



# मौलाना अबुल कलाम आज़ाद एशियाई अध्ययन संस्थान

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## **Minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on December 18, 2014 at 10. 30 a.m. Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata**

As desired by Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS, Kolkata the 76<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS was held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 10. 30 a.m. at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, IB- 166, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 106.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
2. Professor Ashis Kumar Roy
3. Professor Uma Dasgupta
4. Professor Suranjan Das
5. Professor O. P. Mishra
6. Mr. Madan Chaurasia (Under Secretary, GOI, MOC- nominated member by the MOC, GOI)
7. Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director & Member Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Professor Mushirul Hasan and Sri. Siddhartha Varadarajan.

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS, introduced Sri. Madan Chaurasia, Under Secretary, MOC, GOI and welcomed all the members. Shri. Sharma requested Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS to begin the deliberations of the meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 1:** To confirm the Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on November 24, 2014 at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata. (Annexure I)

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on November 24, 2014.

Professor Suranjan Das drew the attention of the members to Agenda Item No. 9- pertaining to the Bye laws of the Institute, with particular reference to Fellowship scheme and recorded his observations that there should be no age limit for Senior Fellows; while the rest of the Council members agreed that there should be an age limit as has been incorporated in the Bye – laws.

**Agenda Item No. 2:** Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 75<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on November 24, 2014. (Annexure II)

The Council noted and confirmed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 75<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on November 24, 2014.

Mr. Madan Chaurasia, Under Secretary and representative of the MOC, GOI pointed that, in the Bye laws under Rule 18 (pg. 8) the matter will be as per GOI rules with specific reference to Director's discretion on condonation on late attendance.

**Agenda Item No. 3:** To peruse and approve the Annual Report & Audited Accounts of MAKAIAS for the financial year 2013- 14. (Annexure III)

The Council perused and approved the Annual Report & Audited Accounts for the financial year 2013- 14 and resolved that the same may be sent to the Ministry of Culture, GOI.

Further, it was observed that the concerned division of the Ministry may submit their views/ observations on the Annual Report & Audited Accounts 2013- 14 to the Minister, Ministry of Culture, GOI.

**Agenda Item No. 4:** Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

- i. To consider the request/ prayer submitted for one increment to 5 employees of the Institute as per OM No. 10/ 2/ 2011- E- III (A) dated January 3, 2013. (Annexure a)

The Council resolved and recommended that the matter may be sent to MOC, GOI for reconsideration and also with the request to view the same favorably before the 7<sup>th</sup> CPC.

- ii. To consider the proposal submitted by Sri. Dipak Kumar Dutta, AFO regarding consideration of recruitment of regular employees at the Institute for better functioning in different areas of work. (Annexure b)

The Council resolved that the Chairman, MAKAIAS may be authorized to constitute a Work Study Team including representatives from the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Finance.

- iii. To consider the proposal submitted by Sri. Dipak Kumar Dutta, AFO on behalf of the staff of the Institute to consider granting additional increments/honorarium to the permanent/ regular employees of the Institute in view of the phenomenal growth of the Institute both vertically and horizontally with the same staff strength since its inception. (Annexure c)

The Council resolved that the matter/ proposal may be referred to Ministry of Culture, GOI for favorable consideration.

- iv. To consider the proposal submitted by Ms. Maina Bhagat, Director, AKLF for considering collaborating with Indian Museum, Kolkata and MAKAIAS, Kolkata for organizing AKLF 2015 on 'Intangible and Tangible Heritage' on January 14, 2015 at Indian Museum with partial financial assistance. (Annexure d)

The Council resolved and approved partial financial grant of Rs. 2, 00, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs only) for collaborating for organizing AKLF 2015. Further, the Council resolved that Indian Museum, Kolkata may be requested to take the grant on behalf of AKLF for the above event, or MAKAIAS may make the direct payment for travel etc.

- v. To consider the project proposal "Aoling Festival and Life in a Konyak Village" submitted by Mr. Ranajit Ray, with financial assistance of Rs. 6, 00, 000/- (Rupees six lakhs only) and time frame of 1 year post satisfactory review process. (Annexure e)

The Council resolved that the project proposal be approved.

- vi. To consider the review report of Professor Anindyo Jyoti Majumdar on the project proposal (external) titled "Indian Ocean and Its Geo-Strategic significance for India: Changing Role and Shifting Priorities" submitted by Mr. Vimal Nayan Pandey for consideration by the Council.

The Council resolved that Mr. Vimal Nayan Pandey may be requested to submit a revised proposal incorporating the views and suggestions made by the reviewer and modify the budget accordingly. Further the Council approved in principle the project proposal of Mr. Vimal Nayan Pandey (external) and requested the Director to take the necessary action.

- vii. To consider the proposal for collaborating with University of Calcutta, for holding a 2 day National Seminar during 18- 19 March, 2015 on 'Arabic & Persian Background on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad" with request for consideration of financial assistance of Rs. 10, 23, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs twenty three thousand only).

The Council resolved and approved partial financial grant of Rs. 5, 00, 000/- (Rupees five lakhs only) may be approved for collaboratively organizing the above National Seminar with the Dept. of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta.

- viii. To consider the proposal submitted by Centre for Development and Peace Studies, Guwahati, Assam for collaboratively organizing a Two- day International Seminar on " Shared Rivers in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects in Lower Riparian States" at Tezpur University under the aegis of Maulana Azad Centre for North East Studies. Total Budget is Rs. 17, 00, 000/- (Rupees seventeen lakhs only). The Council is requested to consider.

The Council resolved that partial financial grant of Rs. 7, 00, 000/- (Rupees seven lakhs only) be approved for the collaborative International Seminar on "Shared Rivers in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects in Lower Riparian States".

Further the Council resolved that the Centre for Development and Peace Studies, Guwahati may be informed that it is desirable and preferred if MAKAIAS, Kolkata makes the payment for Travel and Conference Kits directly.

- ix. To consider the proposal submitted by Dr. Jaideep Saikia regarding organizing collaboratively a half day Conference in Guwahati focused either on Indo-China Boundary Issue or a Track II Dialogue with Bangladesh on "Cross Border Terrorism: Roadmap for Cooperation". The matter is placed before the Council for discussion and consideration.

The Council resolved that Dr. Jaideep saikia may be requested to send a Seminar proposal with budget through the Guwahati University/ Assam University for consideration by the Institute.

- x. To consider the request/ prayer and applications of re-designation of the following staff of the Institute without financial implications.
- a. Mr. Manoj Kumar Pandey at present L.D.C prayed for Hindi Officer.
  - b. Mr. Ashis Bhowmik at present U. D. C prayed for Store Keeper.
  - c. Mr. Sushanta Banerjee at present Stenographer prayed for Additional Secretary to Director.
  - d. Mr. Pradyut Kumar Banerjee at present UDC prayed for UDC (Pay & Allowance).

The Council noted the above applications and resolved that the matter of re-designation may be decided by the Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS and Director, MAKAIAS.

- xi. To consider the request submitted by GIF, Kolkata regarding submission of the manuscript by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

The Council resolved that the request be approved.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



Shri. Sitaram Sharma  
Chairman, Executive Council  
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Dr. Sreeradha Dutta  
Director & Member Secretary  
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