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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOARD HELD ON 09.10.1998 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD AT 2, COMMUNITY CENTRE, PREET VIHAR, DELHI-110 092.

01. The list of the members who were present and those who could not be present in the meeting is given in Annexure 1.
02. At the very outset, Chairman, Prof. B. P. Khandelwal extended a very warm welcome to all the members and his fellow colleagues to the meeting.
03. He accorded a special welcome to Smt. Archana Arora, Director of Education, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi who has recently taken over as Director of Education, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and is likely to attend this meeting of the Board for the first time.
04. He took the opportunity to express sincere gratitude and gratefulness to the outgoing Member, i.e., Dr. (Smt.) V. Vasanthi Devi, Vice-Chancellor, Manomaniam Sunder Naar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu for her valuable contribution in various important deliberations held in this House from time to time.
05. The House then unanimously resolved that the valuable contributions made by the outgoing Member be placed on record.
06. In his introductory remarks, the Chairman apprised the Members that they are fully abreast of the latest developments and challenges in the field of secondary education all over the world. The constant demand of universalisation in the field of secondary education requires regular updation of the skills and competence to cope-up with the changing scenario in this field. It is a matter of profound privilege to inform that the Board has made all out efforts to identify and work on the key areas in the field of academics, examinations and other administrative activities so as to make the Board the pace-setter in the field of secondary education. He then placed before the House some of the salient features of different activities undertaken by this Board since the last meeting held on 02.05.98.

1. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The Board has undertaken quite a good number of academic activities in the arena of curriculum designing, curriculum renewal, teacher training programmes, publications, support materials, etc. The recommendations of Prof. Amrik Singh Committee in this field had always been a guiding factor. He then highlighted some of the specific activities as follows :

- 1.1 Keeping in view the guidelines of the Task Force Committee of the Govt. of India headed by Prof. Amrik Singh which observed that the Board of Secondary Education should function as academic bodies rather than examining agencies, the Board has set in motion a series of academic programmes to keep the school environment academically vibrant. In compliance with the decisions of the earlier meeting of the Governing Body, the Board has introduced from the current academic year options in Mathematics for the senior school classes. A copy of the revised scheme placed on the table provides scope for a core of 70% in part A for the candidates and an option for 30% in Part B or Part C which consists of syllabi relevant to candidates who would pursue higher studies in Science or in Commerce. The first set of the

candidates would be appearing in March 2000 in Board's examinations. The Board has also initiated steps to give adequate exposure to teachers through training programmes.

- 1.2 It is relevant to point out that the Board has been concerned with a near 50% failure rate in the subject of Mathematics. In order to provide remedial steps to counter the situation, the Board has launched a programme of 'Operation Mathematics' which will provide a nationwide training programme for Mathematics teachers in a phased manner. The Board will also take steps to conduct Mathematics exhibitions, melas, quiz programmes to diffuse the fear psyches associated with the learning of Mathematics. Print materials which would facilitate greater motivation of learning of Mathematics would be prepared and sent to all the schools.
- 1.3 There has been a consistent demand from the schools for provision of options in mathematics at the secondary level also. As the Board is committed to teaching of an undifferentiated curriculum in accordance with the stipulations of the NEP, the possibility of providing internal options in Mathematics for class X is being explored. The Curriculum Committee has accepted the proposal in principle. The same will be placed before the August house after the details are worked out.
- 1.4 The Board had conducted GMO examinations last year for selection of candidates to participate in the National Mathematics Olympiad examinations. Seven out of 21 candidates who appeared at the National Maths Olympiad qualified in the examination. The Board will be conducting this examination in the current year also.
- 1.5 As submitted to the last meeting of the Governing Body, the Board has introduced a revised updated course called 'Informatics Practices' which is basically an application software package which would facilitate a large number of candidates to use computers in a pragmatic manner in all aspects of life. The course was designed in consultation with Department of Electronics and a large number of software agencies. The candidates would be appearing in the Board's examinations in March 2000.
- 1.6 As the field of Information Technology has made deep in-roads in all fields of activity, the Board has revised its vocational course on Computer Applications. The new updated course called 'Info-Tech Applications', will be introduced from the academic year commencing in April, 1999. The Board has planned to provide intensive training programmes for teachers in the above areas of Information Technology with the assistance of the Department of Electronics.
- 1.7 Collaboration with industries seems to be a vital factor that would determine the futuristics of vocational education. In order that employability is provided as a part of the learning process, the Board intends to launch on experimental basis to provide curriculum suited to field requirement. A draft proposal of the Board has been favourably considered by MHRD and was placed for consideration in a workshop organised by PSSCIVE, Bhopal at NCERT. As such collaboration between schools and the industry will bring newer perspectives to education, the board intends to launch this programme in 100 schools in a phased manner. The project will be funded by the Government and a project estimate for nearly Rupees Eleven Crores is being forwarded to the Ministry. The Curriculum Committee has approved the proposal which has been placed for the consideration of the Governing Body.
- 1.8 As a part of its continuing exercise to reinforce communicative approach in English, the Board has initiated a series of training programmes in English in the current academic year. The Board has also been conducting workshops in various other subjects like Business Studies, Economics, Consumer Education etc. The seventh

National Conference of the Sahodaya School Complexes is due to be conducted during this year. The same has been proposed at Hyderabad in December, 1998.

- 1.9 The Board has also launched a project on designing a new curriculum on communicative approach to Sanskrit Teaching in schools. The project will emphasise on enhancing the skills in Sanskrit through reading, writing, listening and speaking. The new curriculum with support materials will be made available for class IX from the ensuing academic year. The project will be supported by funding by the Govt. of India under the Ninth Plan.
- 1.10 The need for continuous and comprehensive evaluation of the learner has been stressed in the NEP. Time and again stress is on the assessment of the holistic profile of the learner. The Board had developed a three part certificate called 'Certificate of Achievement' on a pilot scale in 1991. The Governing Body accorded its approval that the same be implemented in all schools. In order to ensure its successful implementation in all the affiliated schools, the Board has brought out a simplified version of the same called 'Scheme of school based evaluation' which covers the co-scholastic achievement of the learners. This certificate will be issued by all the affiliated schools to the candidates completing ten years of schooling in the year 2000. The certificate issued by the Board will carry a reference to this, so that the prospective employers or institutions of learning would read this in consonance with the Board Mark Sheet and Pass Certificate.

2. EXAMINATION, SPORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2.1 ALL INDIA PRE-MEDICAL AND PRE-DENTAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 1998.

The AIPMT Exam, 1998 was conducted on 10th May, 1998. 1,41,597 candidates took the examination at 294 Examination Centres in the capitals of the States/UTs and Nagpur (Maharashtra). The conduct of the examination was smooth and without any incidence. The Board took additional measures this year to ensure fair conduct of examination. Photo impressions of the candidates on the attendance sheet were introduced for the first time to eliminate the impersonation cases. Multi-pronged strategy was adopted to strengthen vigil at the examination centres. Full time observers drawn from Universities and other Central/State level educational organisations were appointed at the examination centres. At different centres two full time observers were deputed. Special inspection teams of senior officers of State/Central level educational institutions were inducted for surprise check of examination centres. Results were published in National Dailies. Merit list as well as wait list were supplied to DGHS on 20th June, 1998.

2.2 AIPMT EXAMINATION FOR MANIPAL ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

On the request from the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, CBSE conducted the Undergraduate Entrance Test, 1998 (UGET-98) for their medical colleges and supplied the Merit List as per their requirement, in time.

2.3 JNV SELECTION TEST

On the request of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and further discussion held in the office of MOS (Education) the Board agreed to conduct JNV Selection Test 1998 for admission to class VI in JNVs as a project package subject to review for its extension to the next year. This test was earlier being conducted by the NCERT. The CBSE took up the activities which were being done by the NCERT such as setting of question papers for the entrance test, evaluation of scripts and preparing the rank list etc. In the first phase examination was conducted for 4,13,230 candidates on 8th February, 1998 for summer bound schools. The second Test was held on

18th April, 1998 for winter bound schools for 26,822 candidates. The results were declared in time and supplied to NVS and the schools.

2.4 IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR TEACHERS IN ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS.

The Board has taken up a project for extensive orientation programme for teachers of English and Mathematics for classes IX & X and classes XI & XII. The main focus of the training programme would be :

- (a) Improving the curricular transaction (Methodology)
- (b) Developing test items and contextualisation evaluation in the content areas.
- (c) Spot evaluation work and review.

In the first phase 50 programmes (25 in English and 25 in Mathematics) for classes IX and X and 50 programmes in the abovesaid subject for classes XI and XII will be organised covering about 4000 teachers from almost all parts of the country. Programmes have been spread over from October to December/January.

2.5 PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

The curriculum of theory and practicals for the elective subject on Physical Education & Health Education at the +2 level has been revised and updated to be implemented with effect from the academic session 1999-2000 for the candidates to appear in Board's examination in 2001.

The Competitive Sports Programme launched by the CBSE has made tremendous headway. During the session 1997-98 cluster level, zonal level and National level competitions in the disciplines of Athletics, Basket Ball and Table Tennis were organised at 43 centres in India and 06 centres in the Gulf Zone. The Gulf contingent participated in Athletics and Basket Ball competitions at the National level. The Sports Committee in its last meeting has decided to further expand the coverage of activities by including more games like Football, Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Chess. The special issue of CENBOSEC exclusively devoted to Competitive Sports Programme 1997-98 was brought out and it was released by Shri Bhasker Barua, Secretary, Ministry of HRD, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports. The publication is placed on the table for perusal of the Members.

2.6 GENERAL SKILLS FOR EFFECTIVE ADULT CITIZENSHIP

The development of general skills and competencies in students has to become a core component of the curriculum and is in fact an essential pre-requisite for effective adult citizenship. The essential skills and competencies that a child should attain at the school stage have been identified and broadly itemised as under :

- (a) Communication Skills
- (b) Social Skills
- (c) Patriotism
- (d) Psychological Skills
- (e) Learning to learn with Love
- (f) Healthful living
- (g) Computational Skills
- (h) Technological Skills
- (i) Household Skills

The working group has met several times and spelt out the suggestive activities for achieving these competencies. The material is ready. The strategies for their implementation by the schools will now be worked out.

2.7 ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMMES

To create awareness about Road Safety Mass Rallies were organised on 7th August, 1998 in 28 cities covering the entire country. The schools evinced keen interest in the programme. Approximately 40,000 students of classes VIII, IX & XI of nearly 500 schools participated in the Mass Rally Programmes spreading the message on Road Safety and awareness of road rules. The CBSE and the concerned schools received full support from the Police, local administrative bodies and other agencies in organising these rallies. Banners, Placards, Posters with slogans on Road Safety giving meaningful messages were used in the Mass Rallies. Several schools prepared video cassettes of Mass Rallies. The Sahodaya Schools complexes participated in Elocution Competition on Road Safety.

2.8 NATIONAL AWARDS TO TEACHERS FOR 1998

Ten awards to the teachers of independent schools of CBSE under the scheme of National Award to teachers for the year 1998 were allocated by the MHRD (two awards each for northern, eastern, western and north eastern zones). The Heads of Schools/Managements had recommended names of teachers for the award which were considered first at the Regional level and thereafter at the Headquarters of the CBSE. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee suitable teachers have been recommended for the National Awards.

2.9 COMMEMORATIVE VOLUME

The volume containing papers from eminent educationists on different aspects of school education is under print.

2.10 GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Material for the special issue has been collected and the publication is under print.

2.11 SECONDARY AND SENIOR SECONDARY EXAMINATION OF THE BOARD HELD IN MARCH/APRIL, 98 AND THE COMPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS HELD IN AUGUST, 1998.

He informed the House that after the smooth conduct of Secondary and Senior Secondary Examinations of the Board held in March/April, 98, the results were to be declared in the first week of June. But regrettably enough the Group C and D employees of the Board went on strike in the month of June, 1998. In the circumstances in which the Board was placed, it had no other option than to approach the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi with a prayer to stay this unlawful strike by the employees, keeping in view the overall interests of the student community at large and the prestige of the Board. The Hon'ble High Court appreciated the problems of the Board and granted a stay on such activities of the employees. The strike came to an end on 1st July, 1998. During the period of strike the Office Bearers of Shiksha Board Staff Welfare Association issued some derogatory press statements which tended to adversely affect the reputation of the Board to some extent. However, he placed on record that with the co-operation of Group A & B Officers as well as such employees who abstained from the strike, the results were declared as per schedule. The results of the Compartmental Examinations held in August, 1998 were also declared in time and there was no problem whatsoever in the conduct of the Compartmental Examinations and the declaration of the results.

3. AFFILIATION

The Board has always striven hard to maintain the academics and co-curricular standards in the CBSE affiliated schools. With this object in view, the Board had appointed study teams of affiliated independent schools in Chandigarh, Faridabad, Kerala, Meerut, Ghaziabad and Noida. The reports submitted by the study teams were considered in great detail in the meeting of the Affiliation Committee held on 27.8.98 and after due deliberations some major recommendations had been made by the Affiliation Committee which will be deliberated while considering Item IV in this agenda. It may thus be seen that the Board is keeping a constant vigil on the academic and co-curricular activities to streamline the system of affiliation and to make the working of affiliation satisfactory and time bound.

4. ADMINISTRATION

This August House is fully aware that there has been a phenomenal growth in the number of affiliated schools in the last decade and consequently substantial rise in the number of candidates appearing in secondary and senior secondary examinations conducted by the Board every year. This growth has got its own administrative ramifications. The administrative work of the Board has consequently increased manifold in the recent past. With a view to streamline the administrative and examination systems, the Board has appointed the National Productivity Council, an organisation under the Government of India, to conduct the study of the methods, procedures and the requirement of personnel at various levels and various departments of the Board as per the earlier recommendations of this August House. The study is being continued and it is expected that the National Productivity Council will submit its report in another 3 months. Thereafter, the report will be examined administratively and suitable action will be taken.

5. LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

Under the difficult situation of result declaration by the Board, the All-India Lawyers Association had filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court challenging the evaluation system of the Board, but it is being contested. He further mentioned that the Board has been able to defend its policies and its bye-laws in most of the cases successfully in the past in spite of the fact that legal cases have increased manifold during the last few years.

6. OTHER ACTIVITIES

He further assured the House that effective steps are being taken in the academics and examination in their formulations, execution and administration. Inclusion of mother's name in the records, adoption of OMR in All-India Medical Examination, introduction of out-lier control system in the result processing, advance registration of candidates for Class X Examination, photographs on Secondary School Certificate Examinations, nominal roll on floppy from the heads of the institutions, sahodaya cluster academic movement, golden jubilee memorial lecture series, increased and intensive interaction with different national and international institutions and organisations are some of the major decisions and activities that the Board has undertaken.

Before taking up the agenda, the Secretary informed the House that Shri Pavnesh

Kumar had joined as Controller of Examinations on 6th September, 1998. Shri Pavnesh Kumar earlier held the position of officiating Secretary, U. P. Board of High School and Intermediate Education and had also served as Joint Director Education (Basic) U.P. Government.

Thereafter the items of the agenda were taken up :

ITEM I TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOARD HELD ON 2ND MAY, 1998.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body of the Board held on 2nd May, 1998 be confirmed. The issues raised by Sarvashri P. C. Bose and V. M. Arya, were taken up into consideration and the action initiated by the Board in this regard was recorded.

ITEM II TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

Resolved that the report on the follow-up action taken on the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Body held on 2nd May, 1998 be recorded.

Resolved further that the services of Dr. K. D. Sharma, Controller of Examinations, who retired on 30th June, 1998 be appreciated with a special reference to his hardwork, commitment and dedication and the same be communicated to him.

ITEM III TO REPORT ORDERS OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE CONDUCT OF JNV SELECTION TEST 1998 FOR ADMISSION TO CLASS VI IN NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS (ANNEXURE 2).

The Board was informed that the Executive Committee of NVS at its meeting held on 14th February, 1997 in pursuance of the decision taken in the Executive Committee of NVS and further discussions held with the Minister of State (Education) on 24th April, 1997, it was agreed in principle to conduct JNV Selection Test for admission to Class VI by CBSE on an experimental basis.

The CBSE took up the activities related to JNV Selection Test which were being done by the NCERT such as setting of question papers for the entrance test, evaluation and marking of scripts and preparing the rank list etc. The first examination for summer and winter bound schools was conducted on 8th February, 1998 and 18th April, 1998 respectively. The Rank List was prepared on time and supplied to NVS in May for the summer bound and in July for the winter bound schools.

The House was informed that the CBSE has taken up this project for a period of two years i.e. upto 1999 examinations.

Resolved that the report be recorded.

ITEM IV TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AFFILIATION COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 27TH AUGUST, 1998 (ANNEXURE 3).

Resolved that the recommendations made by the Affiliation Committee at its meeting held on 27th August, 1998 be approved.

ITEM V TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1998 (ANNEXURE 4).

Resolved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 24th September, 1998 including the revised budget estimates for the year 1997-98 and Budget estimates for the year 1998-99 be approved.

ITEM VI TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1998 (ANNEXURE 5).

Resolved that the recommendations made by the Curriculum Committee at its meeting held on 28th September, 1998 be approved.

The members pointed out that the Vocational Courses identified should be local specific so that it caters to the implementation potential of the respective areas in which the courses are being taught. To ensure employability, the curriculum of the respective courses should be need based and designed in consultation with the industry, business establishments and national laboratories wherever necessary. It would be appropriate if an exit pole of the employability of the candidates emerging from these courses be undertaken to examine the sustainability of such courses.

It was also pointed out that to eliminate fear psychosis in the minds of the students appearing in Mathematics at the secondary level classes, the Board should explore the possibility of curriculum at two levels in Mathematics in addition to the options which are being considered.

It was further desired that while framing the curriculum in communicative approach in Sanskrit, the linguistic competencies be kept in mind. As the language would be studied by students from different parts of the country, the Board may also examine the feasibility of developing CD ROMs with their multi-lingual basis. It was also pointed out that the National Policy on Information Technology is focusing on the concept of small scales and as such it would be in the fitness of things if CBSE develops idea of small scales either in collaboration with the MHRD, NCERT and other national agencies. It may be relevant to satisfy the configuration of the hardware and the software of the computers being used by such institutions in order to ensure parity of configuration and to provide inter-institutional communicability between these institutions.

ITEM VII TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER, 1998 (ANNEXURE 6).

With reference to Item No. II of the Examination Committee, it was suggested by some members that in view of failure of Class X student in the first chance compartment examination, it becomes impossible for the concerned candidates to seek admission to class XI in that year and consequently he has to lose one academic year before he avails himself of the second chance compartmental examination in the next Annual Examination.

Resolved that a Committee be constituted to consider whether the Board should revert to the old system of declaring a class X candidate as having 'Passed' the examination in case he has passed at least in one language and three of the remaining four subjects at the Annual Examination. The committee so constituted be requested to study the issue in the All India perspective of admission of class X candidates to the plus two system.

Resolved further that other recommendations made by the Examination Committee held on 6th October, 1998 be confirmed.

ITEM VIII TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE ALL INDIA PRE-MEDICAL/PRE-DENTAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS HELD ON 7.10.1998 (ANNEXURE 7).

Resolved that the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Examination in its meeting held on 07.10.1998 be approved.

With regard to Item No. 3 of the minutes relating to revised eligibility criteria for admission to MBBS/Dental Course, the members were in total agreement with the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee. They vehemently opposed the idea of introduction of competitive test in English and the requirement of obtaining 50% marks in English at the qualifying and competitive examination. They further argued that even in joint entrance examination conducted by IITs for admission to engineering courses, no test is held in English. The candidates should not be debarred for admission to MBBS Course simply on the ground that they were not able to secure the prescribed marks in English.

It was, therefore, further resolved as under :

1. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Council of India be approached and informed that the Board will not be able to conduct the All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Examination in the year 1999 under the revised criteria not only because the imposition of the requirement of obtaining 50% marks in English both at the qualifying and competitive examinations is unfair and has a bias towards Hindi medium students and rural population but also it is not yet decided what should be the syllabus in English and what areas such as literature, expression, grammar, spoken English, reading comprehension be tested. Since the preparation for 1999 examination have already begun, it is not possible to prepare the syllabus etc. at this stage and conduct the examination under the revised criteria. The Supreme Court of India may also be informed if considered necessary.
2. The CBSE may conduct a study to see the co-relation between the marks obtained by the candidates at the +2 examination and those who are selected and placed in the merit list/wait list.

ITEM IX ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

Shri V. M. Arya showed his concern about the quality of education imparted in Government schools of National Capital Territory of Delhi. He emphasised the need for value education in schools and greater motivation on the part of the teachers. He also pointed out the inadequacy of trained teachers in several Delhi Govt. schools and desired that the Board may take up the issue with the Directorate of Education, NCT Delhi.

Shri P. C. Bose emphasised on the need for revision of the pass criteria at the Secondary School Examinations called for establishing parity between the pass criteria of different Boards in the country through appropriate forums. He desired that while considering the inter-parity of the pass criteria between different Boards, the spirit of the National Policy on Education be kept in view to ensure whether all the Boards do follow the NPE both in letter and spirit. Inviting the attention of the CBSE to the observations of the Prof. Amrik Singh's Committee Report, he desired that the Board should actively engage in academic activities to be a pace setter and wanted to know the action taken by the Govt. of India with regard to the report with specific reference to CBSE. He desired that a sub-committee be formed to examine the scope of implementation of the above Committee with reference to the CBSE.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(S. C. GUPTA)
SECRETARY

Sd/-
(B. P. KHANDELWAL)
CHAIRMAN

The following Members attended the meeting :

1. Prof. B. P. Khandelwal,
Chairman,
C.B.S.E.,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi-110 092.
2. Prof. P. S. Bisen,
Vice-Chancellor,
Barkatullah University,
Bhopal - 462 016.
3. Dr. P. H. S. Rao,
Jt. Educational Advisor,
M.H.R.D.,
Deptt. of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 001.
4. Smt. Arti Kant,
Director (Sec. Edu.),
M.H.R.D.,
Deptt. of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 001.
5. Shri D. S. Mangat,
D.P.I. Schools,
Sector-9,
U.T. Secretariat,
Chandigarh-160 017.
6. Shri P. C. Bose,
D. D. (Text Books) &
Managing Director,
Delhi Bureau of Text Books,
25/2, Institutional Area,
D-Block, Pankha Road,
Janak Puri,
New Delhi-110 058.
7. Dr. (Mrs.) G. D. Bakshi
Principal & Chair-person,
I.P.S.C.,
Maharani Gaitri Devi Girls School,
Ajmeri Gate,
Jaipur (Rajasthan).
8. Km. Chandra Ganguli,
Principal,
Mamta Modern School,
H-Block, Vikas Puri,
New Delhi.

9. Shri S. B. Katara,
Principal,
Govt. Sarvodaya Boys Sec. School,
Mayur Vihar, Phase-I,
Delhi-110 091.
10. Shri V. M. Arya,
Principal,
Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School,
D-Block, Ashok Vihar,
Delhi-110 052.
11. Shri V. P. Singh,
Principal,
Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya,
Kanti Nagar,
Delhi.
12. Shri S. C. Gupta,
Secretary,
C.B.S.E.,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi-110 092.

The following officers attended the meeting as special invitees :

1. Shri G. Balasubramanian,
Director (Acad.),
C.B.S.E.,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi-110 092.
2. Shri H. R. Gupta,
Controller of Exams. (P.&P.),
C.B.S.E.,
17-B, I.P. Estate,
New Delhi-110 002.
3. Shri Pavnesh Kumar,
Controller of Examinations,
C.B.S.E.,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi-110 092.

The following Members had shown their inability to attend the meeting :

1. Dr. V. S. Patel,
Vice-Chancellor,
Sardar Patel University,
Vallabh Vidyanagar,
Gujarat-388 120.
2. Prof. N. C. Nigam,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Roorkee,
Roorkee.

3. Prof. Abad Ahmed,
Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
University of Delhi,
Delhi-110 007.
4. Dr. H. C. Pandey,
Vice-Chairman,
Birla Institute of Tech.,
Ranchi,
(Bihar).
5. Shri F. Fanthome,
Chief Executive & Secretary,
Council for the Indian School
Certificate Examination,
Pragati House,
Nehru Place,
New Delhi-110 019.
6. Shri T. T. Dorgi,
Secretary-cum-Director
of Education,
Govt. of Sikkim,
New Secretariat,
Gangtok-737 101.
7. Shri A. K. Das,
Secretary (Education),
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh,
Naharlagun-791 110.
8. Ms. Archana Arora,
Director of Education,
Directorate of Education,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
Old Secretariat,
Delhi-110 054.
9. Shri N. Das,
Director of Education,
A & N Island,
Port Blair-744 101.
10. Dr. S. Venkateshwaran,
Director,
Birla Institute of Tech. & Science,
Pilani,
(Rajasthan).
11. Prof. S. Rinpoche,
Director,
Central Institute of Higher
Tibetan Studies,
Sarnath,
Varanasi-221 007.

12. Prof. S. S. Rana,
Dean of Colleges,
Delhi University,
Delhi-110 007.
13. Prof. Krishan Kumar,
Deptt. of Education,
University of Delhi,
Delhi-110 007.
14. Shri N. S. Tolia,
A.D.E. (School),
Directorate of Education,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
Old Secretariat,
Delhi-110 054.
15. Shri Mohan Francis,
D.F.A.,
M.H.R.D.,
Deptt. of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 001.
16. Shri M. V. Prasad,
Principal,
Daly College,
Indore (M. P.) - 452 001.

The following officers of the Board were in attendance :

1. Shri B. R. Gupta,
Jt. Secy. (Coord.).
2. Shri A. D. Sachdev,
Jt. Secy. (ROD).
3. Shri N. N. Mathur,
Jt. Secy. (Secret).
4. Shri B. M. Gupta
Head (C.C.).
5. Shri Shashi Bhushan,
Dy. Secretary (V. & A.).
6. Shri V. P. Gupta,
A.O. (H.Q.)

ITEM III TO REPORT ORDERS OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE CONDUCT OF JNV SELECTION TEST 1998 FOR ADMISSION TO CLASS VI IN NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS.

In pursuance of the decision taken in the XVII meeting of the Executive Committee of NVS held on 14th February, 1997 and further discussions held in the office of Minister of State (Education) on 29th April, 1997, it was agreed in principle to conduct JNV Selection Test for admission to class VI by CBSE on an experimental basis. The role and responsibilities of CBSE were limited to providing experience and logistic support for conducting the JNV Selection Test.

The CBSE took up the activities relating to JNV Selection Test which were being done by the NCERT such as setting of question papers for the entrance test, evaluation and marking of scripts and preparing the rank list etc. The first examination for summer and winter bound schools was conducted smoothly as per the following schedule :

<u>Summer bound schools</u>	8th February, 1998.
<u>Winter bound schools</u>	18th April, 1998.

The number of candidates registered and appeared at both these examinations was as under :

1. Summer bound schools	449715	413230	36485
2. Winter bound schools	27330	26822	908

The rank list was prepared on time and supplied to NVS in may for the summer bound schools and in July for the winter bound schools.

The CBSE has taken up this project for a period of two years i.e. upto 1999 examinations.

ITEM IV TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AFFILIATION COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 27.8.98.

Present in the meeting held on
6th August, 1998

1. Prof. B. P. Khandelwal,
Chairman, CBSE, Delhi.
2. Dr. P.H.S. Rao,
Joint Educational
Adviser, Ministry of
Human Resource
Development, Deptt. of
Education, Shastri
Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Dr. R. P. Singhal,
Former Chairman,
CBSE, Delhi.
4. Sh. P. R. Chauhan,
Ex. Commissioner,
Kendriya Vidyalaya
Sangathan, New Delhi.
5. Sh. Gurdev Singh,
Ex-Professor in Chemistry,
Punjab University,
Chandigarh.
6. Sh. H. R. Gupta,
Controller of Exams.
(P&P), CBSE, New Delhi.

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Ex. Commissioner,
Kendriya Vidyalaya
Sangathan, New Delhi.
4. Sh. Puran Chand,
Jt. Commissioner (Academic),
Kendriya Vidyalaya
Sangathan, New Delhi.
5. Sh. Gurdev Singh,
Ex-Professor in Chemistry,
Punjab University,
Chandigarh.
6. Smt. Arti Kant,
Director (Schools),
MHRD, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.
7. Sh. R. S. Bhatia,
Section Officer, MHRD,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Sh. H. R. Gupta,
Controller of Exams.
(P&P), CBSE, New Delhi.
9. Shri S. C. Gupta,
Secretary, CBSE,
Delhi.

At the very outset, the Chairman, Prof. B. P. Khandelwal extended a very warm welcome to the Members.

Thereafter, he informed the Members that the Reports of (1) The Committees of affiliation of schools and related procedures including applying of moratorium and (2) Study Team of

affiliated independent schools in Chandigarh, Faridabad, Kerala, Meerut, Ghaziabad and Noida had been considered in detail.

He further informed the members that the Report of the High Level Committee which was constituted to summarise the recommendations of all the Study Groups appointed by the Board for the Independent Affiliated Schools had been taken into consideration in the meeting held on August 6, 1998.

The Chairman also enlightened the Members about the terms of reference of the various committees and Study Teams.

Inter alia, he told the members that the prime need of the hour was to raise the academic and co-curricular standards in CBSE schools by modifying them to update their infrastructure, re-orient their staff and draw-up a plan of on-going improvement with an eye on the emerging problems and challenges of the coming decades. He said CBSE affiliated schools are supposed to care for their growth, adhere to high academic standards and objectives and impart quality education as per the aspirations of the students and their parents. He said it was the policy of the Board to encourage private initiatives in education and thus frame its affiliation policy accordingly. At the same time, it was important to care for Government and overseas sectors and enlist their support for the improvement and the strengthening of the educational system. Prof. Khandelwal emphasised the need of a clearcut format for academic inspections of schools. He said there should be greater supervision of schools but only desired controls should be imposed on them. He emphasised the need for revising affiliation norms keeping in view some important factors like availability of land, payment of salaries and accumulation of security money. He also stressed the necessity of simplification and standardisation in office procedures. Another point which he submitted for deliberations was the granting of affiliation for class VIII, i.e. approval of Middle Class Syllabus.

The itemwise deliberations that followed revealed that there was a diversity of views on issues like putting moratorium on new affiliations, norms about land, infrastructure, feeder schools, service conditions of staff, pay scales, inspections and their periodicity, managing committees, representation of the Board on the managing committees of the schools, enforcement of rules and regulations, liberalisation and functional autonomy to schools. The deliberations were, however, very fruitful and creative and headed towards the emergence of unanimity on key issues as indicated hereafter.

Speaking briefly about the reports of various Study Groups, Dr. R. P. Singhal, former Chairman of the CBSE, expressed both his appreciation and thankfulness. He said that the various Study Groups had undoubtedly put in a lot of hardwork to come out with relevant as well as significant suggestions and recommendations. He, however, expressed his disagreement over the findings of the High Level Committee headed by Sh. H. R. Gupta. According to him, this Committee had not analysed/considered the observations and its recommendations did not reflect the thinking of the earlier Study Groups. Dr. Singhal supported the idea of simplifying rules and make them growth-oriented in view of the emerging needs of the society. He laid emphasis on flexibility and developmental philosophy rather than rigidity and regulatory approach.

The members expressed their unanimity on the major issues discussed in the meeting and resolved as under :

1. That the procedure for extension of affiliation be simplified and the present system of periodical inspection be delinked from the extension of affiliation.
2. That a limited number of schools be identified for academic visit inspection on the basis of their performance in Board's examinations during the last three years and an

academic inspection of such schools be conducted by subject experts and cost of such inspections be realised from the concerned schools as such an inspection is a supportative service to the schools.

3. That there is no need to re-introduce the provision for permanent affiliation as permanent affiliation also be withdrawn, if deemed necessary.
4. That every school seeking affiliation to the Board be asked to submit a Project Report regarding opening a school under the CBSE system atleast one year in advance. However, the Board should make it clear to such schools that the submission of the Project Report will not confer on them any right of affiliation. A detailed format for the proposed Project Report may be developed by the Board for the guidance of the schools. The Board also needs to develop guidelines for processing the Project Report where knowledgeable experts may be involved so that the Project Report may be examined objectively. It may be necessary to have a panel of two or three persons of calibre to examine the Project Report at the first initial stage. The recommendations of the panel should be submitted upto the Chairman to see the Project Report of the Experts.
5. That a Committee be constituted to develop a questionnaire proforma as well as modalities for conducting academic inspections.
6. That a circular be issued to all the independent schools to furnish latest information about the implementation of service conditions/pay scales as per the Fifth Pay Commission as well as the policy of the schools with regard to issuing of appointment/ confirmation letters to the staff.
7. That the audited statement of accounts at the end of the financial year may be asked from every independent school for scrutiny and record.

It was resolved that necessary steps be taken by the Board for the implementation of the resolutions listed above.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(S. C. GUPTA)
SECRETARY

Sd/-
(B. P. KHANDELWAL)
CHAIRMAN

ITEM V TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 24.09.98.

PRESENT :

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| 01. | Prof. B. P. Khandelwal,
Chairman,
CBSE,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi-110 092. | In the Chair |
| 02. | Dr. P. H. S. Rao,
Joint Educational Advisor,
Department of Education,
M.H.R.D.,
New Delhi. | |
| 03. | Sh. B. S. Dhillon,
Asstt. Financial Advisor,
M.H.R.D.,
New Delhi. | |
| 04. | Sh. S. S. Oberoi,
Chief Accounts Officer &
Internal Financial Adviser,
N.C.E.R.T.,
16, Sri Aurobindo Marg,
New Delhi. | |
| 05. | Sh. P. K. Aggarwal,
Dy. Commissioner (Finance),
K.V.S.,
18, Institutional Area,
Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg,
New Delhi. | |
| 06. | Sh. S. C. Gupta,
Secretary,
C.B.S.E., Preet Vihar,
Delhi. | Secretary |

Sh. Shashi Bhushan, Dy. Secretary (V&A) and Sh. V. P. Gupta, Accounts Officer, CBSE were also present in the meeting.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the Members. Thereafter he requested the Secretary, CBSE to take up the items of the agenda for consideration of the Committee.

ITEM I TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8.1.98.

The Committee was informed that no comments have been received from any member of the Finance Committee.

Resolved that the minutes of the last meeting held on 8.1.98 be confirmed.

ITEM II TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 8.1.98.

Resolved that the report of the action taken on the decision of the meeting held on 8.1.98 be recorded.

ITEM III TO CONSIDER THE REVISED BUDGET FOR 1997-98 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1998-99 OF THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE BOARD INCLUDING THE REGIONAL OFFICES.

The salient features of the Budget proposals were explained. It was further explained that the income of the Board during the financial year 1996-97 was Rs. 29,94,13,373/-. In the current financial year i.e. 1997-98, the income of the Board is anticipated to be Rs. 38,99,59,000/- as against the original budget provision of Rs. 28,50,17,000/-. The income of the Board during the next financial year i.e. 1998-99 is expected to be Rs. 37,23,18,000/-.

The actual expenditure of the Board during the financial year 1996-97 is Rs. 18,24,68,667/-. However, during the current financial year i.e. 1997-98, the total expenditure of the Board is expected to be Rs. 38,78,12,000/- as against the original budget provision of Rs. 28,35,27,000/-. During the next financial year i.e. 1998-99, the expenditure of the Board is anticipated to be Rs. 37,00,34,000/-. To meet its liability, the Board is dependent on its income from Examination Fee and Sale of Text Books, etc.

After taking into consideration the above and other related explanations, the Committee approved the revised Budget Estimates for the year 1997-98 and Budget Estimates for 1998-99.

However, the Asstt. Financial Adviser, MHRD, attending the meeting on behalf of the Financial Adviser, MHRD, suggested that the following issues may be referred to the Education Secretary who is also the Controlling Authority of the Board for final approval :

1. Payment of HRA at the uniform rate of 30% of the basic pay to the employees of the Board irrespective of their place of posting.
2. Payment of Rs. 150/- per month as transport allowance to Group C & D employees of the Board in place of Rs. 100/- as recommended by the Fifth Pay Commission.
3. According to Fifth Pay Commission recommendations, both the HOD and the Jt. Secy. had become entitled to identical pay scales and thus registering an equality between their ranks. Keeping in view the existing hierarchy of the Board, this has given rise to an anomalous situation because the HOD should continue to be on the higher pedestal than the Jt. Secy. The only way to eliminate this anomaly is to either enhance the pay scale of the HOD or enhance his total emoluments by granting a special allowance.
4. The CBSE has provided the facility of excursion tour as one of the alternatives of the LTC permissible in other Govt. departments. The other alternative being the payment of lumpsum cash amount of Rs. 3000/- for a four year block. Both these alternatives may be reviewed in the changed situation following the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission.

ITEM IV TO CONSIDER INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO THE WARDS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD.

The Committee was informed that the Board has been awarding ten scholarships each for Classes VI to XII every year on the basis of results of annual examinations held in the respective recognized/affiliated schools or on the basis of results of the examinations held by the respective educational course to the wards of the employees from the year 1988. Some employees of the Board have requested for increase in the number of scholarships awarded to their wards as the present sanctioned number of scholarships is falling short because the number of employees has gone up. Therefore, the number of scholarships may be increased from 10 to 15 for each class which would amount to an additional expenditure of Rs. 28,000/- per annum.

The proposal to increase in the number of scholarships awarded to the wards of the employees of the Board did not find favour with the Committee.

ITEM V TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF SH. SARJEET SINGH, PEON FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF RS. 1758/- INCURRED ON INDOOR TREATMENT OF HIS SON IN AN UNAPPROVED HOSPITAL.

Sh. Sarjeet Singh, Peon has requested to reimburse a sum of Rs. 1758/- incurred by him on indoor treatment of his son in an unapproved hospital, i.e. Naveen Hospital, Railway Road, Dadri (UP) for the period from 2.7.98 to 5.7.98. The Committee was informed that as per rules, Sh. Sarjeet Singh was not entitled for reimbursement of medical expenses incurred on his son's indoor treatment in an unapproved hospital.

Resolved that keeping in view the rule position, the request of Sh. Sarjeet Singh, Peon for reimbursement of Rs. 1758/- incurred on indoor treatment of his son in an unapproved hospital be not acceded to.

ADDITIONAL ITEM-I

ALLOTMENT OF LAND TO CBSE AT ROUSE AVENUE AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING FOR ACADEMIC/PMT UNITS THEREON.

The Committee was informed that the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment after 28 years had allotted a plot of land measuring 1200 sq. yards at Rouse Avenue to the CBSE. The plot was encroached by 55 jhuggly dwellers. With the sincere efforts of CPWD, MCD, DDA, L & DO and Delhi Police, the jhuggies were got demolished and the CBSE had paid a sum of Rs. 3.48 lacs to Municipal Corporation as the settlement charges. Full possession of the plot was handed over on 11.11.97 to the CBSE. The CBSE has awarded the work of planning, designing and construction of the project to the CPWD. Some extra land measuring approximately 400 sq. yards was available after the clearance of the encroachment and the Board is approaching the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment for its allotment to the Board. The estimated cost of the project would be approximately 1.8 crores.

Resolved that the report be recorded.

ADDITIONAL ITEM-II

ACQUIRING / PURCHASE OF BUILDING/LAND FOR CHAIRMAN'S RESIDENCE.

The Committee was informed that the CBSE does not have any proper residence earmarked for the Chairman, as a result of which the residential building is hired on rent. Heads of the educational institutions like NCERT, NIEPA are having their residential accommodations within the campus. And as such it may be necessary to provide residential accommodation to the Chairman within a radius of one kilometer from the headquarters building in view of the nature of duties performed by the Chairman of the Board.

Resolved that the DDA be requested to allot a plot of land measuring approximately 400 sq. yards in the nearby residential area where a proper bungalow may be constructed for the Chairman's residence.

ADDITIONAL ITEM- III

INSTALLATION OF EXPANSION BOLTS / DASH FASTENERS ON DHOLPUR STONES.

The CBSE MSO building was constructed during the year 1988-89. As per norms and architectural bindings of the Urban Art Commission, Dholpur stones were installed on the facade. After two/three years some looseness in the stones were noticed and the stones started falling from different levels. Considering the gravity of its seriousness, a high-powered Technical Committee was constituted consisting of experts from CPWD, NBCC and DDA. Its recommendations were further examined by another committee consisting of experts from Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee and the Chief Engineer, DDA which recommended installation of fasteners on the stones. After a series of meetings, the CBRI expert has given specification on the basis of which CBSE floated open tenders for purchase of dash fasteners/expansion bolts. The Board has been left with no other option to get the dash fasteners/expansion bolts installed on each stone. The estimated quantity required for the whole work is 4000 fasteners which will cost approximately Rs. 15 lacs on the purchase of the fasteners and other accessories and the installation charges would be approx. Rs. 5.0 lacs.

The Committee noted that the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 15.4.97 had resolved that the proposal of the experts Committee for installation of the dash fasteners be approved. However, skilled supervision be made obligatory for proper fixing of fasteners. After floating open tenders for supply of dash fasteners the same be got fixed through NBCC.

The Committee was further informed that the CBSE has withheld about Rs. 6.0 lacs from the bills of the NBCC for various deficiencies and has not released the amount so far inspite of many reminders from the NBCC. It is apprehended that the NBCC will not accept the new assignment unless it is paid its arrears.

Resolved that NBCC be persuaded to undertake the work immediately lest it should become more hazardous to the safety of the building and the lives of the people. Further resolved that if the NBCC does not respond favourably to the persuasive request, its action may be treated as breach of trust and suitable legal action may be initiated immediately.

ADDITIONAL ITEM- IV

TO CONSIDER THE DOUBLE RATE OF TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF THE HANDICAPPED EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD.

The Committee was informed that Govt. of India has allowed transport allowance of Rs. 100/- per month to employees drawing basic pay below the scale of Rs. 6500-6900 and in such cases the transport allowance at double the normal rates would be Rs. 200/- per month for the handicapped employees. As the CBSE has been paying Rs. 150/- per month the transport allowance at double the rates would come to Rs. 300/- per month.

Resolved that the transport allowance at double the normal rates as per Govt. of India orders of Rs. 200/- only per month be paid to the handicapped employees.

ADDITIONAL ITEM- V

TO REPORT ABOUT APPOINTMENT OF SH. ASHOK KUMAR, PEON ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS.

The Committee was informed that after sudden demise of Sh. Het Ram, Daftri on 3.12.97, Sh. Ashok Kumar the elder son of Sh. Het Ram was employed as Peon in place of his father on compassionate grounds. There is a provision in the CBSE Recruitment Rules that the Competent Authority of the Board may consider for appointment of a son/daughter/immediate near relation of the Board's employee who dies in harness leaving his family in indignant circumstances and in need of immediate assistance without reference to the Employment Exchange to a post normally required to be filled from the Employment Exchange. Sh. Ashok Kumar was, therefore, appointed as Peon on compassionate grounds vide orders of Chairman dt. 26.3.98.

Resolved that the action taken by the Chairman be approved.

ADDITIONAL ITEM-VI

TO REPORT THE APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF RS. 5500/- TO THE ADVOCATE FOR DEFENDING THE INTEREST OF THE BOARD IN A CRIMINAL CASE RELATING TO PIRACY OF BOOKS OF THE BOARD PENDING BEFORE THE METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, KARKARDOOMA COURT, DELHI.

The Committee was informed that the normal fee payable to the Advocate in the lower court is Rs. 1100/- plus actual expenses per case. In a case of piracy of the text-books published by the Board, a surprise raid was conducted by the Board in the year 1994 with the assistance of Police Authorities into the premises of an unscrupulous publisher. Keeping in view the sensitive nature of the case, an Advocate was engaged by the Board and it was approved by the Chairman to pay Rs. 5500/- plus actual expenses to the Advocate for the whole case.

Resolved that the action taken by the Chairman in paying Rs. 5500/- plus actual expenses to the Advocate for the aforesaid case be approved.

ADDITIONAL ITEM-VII

TO REPORT THE PAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES AND THE ARREARS OF PAY TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD W.E.F. 1.1.96 AS PER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION AND ACCEPTED BY THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

The Govt. of India vide Memo No. F. No. 50 (2) 98/IC-I dated 16th April, 1998 revised the pay scales of all the employees of Autonomous Bodies as recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission. The arrears of pay allowance were to be paid in cash in two instalments. In pursuance of this Office Order, the Chairman has accorded his approval for implementation of the revised pay-scales w.e.f. 1.1.1996 and also making the payment of arrears to its employees in two instalments vide his orders dated 24.3.1998 and 15.5.1998 respectively. An amount of Rs. 1,57,15,000/- has been paid as arrears of pay approximately for the period from 1.1.96 to 31.1.98.

Resolved that this report may be regarded as a tentative report and not a final one till other related issues which are pending approval by the Competent Authority are fully settled.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(S. C. GUPTA)
SECRETARY

Sd/-
(B. P. KHANDELWAL)
CHAIRMAN

ITEM VI TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 28.09.98.

PRESENT :

1. Prof. B. P. Khandelwal
2. Dr. S. S. Rana
3. Dr. V. N. Pandit
4. Dr. Om Vikas
5. Dr. R. B. Jain
6. Dr. Ram Janam Sharma
7. Prof. D. N. Jha
8. Dr. Chandra
9. Sh. G. Balasubramanian, Director (Academic), CBSE.

The following Members could not attend the meeting :

1. Mrs. Vibha Parthasarthy
2. Sh. B. P. Singhal
3. Dr. J. Mitra
4. Dr. Chibber
5. Dr. N. S. Kamboo
6. Dr. Deb Chaudhury
7. Prof. L. S. Kothari
8. Dr. K. N. Singh
9. Prof. A. K. Agnihotri.

Sh. G. Balasubramanian, Director (Acad.) welcomed the members of the Committee.

Prof. B. P. Khandelwal, Chairman, CBSE, welcoming the members of the Committee explained the various academic initiatives taken by the Board to cope with the changing global trends. Detailing the global scenario in curriculum design, development and implementation, he stated that there was urgent need for an integrated approach to value education. Chairman, CBSE, drew the attention of the members to the curricular innovations carried out by the Board with specific reference to computer education. He also expressed concern over the heavy load in the Social Studies curriculum at the secondary stage and desired fresh initiatives to make the curriculum more relevant, meaningful and enjoyable. Thanking the members for the whole-hearted cooperation on several academic issues, he highlighted the efforts taken by the Board in developing communicative approach based curriculum in Sanskrit and French.

Director (Academic) took up the agenda for discussion.

ITEM I TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH APRIL, 1998.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

ITEM II TO REPORT ON THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH APRIL, 1998.

Appreciating the efforts made by the Board, the Committee resolved that the action taken report be recorded.

ITEM III TO REPORT ON :

- i) Operation Mathematics
- ii) Scheme of Schools based Evaluation Certificate
- iii) Teachers Training Programmes in English
- iv) Pilot project on integrated approach to Social Science
- v) CBSE Monograph Series.

The Committee received the report on various activities listed in the item. It was observed that the Board may prepare guidelines to schools regarding school based evaluation. It was further observed that there was a need to simplify the existing curriculum in social sciences and the integrated approach was laudable.

Resolved that the report be recorded.

ITEM IV TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR NEW CURRICULUM IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TO BE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INDUSTRY AND SEEKING FUNDING FROM GOVT. OF INDIA.

Resolved that the proposal be approved.

ITEM V TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF A NEW VOCATION COURSE ON ROAD TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH INDUSTRY.

Resolved that the proposal be approved.

ITEM VI TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF REVISED CURRICULUM IN SANSKRIT ON COMMUNICATIVE APPROACH AND SEEKING FUNDS FROM GOVT. OF INDIA UNDER THE NINTH PLAN.

Resolved that the proposal be approved. It was further suggested that the possibility of developing CD-Room in Sanskrit in collaboration with Department of Electronics be explored.

ITEM VII TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR PROVIDING OPTIONS IN MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS AT SECONDARY STAGE.

Resolved that the proposal be approved in principle.

ITEM VIII ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

Dr. Om Vikas desired that the Board should explore the avenues for IT empowerment of teachers. He further desired the possibility of exploring on-line evaluation and 'Intelligent Question Bank' system.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(G. BALASUBRAMANIAN)
DIRECTOR (ACADEMIC)

Sd/-
(B. P. KHANDELWAL)
CHAIRMAN

ITEM VII TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER, 1998.

PRESENT :

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| 1. | Prof. B. P. Khandelwal
Chairman, CBSE. | In the Chair |
| 2. | Asstt. Director of Education | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Suraj Bhan Singh | Member |
| 4. | Smt. V. Parthasarathi | Special Invitee |
| 5. | Sh. Pavnesh Kumar,
Controller of Examinations | Member |

Shri M. M. Sharma, Assistant Director of Education, Delhi attended the meeting on behalf of the Director of Education, Delhi. Commissioner, KVS, Dy. Financial Adviser, MHRD, Prof. L. S. Kothari and Dr. S. D. Singh could not attend the meeting. Shri B. R. Gupta, Joint Secretary (Co-ordination) was also present in the meeting.

At the outset the Chairman, CBSE, welcomed the members of the Committee. The Chairman then introduced Shri Pavnesh Kumar who took over as Controller of Examinations, CBSE to the Committee. Thereafter the Chairman requested the Controller of Examinations to take up the Agenda itemwise :

ITEM I TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 9.1.98.

Controller of Examinations reported that the recommendations of the Examinations Committee made in its meeting held on 9.1.98 were placed before the Governing Body of the Board in its meeting held on 2.5.98 and were approved by it. Therefore, the Committee resolved that the minutes be recorded.

ITEM II TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PROVISIO IN THE EXISTING RULE 42(vi) OF THE EXAMINATION BYE LAWS (1995).

The Committee was informed that as per the existing practice, candidates who appear at Class X examination and are placed in Compartment are granted provisional admission in Class XI. However, those students who fail to pass at the 1st Chance Compartmental Examination cannot continue in Class XI. The Committee examined the issue in detail and was of the view that the existing Rule 10.1(a) is quite clear. However, as proposed by the Office, in the order to make the rules explicit it resolved to add Clause 42(vi) as under :

"A candidate who is placed in Compartment and fails to pass the Secondary School Examination (Class-X) at the first chance Compartmental Examination held in July/August of that year shall not (NOT) be admitted to Class XI."

ITEM III TO CONSIDER - (i) THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO THE MERITORIOUS CANDIDATES UNDER THE BOARD'S MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME IN PROPORTION TO THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF EXAMINEES IN THE EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY

THE BOARD AND (ii) THE INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF THE BOARD'S MERIT SCHOLARSHIP ON ACCOUNT OF INCREASE IN THE COST OF EDUCATION FROM RS. 60/- TO RS. 75/- PER MONTH FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION AND RS. 75/- TO RS. 100/- PER MONTH FOR SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

The Committee examined the proposal at length. It felt that the increase in amount of scholarships from Rs. 60/- to Rs. 75/- and Rs. 75/- to Rs. 100/- was not sufficient. It also noted that these rates are in vogue since 1988. However, keeping in view the financial constraints of the CBSE, the Examination Committee resolved that the total number of scholarships be increased to 57 (General 43 + Reserved 14) for Class X and 124 (General 102 + Reserved 22) for Class XII. The amount of scholarship may also be enhanced from the existing Rs. 60/- to Rs. 75/- per month for Class X and Rs. 75/- to Rs. 100/- for Class XII. These will be effective from 1999 examinations.

ITEM IV TO CONSIDER (i) THE NAMES OF THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE AWARDED MERIT CERTIFICATES AS PER EXAMINATION BYE LAWS OF THE BOARD BUT THEIR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT IN TERMS OF AGGREGATE MARKS IS LESS THAN 60% (ii) TO REGULARISE THE PREPARATION OF A COMBINED MERIT LIST AND (iii) AMENDMENT IN CLAUSE 70.1 (iii) THE EXAMINATION BYE LAWS OF THE BOARD.

The Committee considered the proposal made by the office in detail and resolved to recommend - (i) that the existing procedure for the award of merit certificate as given in the Examination Bye Laws for the award of Joint Endowment Scholarships (Chapter X) under Rule 70.2 be continued; (ii) the action taken by the office in preparing a combined merit list of meritorious students under All India Scheme Examinations and Delhi Scheme Examinations be approved; and (iii) Clause 70.1 (iii) of Examination Bye Laws of the Board which state that number of scholarships to be awarded each year shall be :

(a) Delhi Secondary School Examination - 2 (b) All India Secondary Examination - 3 be amended as under :

"70.1 (iii) - The number of scholarships to be awarded each year shall be five for Secondary School Examination."

ITEM V TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF PAPER SETTERS, MODERATORS, HEAD EXAMINERS, ADDITIONAL HEAD EXAMINERS, SUB-EXAMINERS CO-ORDINATORS, CHIEF SECRECY OFFICERS, SECRECY OFFICERS ETC. FOR THE EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD IN MARCH/APRIL 1999.

The Committee resolved to authorise the Chairman, CBSE to appoint the Paper Setters, Moderators, Head Examiners, Additional Head Examiners, Sub-Examiners, Co-ordinators, Chief Secrecy Officers, Secrecy Officers, etc. for the examinations to be held in the calendar year 1999.

ITEM VI TO REPORT CHAIRMAN'S ORDER :

i) Dated 29/4/98 - enhancing the service charges for the sale of application forms and receipt of examination fee for 1999 examinations to the Syndicate Bank from Rs. 5/- per form to Rs. 8/- per form. This was a long due demand of the Syndicate Bank which was acceded to. Earlier Chairman, CBSE had constituted an internal committee consisting of the Joint Secretary (C), Joint Secretary (ROD),

Accounts Officer (CBSE Hqtrs) and the Manager - Syndicate Bank Extn. Counter CBSE Building to consider the issue and furnish its recommendation. The Committee had recommended that service charges for accepting applications forms from private candidates to the Syndicate Bank be enhanced from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 8/- and that the cost of the application forms for Private Candidates be revised from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/-. Both these recommendations were accepted by the Chairman, CBSE and were made effective from 1999 examinations. The Committee may kindly approve the action taken by the Chairman, CBSE.

- (ii) Dated 31.5.98 - exempting Vaish Public School, Rohtak from the payment of late fee amounting to Rs. 2,98,800/- for the Senior School Certificate Examination held in March, 1998 as the Accountant of the said school had failed to deposit the examination fee with the CBSE. The school subsequently had filed an FIR against the said Accountant. The request was examined and the Chairman, CBSE exempted the school from the payment of the late fee in view of the peculiar circumstances of the case. The Examination Committee may kindly ratify the decision of the Chairman, CBSE.
- (iii) Dated 9.7.98 - permitting Ms. Priyanka Seth D/o Shri R. K. Seth, who is suffering from Dyslexia to have the facility of extra time of 30 minutes per paper for appearing at the Secondary School Examination, 1999. The Examination Committee may kindly approve the action taken by the Chairman, CBSE.
- (iv) Dated 17.8.98 - permitting Master Arjun Chatterjee S/o Shri (Dr.) D. Chatterjee who is suffering from Dyslexia and who has been granted exemption from the study of third language at Class VIII level. The Examination Committee may kindly approve the action taken by the Chairman, CBSE.
- (v) Dated 23.8.98 - permitting Ms. Sruti S. Swamy D/o Sh. Srinivasan K. Swamy who is suffering from Dyslexia to have the facility of extra time of thirty minutes for Class XII of 1999 examinations. The Examination Committee may kindly approve the action taken by the Chairman, CBSE.

Resolved that the action taken by the Chairman, CBSE be approved. However, while considering these report items for approval, one of the Members on the Committee placed before the Committee that the facility of grant of extra time to candidates who suffer from smallpox, measles, mumps and high fever etc. should also be considered by the Examination Committee so that the difficulties faced by such candidates are ameliorated. The Committee resolved that an appropriate item in this regard may be placed in the next meeting of the Examination Committee for its consideration.

ADDITIONAL ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

ITEM VII TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AFFILIATION COMMITTEE IN ITS MEETING HELD ON 16.4.98 VIDE ITEM NO. '5' INsofar AS THESE RELATE TO EXAMINATIONS.

The Affiliation Committee in its meeting held on 16.4.98 vide item no. 5 had resolved that the provisions concerning the examinations and affiliation norms

be incorporated appropriately in the Examination Bye-Laws/Affiliation Bye Laws. However, before the above provisions are so incorporated in the relevant Examination Bye-Laws, their implications must be considered thoroughly by the Examination Committee of the Board.

The Affiliation Committee was informed that it had been felt expedient to incorporate the following provisions in the existing Bye-Laws with a view to putting a check on malpractices and the direct or indirect violations.

CHAPTER II NORMS OF AFFILIATION

5. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above, any Branch/Unit of a school/group of schools affiliated seeking affiliation to the Board shall not be deemed to be affiliated to the Board even if such main school seeking affiliation stands affiliated to the Board subsequently unless such Branches/Units apply for and stand affiliated to the Board in the manner provided herein above.
6. Mere submission of application for affiliation or its pendency with the Board does not entitle any school seeking affiliation to self style itself as 'affiliated to the Board' nor will it resort to do anything in whatsoever manner creating an impression in the minds of the public to this effect.

15 BOARD'S EXAMINATIONS

1. It is mandatory upon a school affiliated to Board to follow the Examination Bye Laws of the Board in toto.
2. No affiliated school shall endeavour to present the candidates who are not on its roll nor will it present the candidates of its unaffiliated branch/schools to any of the Board's Examinations.
3. If the Board has reasons to believe that an affiliated school is not following the sub-section 1 and 2 of this section, the Board will resort to penalties prescribed hereunder :

Every affiliated school shall present a list of Estimated no. of students and their particulars in respect of classes IX, X, XI & XII at the time of beginning of an academic session.

The list of candidates shall accompany this list of Estimate. Generally, there shall be no variation between the said list of Estimate and the list of candidates submitted at the time of filling of applications for the Board's examinations. However, genuine variations, if any, shall be informed to the Board well in advance and in any case not later than September 30th of the academic session. Such variation duly allowed by the Board shall be included in the Estimate of candidates.

PENALTIES

- i) Violation of these Bye Laws shall be viewed seriously.
- ii) Violation of these Bye Laws shall render an affiliated school to be disaffiliated summarily and the affiliation fee paid by such school shall stand forfeited.
- iii) Such schools as are so disaffiliated shall stand debarred from being affiliated afresh for a term of five years.

- iv) The violation of Bye Laws by a debarred school affiliated afresh shall render it permanently disaffiliated and whatever affiliation fee paid by it shall stand forfeited.

The Examination Committee examined the issue thoroughly particularly in the background of introduction of the system of registration of candidates in Class IX from the academic session 1996-97. The Committee was of the considered view that the recommendations as proposed by the Affiliation Committee for incorporation of certain provisions in the Examination Bye Laws of the Board should be looked in the totality of the latest developments. So after detailed deliberations, the Examination Committee resolved to recommend the following proviso to be incorporated in the Examination Bye Laws under Rule 12.1 :

Rule 12.1

- i) It is mandatory upon a school affiliated to Board to follow the Examination Bye Laws of the Board in toto.
- ii) No affiliated school shall endeavour to present the candidates who are not on its roll nor will it present the candidates of its unaffiliated branch/schools to any of the Board's examinations.
- iii) If the Board has reasons to believe that an affiliated school is not following the sub-section 1 and 2 of this section, the Board will resort to penalties as deemed fit.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(PAVNESH KUMAR)
CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

Sd/-
(B. P. KHANDELWAL)
CHAIRMAN

ITEM VIII TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ALL INDIA PRE-MEDICAL ENTRANCE TEST HELD ON 07.10.1998.

PRESENT :

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| 1. | Prof. B. P. Khandelwal,
Chairman,
CBSE,
Delhi-110 092. | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. S. S. Rana,
Dean of Colleges,
Delhi University,
Delhi-110 007. | Member |
| 3. | Dr. Y. K. Gupta,
Sub-Dean,
A.I.I.M.S.,
New Delhi. | Member |
| 4. | Mrs. Arti Kant,
Director (SE),
Ministry of Human Resource
Development,
Deptt. of Education,
New Delhi. | Member. |
| 5. | Dr. K. K. Arora,
Deputy Secretary,
Medical Council of India,
New Delhi. | Representative
of MCI |
| 6. | Dr. Ajai Kumar,
Asstt. Director General,
Directorate General of
Health Services,
New Delhi. | Representative
of DGHS |
| 7. | Prof. R. K. Agnihotri,
Deptt. of Languages,
Delhi University,
Delhi. | Special Invitee |
| 8. | Shri H. R. Gupta,
CE (P&P),
CBSE,
Delhi. | Member Secretary |

Shri S. C. Gupta, Secretary, CBSE and Shri P. C. Bose Deputy Director, Directorate of Education, Delhi could not attend the meeting.

Shri B. R. Sharma, Joint Secretary (P&P), CBSE, Shri B. M. Gupta, Head(CC), CBSE and Shri D. P. Singh, Asstt. Secretary (PMT), CBSE were also present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman extended a very warm welcome to the Members particularly Mrs. Arti Kant and Prof. R. K. Agnihotri who attended the meeting for the first time.

He expressed his thankfulness to all those who rendered their co-operation and timely assistance for conduct of the AIPMT, 98. He informed the members that this meeting has been convened especially to discuss some important issues. He then requested the Controller of Exams. (P&P) to take up the Agenda for the meeting.

The Controller of Exams (P&P) thanked the Chairman and other members and then took up the agenda for discussion.

ITEM I TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 26.8.97.

Resolved to recommend that the minutes be approved.

ITEM II TO RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF AIPMT EXAMINATION, 1998.

The Controller of Exams (P&P), CBSE informed the members that although a report on the conduct of AIPMT, 1998 was sent alongwith the Agenda papers for information of all the members yet he presented a brief report. He informed that 1,60,257 candidates were registered and 1,41,597 appeared at this examination which was held at 294 centres all over the country on 10.05.1998. The examination went off smoothly. The results for this examination were declared on 20th June, 1998 ahead of schedule. The results were sent to all the National Dailies. Simultaneously results were also sent to all State Boards of Education/DPIs; Secretary, Ministry of Health of each State and other concerned agencies. He further informed that it is proposed to send the results to all the examination centres so as to make it available to all the candidates quickly. He also informed that the system of photo impression on the attendance sheet was introduced for the first time to check the case of impersonation and this system has been appreciated by all and found very effective in eliminating impersonation cases. Multi-pronged strategy was adopted to strengthen vigil at the examination centres such as :

- Full time observers drawn from Universities and other Central/State level educational organisations were appointed at the examination centres. At difficult centres two full time observers were deputed.
- Special teams consisting of senior officers of State/Central level educational institutions were inducted for surprise check of examination centres.

The CE (P&P) further informed that besides AIPMT the Board is conducting another entrance examination on behalf of MAHE for admission to MBBS Course and this test was also conducted smoothly and merit list was sent to them on time as per their requirement.

It was resolved that the report be accorded.

ITEM III TO CONSIDER THE REVISED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ALL INDIA PRE-MEDICAL / PRE-DENTAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 1999 COMMUNICATED VIDE LETTER NO. MCI - 26(3) / 98 - Med. / 10759 DATED 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1998 FROM DR. K. K. ARORA, DEPUTY SECRETARY, MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA, NEW DELHI.

The CE (P&P) informed that the Medical Council of India have made the following changes in the eligibility criteria for admission to MBBS/Dental Courses:

EXISTING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Age -17 years on or before 31st Dec. of the year of admission to the first year of MBBS/Dental Course.
2. A candidate must obtain not less than 50% marks in English and 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together at the qualifying Examination.
3. Provided further that in respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and OBCs the minimum marks required for qualifying examination shall be 40% in lieu of 50% for general candidates.

REVISED CRITERIA AS INCORPORATED IN THE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION 1997 REGULATIONS

- 17 years as on 1st July commencing the prescribed academic session of 1st MBBS Course.
- A candidate must have obtained not less than 50% marks in English and 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together at the qualifying and competitive Exam.
- Provided further that in respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and OBCs, the marks obtained be read as 40% instead of 50%.

The revised eligibility criteria was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 26.8.97. The members were of the opinion that the introduction of competitive examination in English and imposition of requirement of 50% marks in English both at qualifying and competitive examination has a bias towards the candidates belonging to rural areas and against those studying through Hindi medium. These observations were then communicated to MCI. Based on the observations received from CBSE and several other quarters, the MCI further reviewed this criteria and it has been sent for approval of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The MCI has informed that until and unless the revised criteria is approved by the Govt., relaxation for the same as extended last year cannot be granted and criteria notified in regulations be implemented.

The issue was discussed in detail and the following observations were made :

1. It was reiterated that the requirement of 50% marks in English both at the qualifying and competitive examination is not at all fair to those who are studying through Hindi medium and belonging to rural areas. Since the MCI has further reviewed the eligibility criteria and this has been sent to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its consideration and

approval and it has yet to take a final view on the observations made by the CBSE and other institutions conducting the pre-medical/pre-dental entrance test. The existing eligibility criteria for admission to MBBS Course should continue and the revised criteria as incorporated in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 be not made effective.

2. Already the doors are closed for those who venture to appear at the All India Pre-medical Entrance Test after passing out + 2 examination without studying English at the + 2 stage. Further imposition of the requirement of 50% marks in English at the qualifying and competitive examination will be a set back to those who are studying through Hindi medium.
3. It is rather a retrograde step to introduce competitive test in English at the Pre-Medical Entrance Test rather the Govt. of India may consider ways and means for imparting instructions in Medical Colleges in Hindi medium and bring out the textual material in Hindi. If need be provision for additional classes in English be made in Medical Colleges.
4. Several other questions were also raised such as what areas in English should be tested for example, comprehension, expression, grammar, literature etc.
5. Under no circumstances marks in English should be counted to determine rank order. Those who are proficient in Science subjects should not be deprived admission in medical course for want of a little low score in English.

After long deliberations it was resolved that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare be informed that the CBSE will conduct the All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Test in accordance with the existing eligibility criteria till such time the abovesaid issues are considered and resolved. The Committee authorised the Chairman to take appropriate action.

ITEM IV TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF PAPER SETTERS / MODERATORS AND OTHER SUPPORTING STAFF FOR AIPMT, 1999.

The Chairman was authorised to take appropriate action.

ITEM V TO CONSIDER FIXATION OF EXAMINATION CENTRES AND APPOINTMENT OF CENTRE SUPERINTENDENTS, CO-ORDINATORS, OBSERVERS AND OTHER SUPPORTING STAFF FOR AIPMT, 1999.

The Chairman was authorised to take appropriate action.

ITEM VI TO APPROVE THE MSS OF THE INFORMATION BULLETIN AND APPLICATION FORM FOR 1999.

The Chairman was authorised to take appropriate action.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

The CE (P&P) reported a circular letter dated 2nd September, 1998 from IIT, Delhi informing holding of Joint Entrance Examination, 1999 on 8th and 9th May, 1999. He informed the

members that AIPMT is conducted by the CBSE on 2nd Sunday of May every year as per the scheme of the examination approved by the Supreme Court of India. This year also the abovesaid examination is scheduled to be held on 2nd Sunday of May, 1999 i.e. 09.5.1999 and the schedule was announced in June, 1998. The CBSE had also sent a notification to all the institutions informing the holding of the examination on 9th May, 1999 and requesting them suitably to adjust their dates of examination. But the JEE examination has also been fixed on 8th and 9th May and the dates of AIPMT and JEE examination clash with each other. The Members desired that the JEE be again informed of holding the AIPMT examination on 9th May, 1999.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(H. R. GUPTA)
CONTROLLER OF EXAMS. (P & P)

Sd/-
(B. P. KHANDELWAL)
CHAIRMAN