

**MINUTES OF THE 5TH GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE
PUDUCHERRY COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
HELD ON 02.02.2017 AT 4.00 P.M. IN THE
CHAMBER OF THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY &
ENVIRONMENT, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, PUDUCHERRY**

The 5th General Body meeting of the Puducherry Council for Science and Technology (PCS&T) was held on 02.02.2017 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Science, Technology and Environment, Puducherry.

The list of participants is enclosed as Annexure.

At the outset, the Director (DST&E) / Member Secretary (PCS&T) welcomed the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the members of the Council and briefed the members about the agenda items. The decisions of the Council are as follows:

Agenda Item No. I: Introduction about the PCS&T.

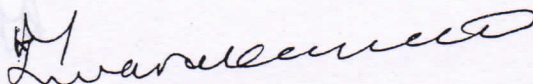
The members were briefly appraised about PCS&T, a registered Society functioning under the Department of Science, Technology and Environment (DST&E).

Agenda Item No. II: Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28.08.2009.

The Council confirmed the minutes of the 4th General Body meeting held on 28.08.2009. The Council decided that the General Body meeting is to be conducted twice in a year to avoid administrative delays.

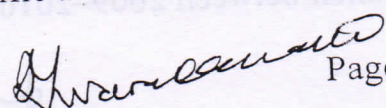
Agenda Item No. III: Appraisal of the activities of the Council during the period 2009-2016.

The members were briefly apprised of the various activities conducted by the Council between 2009-2016. The Council decided the following:-



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1. Extending the financial assistance to Directorate of School Education for setting up and up-gradation of existing science laboratories in the Government Schools has to be scheduled before the end of March of every year for the benefit of the students.
2. Partial Financial Assistance for the conduct of National / International Conferences / Seminars / Workshops etc., may be considered for Government Educational Institutes (Colleges / Schools) on priority, instead of University / Colleges / Private Institutions which have its own resources.
3. Sky Watching Programmes through Telescopes on No Moon Day to be arranged at Beach Road and Helipad, Lawspet for the benefit of public, children and tourists.
4. Display boards on Temperature, Humidity and Air Quality to be placed at important places.
5. Standee on Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre and Planetarium to be placed at important places viz., Bus Stand, Railway Station, Air Port etc.
6. Science lectures on Recent Trends and Developments to be arranged at Science Centre once in a month and resource persons / eminent scientists may be invited from JIPMER, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry Engineering College and other academic Educational Institutes.
7. Junior Science Talent Search Scheme to be implemented in co-ordination with the Directorate of School Education.
8. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) based assistance to be sought from the Industries for enhancing scientific awareness among the public.



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Agenda Item No. IV: New Nomenclature of PCS&T.

The Council decided the following:-

1. Puducherry Council for Science and Technology to be renamed as Puducherry Council for Science, Technology and Innovation.
2. Brainstorming sessions to be held with National Innovation Council, New Delhi and Centre for Innovations in Public Systems, Hyderabad to chalk out the activities with specific reference to Innovation.
3. Assistance for innovation schemes shall also be availed from National Innovation Council, Delhi.

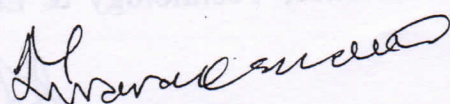
Agenda Item No. V: Consideration and approval of the audited reports of the Council for the period upto 2015-16.

The audited balance sheets for the years 2009-10 to 2015-16 were read and recorded as approved. The Council decided the following:

1. Any amount excess of Rs. 25 Lakhs (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only) to be deposited in the Bank as Fixed Deposits in order to fetch higher interest that can be used to fund various activities of the Council.
2. Entrance fee at Science Centre and Planetarium to be increased.

Agenda Item No. VI: Budget estimate of the PCS&T for the year 2016-2017.

The Council has approved the budget estimate of the PCS&T for the year 2016-2017 and decided that the Budget proposals viz., Construction of office building at Olandai Revenue Village and Construction of culvert over the irrigation canal in the eastern side of the office construction site to be carried out simultaneously.



Agenda Item No. VII: Revision of delegation of Financial Powers.

The Council decided to revise the delegation of powers on par with the Government Departments applicable to the Secretary / Head of the Department / Head of Office to the Chairman (EC, PCS&T) / Member Secretary (PCS&T) / Head of Office (PCS&T).

Agenda Item No. VIII: Revision of Composition of Council.

The Council decided to maintain status quo.

Agenda Item No. IX: Nominee from NITI Aayog instead of Planning Commission, Government of India.

The Council decided to invite a nominee from the NITI Aayog for the Council Meeting instead of Planning Commission henceforth. The Council noted that as observed by the Deputy Adviser (S&T), NITI Aayog, Government of India, the meeting communication in future be sent atleast ten days in advance to all members.

Agenda Item No. X: Consideration of New Pension Scheme to the employees of the Council.

The Council decided to adopt New Pension Scheme (NPS) for the two existing Regular Helpers along with the new entrants by following the usual procedure.

Agenda Item No. XI: Submission of proposal for the proposed Recruitment Rules for the posts of Scientific Officer, Technical Assistants, Data Entry Operator and Assistant for approval of the Council.

The Council was informed that the Government of India has issued financial assistance under CSS scheme of Core Secretarial assistance to the PCS&T for creation of 5 posts to implement the scheme. The Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, New Delhi on the request of the Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Puducherry in its letter

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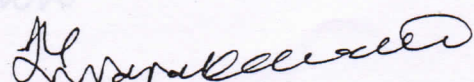
dated 30.12.2015 has also conveyed its approval for continuing their financial support and advised to fill up these posts on regular basis. Accordingly, the approval of the Competent Authority Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor has been obtained for creation of these 5 posts on regular basis which was issued vide G.O.Ms. No. 7/2016-Envvt, dated 22.6.2016 of the Chief Secretariat (Envvt.), Puducherry.

Sl. No.	Description of the post	No. of post
1.	Scientific Officer (Group 'B' Rs. 9300-34800+4600/-)	1
2.	Technical Assistant (Group 'B' Rs. 9300-34800+4200/-)	2
3.	Data Entry Operator (Group 'C' Rs. 5200-20200+2800/-)	1
4.	Assistant (Group 'B' Rs. 9300-34800+4200/-)	1
Total		5

It was informed to the Council that while approving the proposed Recruitment Rules for these posts, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor has made the following observations in the Note file of File No.1888/PCS&T/ Estt/A.1/ 2016:

"Para No. 48 : While approving the creation of posts, I had suggested that the existing contract employees could be engaged against the newly created posts. The draft RRs needs to be placed before the Puducherry Council for Science and Technology for its consideration and recommendation".

Accordingly, the Council decided to approve the proposed Recruitment Rules for these 5 posts.



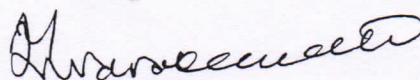
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Agenda Item No. XII: Submission of proposal to the Council to absorb the existing consolidated pay / contract employees engaged by following usual recruitment procedure in the post of Technical Assistant, Data Entry Operator and Assistant.

It was informed to the Council that as per the provision in the Recruitment Rules cleared by DP&AR (PW) and vetted by Law Department, Puducherry and observation made by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor in the proposal submitted for creation of posts and framing of Recruitment Rules, these posts may be filled by absorption of eligible consolidated pay / contract employees working in the PCS&T possessing the required qualifications. The council was informed that there are eligible qualified consolidated / contract employees recruited after following usual recruitment procedure and fulfilling all the conditions of Recruitment Rules for post of Technical Assistant, Data Entry Operator and Assistant working in the PCS&T and it is proposed to consider all these employees.

The Council was informed that there are no eligible candidates available to consider for promotion to the post of Scientific Officer and proposed to fill up the post by deputation as per the provision of Recruitment Rules. It is further informed to the Council that the Chairman and Members of the Recruitment Committee of PCS&T for these posts have also attended the Council meetings as Members and Special Invitee to assist the Council and recommended to the Council for absorption of these eligible consolidated pay / contract employees as per provision existing in the Recruitment Rules for the posts of Technical assistant, Data Entry Operator and Assistant.

Accordingly, the Council has approved the proposal for absorption of following eligible qualified consolidated / contract basis employees for these posts of Technical Assistant, Data Entry Operator and Assistant.



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Sl. No.	Name of the contract / consolidated employee Tvl.	Post to be eligible for consideration
1.	Sivakumar. E	Technical Assistant (Rs.9300-34800+GPRs.4200/- (pre-revised))
2.	Sathishkumar. P	Technical Assistant (Rs.9300-34800+GPRs.4200/- (pre-revised))
3.	Sivasubramanian. G.	Data Entry operator (Rs.5200-20200-+GP.Rs.2800/- (pre-revised))
4.	Magesvary. C	Assistant (Rs.9300-34800+GP.Rs.4200/- (pre-revised))

It was informed to the Council that these posts have been created under CSS scheme fully funded by Govt. of India with assurance of continued funding until further order from their Department / Government of India. Therefore, they may be absorbed against these posts on regular basis with the conditions that their appointments in these posts will be in existence as long as the funds are provided by the Government of India for their salary component.

The Council while approving the proposed Recruitment Rules for the above posts and absorption of the present incumbents working on contract basis approved and recommended the following: "To re-designate the Technical Assistant Post as Junior Scientific Officer with the same pay scale, allowances and other service conditions as proposed".

Amendment of Recruitment Rules and approval from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India may be obtained before re-designating the above.

The Council approved the proposal for their absorption and to fill up the post of Scientific Officer on deputation.

Agenda Item No. XIII: Creation of common category posts of Lower Division Clerk and Driver Grade-III (LMV) for Puducherry Council for Science and Technology, Puducherry.

It was informed to the Council that PCS&T is functioning without common category of posts viz., LDC and Driver for routine ministerial work and maintenance of mobile science exhibition bus. In order to maintain the smooth functioning of the Science Centre and maintenance of vehicles, creation of common category posts, viz., 2 posts of LDC and 1 Post of Driver-III (LMV) is approved by the Council for further approval of the Government of Puducherry.

Agenda Item No. XIV: Proposal for Setting up of Innovation Hub and Space Science Gallery at Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre & Planetarium, Puducherry.

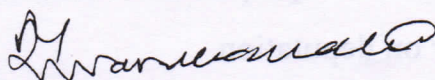
The Council approved the Setting up of Innovation Hub by National Council for Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Kolkatta and Space Gallery by Indian Space Research Organization, Government of India, Bengaluru. The Council decided that the Government of Puducherry may seek 100 percent financial assistance from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for Setting up of Innovation Hub at the existing Science Centre at Puducherry.

Agenda Item No. XV: Any other Items with the permission of the Chair.

With the permission of the Chair, the following were discussed.

1. Upkeep and maintenance of exhibits at Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre for a period of 3 years by M/s. Eaton Power Quality Pvt. Ltd., Sederapet, Puducherry as Corporate Social Responsibility Service by executing Memorandum of Understanding.

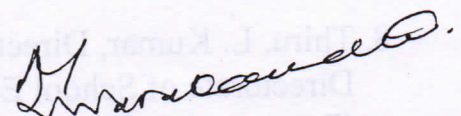
The Council has approved to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with M/s. Eaton Power Quality Pvt. Ltd., to upkeep and maintain the exhibits under Corporate Social Responsibility Service.



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2. The Chairman observed that in future, if any Secretary or Members could not attend the Council Meeting, the same has to be properly informed to the Chairman in writing and permission to be sought for nominating any other officer. Hence, the suggestions given by the Secretary (Agriculture) could not be taken into consideration.
3. Possibility of laying Solar Panels on the Beach Road may be explored with Renewable Energy Agency of Puducherry (REAP) and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India.
4. Solar power vehicle / cart can be made operational in the Beach Road for the general public in particular Senior Citizens, Differently Abled Persons should be taken from one end to the other end and also can be used as emergency transit vehicle to nearby hospitals / nursing homes in case of ill-health. Corporate Social Responsibility Service may also be considered for operation of the same.

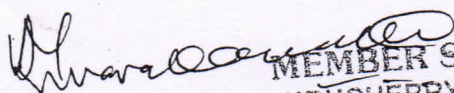
The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and to other members.


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Hon'ble Minister for Science, Technology
& Environment
Chairman (PCS&T)
2. Thiru. Manoj Parida, I.A.S.
Chief Secretary to Government
Vice-Chairman (PCS&T)
3. Dr. G. Narendra Kumar, I.A.S.
Development Commissioner-cum-
Secretary to Government (ST&E) i/c
Member / Chairman
(EC, PCS&T)
4. Dr. Subhash Chandra Parija
Director, JIPMER, Puducherry
Member
5. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Professor
Department of Earth Sciences
Pondicherry University
Member (Nominee of
Vice- Chancellor)
6. Dr. K. Gunasekaran
Director Grade – Scientist 'G'
VCRC, Puducherry
(Representing Director, VCRC)
Member
7. Thiru. G. Malarkannan, Director
Directorate of Industries & Commerce
(Representing Secretary, Industries)
Member
8. Thiru. L. Kumar, Director
Directorate of School Education
(Representing Secretary, Education)
Member
9. Thiru. M. Sarathi
Deputy Secretary (Agriculture)
(Representing Secretary, Agriculture)
Member
10. Tmt. V. Thendrali
Deputy Secretary (Environment)
Special Invitee
11. Thiru. M. Dwarakanath
Director (DST&E)
Member Secretary
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