inaugurated the Maulana Azad Centres for North East Studies at Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh- RGU, NEHU and Tezpur and set up advisory committees consisting of experts from the Universities and MAKAIAS to review the future course of academic activities and programmes.

- v. To report MOC's letter F. No. 12- 1/ 2014- C & M (part – I) dated September 10, 2014 on the subject 'Air Fare and Hotel Accommodation for Ms. Priyanka Basu, PS to Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata- regarding;'

The Council noted the above and resolved the following as listed below:

- i. The Council resolved that the resignation submitted the Mr. Arunaloke Dutta in view of his ill- health is accepted.
- ii. The Council noted the withdrawal of extension request of Professor Jayanta Kumar Ray.
- iii. The Council noted the report of the status of MAKAIAS with reference to the MoU with MOC and the HR policies were discussed and reviewed. The Director, MAKAIAS was requested to make proposals for requesting the MOC, GOI for sending Work Study Team, to examine promotional scheme, additional administrative support and also proposal for post of Hindi Officer at the Institute.
- iv. The Council noted the report on the Maulana Azad Centres for North East Studies and suggested that the 'advisory committees' may be referred as 'working group'.
- v. The Council noted the letter from the MOC, GOI on the subject 'Air Fare and Hotel Accommodation for Ms. Priyanka Basu, PS to Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata- regarding;' and resolved that the matter be placed in the Finance Committee, MAKAIAS for approval.

**Agenda Item No. 12:** Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

- i. To consider the budget of Rs. 1, 00, 000/- (Rupees one lakh only) for inauguration of Maulana Azad Centre at Mizoram University on December 15, 2014. (Annexure a)

The Council approved the budget of Rs. 1, 00, 000/- (Rupees one lakh only) for inauguration of Maulana Azad Centre at Mizoram University on December 15, 2014.

- ii. To consider the prayer/ application submitted by Ms. Suhita Saha, Research Assistant, MAKAIAS to undertake filed trip in connection with her research work to Mumbai during December 8- 18, 2014 with a budget of Rs. 41, 500/- (Rupees forty one thousand and five hundred only). (Annexure b)

The Council approved the application submitted by Ms. Suhita Saha, Research Assistant, MAKAIAS to undertake field trip in connection with her research to Mumbai and financial assistance of Rs. 41, 500/- (Rupees forty one thousand and five hundred only) during December 8- 18, 2014 as per the Institute's practice and GOI rules applicable.

- iii. To consider the proposal submitted by the Centre for South Asian Studies, SIS, JNU, New Delhi requesting additional financial assistance of Rs. 3, 50, 000/- (Rupees three lakhs and fifty thousand only) for organizing a collaborative International

Seminar on "India and its Neighbours: Policy Priorities for New Government" on a revised date during February 20- 21, 2015. (Annexure c)

The Council resolved that additional financial assistance of Rs. 2, 00, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs only) may be approved for collaboratively organizing the International Seminar 'India and its Neighbours: Policy Priorities for New Government' at JNU, SIS, New Delhi during February 20- 21, 2015.

- iv. To consider the proposal submitted by Professor Tej Pratap singh, Banaras Hindu University for collaboratively organizing a National Seminar on 'Re conceptualizing Indian Foreign Policy: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities' during February 23- 24, 2015 at BHU with request of financial assistance of Rs. 5, 75, 000/- (Rupees five lakhs and seventy five thousand only). (Annexure d)

The Council resolved that partial financial assistance of Rs. 4, 50, 000/- (Rupees four lakhs and fifty thousand only) may be approved for collaboratively organizing the national Seminar on "Re – conceptualizing Indian Foreign Policy: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities" during February 23- 24, 2015 at Banaras Hindu University.

- v. To report that Ms. Sunita Tiwari, Hindi Language Assistant, MAKAIAS has completed her Masters in Hindi from Chhatrapati Shahu Ji MAHARAJ UNIVERSITY, Kanpur. The Council is requested to consider a raise in her remuneration (consolidated pay) as her performance has also been well. (Annexure e)

The Council after due deliberations resolved that the consolidated remuneration of Ms. Sunita Tewari be raised to Rs. 22, 000/- (Rupees twenty two thousand only) in view of the above.

- vi. To consider the application submitted by Sri. Amarnath Sengupta, Computer Assistant, MAKAIAS dated April 24, 2014 requesting the Council members to consider the anomaly in the post assigned to him (Computer Assistant) and the duties and work delivered by Sri. Amarnath Sengupta (Accountant- all accounts related work) at the Institute and accordingly assign him a designation appropriate to his work. (Annexure f)

The Council is resolved that the designation Accounts- UDC as prayed by Sri. Amarnath Sengupta may be considered interchangeable in the same scale appropriate with his work profile and the Ministry may be informed of the same.

- vii. To consider a project proposal submitted by Sri. Anwar Moazzam on: Understanding Maulana Azad: An Opinion- Catalogue based on Selected Urdu- Source-Materials from Azad's writings, addresses, speeches etc.

The Council approved the external project proposal in principle and requested the Director, MAKAIAS to discuss and work out the detailed modalities.

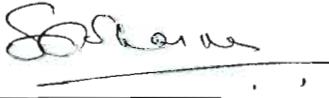
- viii. To consider the proposal submitted by Sri Tanmoy Bose for organizing Mehfil series at MAKAIAS premises during a course of 1 year with budget of Rs. 50, 000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) for the inaugural programme and rest for each episode Rs. 25, 000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) for each episode held.

The Council approved the proposal submitted by Sri. Tanmoy Bose with the budget proposed.

- ix. To consider the request submitted by India Foundation for reimbursement of Rs. 1, 13, 872/- as part of the expenditure incurred for the stage and for sound, lighting, video projection for the play 'Azad Maulana' staged on the 126<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Maulana Azad during November 10- 11, 2014 at Maulana Azad Museum.

The Council resolved that as requested the amount of Rs. 1, 13, 872/- (Rupees one lakh thirteen thousand eight hundred and seventy two only) may be reimbursed to India Foundation.

The meeting ended with of thanks to the Chair.



Shri. Sitaram Sharma  
Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS



Dr. Sreeradha Dutta  
Director & Member Secretary