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**MINUTES OF 45<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE (SFC) OF THE MORARJI DESAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOGA (MDNIY) HELD ON 02.03.2022 AT 11:00 AM, THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

The 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of MDNIY was held, through video conference, on 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 11:00 am. The following were present:

1. **Smt. Kavita Garg** Chairperson  
Joint Secretary to the Govt of India  
Ministry of Ayush  
AYUSH Bhavan, B-Block,  
GPO Complex, INA,  
New Delhi-110023
2. **Shri Raj Kumar** Member  
Deputy Secretary  
Representative of Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,  
Nirman Bhawan,  
New Delhi-110001
3. **Dr. Jaideep Arya** Member  
Chairman, Haryana YogAyog,  
Ayush Department and  
Chief Central Coordinator,  
Patanjali Yog Peeth,  
Maharishi Dayanand Gram,  
Delhi-Haridwar Highway  
Near Bahadarabad,  
Haridwar-249405 (Uttarakhand)
4. **Dr. G. D. Sharma** Member  
Sr. Yoga Adviser and Chair, Paramahansa  
Yogananda Chair for Yoga Studies,  
Faculty of Management Sciences & Liberal Arts,  
Shoolini University, Post Box 9,  
Solan-173212, HP
5. **Shri Vikram Singh** Special Invitee  
Director,  
Ministry of Ayush  
AYUSH Bhavan, B-Block,  
GPO Complex, INA,  
New Delhi-110023
6. **Dr. L.V. Basavaraddi** Member -Secretary  
Director,  
Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga,  
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**Leave of absence:**

Smt. Hansa Jayadeva  
Director, The Yoga Institute,  
Yogendra Marg, Prabhat Colony,  
Santa Cruz (East), Mumbai-400055

At the threshold, Director, MDNIY welcomed the Chairperson, SFC & Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush and all the members present in the meeting. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairperson, Member Secretary, SFC and Director, MDNIY, took up the Agenda items for discussion and approval of SFC, as under:

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 01: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE OF MDNIY HELD ON 29.10.2021**

Director, MDNIY informed that the Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) of MDNIY held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 through virtual mode were circulated to all the members of the SFC. No comments have been received from any of the Members. Thereafter, the minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SFC held on 29<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 02: TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE OF MDNIY HELD ON 29.10.2021.**

Director, MDNIY informed that under the Agenda No. 7, regarding the upgradation of the Conference Hall facilities of MDNIY, the estimated cost of Rs. 6.00 Lakhs is very less and now it is estimated up to 17-18 Lakhs after re-examining the facilities, furniture's and fixtures of high standard as suggested by the competent authority. It is requested the SFC to approve the revised estimates of Rs.18 Lakhs which will be executed after following codal formalities.

SFC discussed it, agreed and recommended for the revised estimate of Rs. 18 lakhs, however, instructed to purchase the equipment's through GeM, if not available on GeM, then as per GFR after following codal formalities.

Further, the action taken on the remaining minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SFC, held on 29.10. 2021 were noted and approved.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.03: TO RATIFY THE EX-POST FACTO APPROVAL OF THE JOINT SECRETARY AND SECRETARY,**

**MINISTRY OF AYUSH IN THEIR CAPACITY OF  
CHAIRPERSONS OF SFC AND GC OF MDNIY TO  
THE EXPENDITURE OF RS.8,54,025/- FOR  
HIRING OF LIVE SLOT ON DD NATIONAL FOR  
LAUNCHING OF MASS SURYA NAMASKAR  
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME ON 14.01.2022  
AS PART OF AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV.**

After brief discussions, the SFC accorded ex-post facto approval to the expenditure of Rs. 8,54,025/- for hiring of live Slot on DD National for launching of Mass Surya Namaskar Demonstration Programme on 14.01.2022 as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE MDNIY'S BANKING  
ARRANGEMENT WITH HDFC BANK.**

Director, MDNIY and Member Secretary, SFC submitted that as the present banking requirements of the Institute has changed, which needs more personalized services, the Institute has been looking for arrangement with the Bank who is in a position to provide digital solutions for online collections through various modes. The Institute has a bank account with Bank of Baroda and Punjab National Bank where they are only providing basic services. With the rapid growth of technology, digital services became an indispensable part of banking operations, it is considered appropriate that Institute needed to keep up with the banking arrangement with a Bank, which is in a position to provide the services in line with the present banking trend. It was appraised that the Institute is not getting the required services from its present Bankers.

It was appraised that the Institute has contacted some of the private bankers get their presentations and has identified the HDFC Bank, which is in a position to provide various solutions such as digital solution for fee collection, accounts and deposits, online collections through smart hub / ERP solutions / payment gateway, DigiPOS/Swipe machine, UPI/BQR code, payments and disbursements solutions, salary accounts etc. The proposal of

HDFC Bank appears to be very useful for the Institute and it would be in a position to collect fee through web portal which will be more beneficial to the Institute.

Director, MDNIY highlighted in brief the benefits for the Institute in case the services of the HDFC Bank are decided to be availed.



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After detailed discussions, the Chairperson said that at the first instance, the Institute should figure out the problems being faced by it with the Nationalized Bank and discuss with a Nationalized Bank whether they are in position to provide the required services to the Institute as are being proposed to be provided by the HDFC. The Chairperson said that for the purpose a Meeting shall be arranged with a Nationalized Banks. It was also emphasized that the Institute should place on record the names of the Government Bodies / Autonomous bodies, which are availing the services of a Private Bank instead of a nationalized Bank. Shri Raj Kumar, DS(IFD) also seconded the opinion of the Chairperson.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 05: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE YOGA PROGRAMMES FOR JAIL INMATES OF TIHAR JAIL**

Director, MDNIY has explained the background of the proposal and the activities undertaken by the Institute in Tihar Jail in the last programme. Director also apprised that the Yoga Volunteer Certification programme, which is designed and being implemented as part of the AzadiKaAmritMahotsav, will be conducted for the Jail inmates. It was also informed that the services of Jail inmates, who have already trained as Yoga Wellness Instructors will also be utilized for training the Jail inmates. Members SFC appreciated the initiatives taken by MDNIY.

After detailed discussion SFC has recommended to undertake the Yoga programmes for jail inmates of Tihar Jail Project as proposed with financial implication of Rs. 40.00 Lakhs per annum subject to strict compliance of all codal formalities.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.06: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF A SCHEME OF YOGA THERAPY & TRAINING CENTRE IN AYUSH / MEDICAL INSTITUTES**

Director, MDNIY explained about the outlay of the scheme and the objective behind proposing this scheme. It was also mentioned by the Director that such centres, if comes up in different parts of the country, will facilitate the training of the Yoga instructors to be deployed in the Health & Wellness Centers under AYUSHMAN BHARAT. DS (IFD) was of the opinion that the scheme, if it has to be implemented, need to have the concurrence of Department of Expenditure.

The matter has been discussed at length. SFC is of opinion that instead of proposing a new scheme, MDNIY may propose projects on



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case-to-case basis with clear deliverables outcomes and financial implications also establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the organizations.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 07: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF SETTING UP OF YOGA THERAPY AND TRAINING CENTRES IN JAMMU, SRINAGAR & LEH**

Director, MDNIY has explained the background of the proposal and the importance of this proposal. Director also apprised SFC that the Institute had trained 229 Yoga Wellness Instructors in the Jammu & Kashmir region and also 100 Yoga Protocol Instructors in Leh region. Establishing such Yoga Therapy & Training Centres in this region will facilitate the promotion and propagation of Yoga in Jammu, Kashmir & Leh regions. The matter regarding the proposal which was sent to the Ministry earlier in this connection was also discussed. Chairperson SFC suggested Director, MDNIY to re-submit the proposal with the request to re-consider financial implications as proposed earlier.

After detailed discussions, SFC has recommended the proposal to establish Yoga Therapy and Training Centers in:-

- a) Unani Hospital, Shalteng, Srinagar
- b) Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu
- c) National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR), LehLadakh

With a financial implication of Rs. 18 Lakhs per annum per centres and Rs. 54.00 lakh per annum for the said three centres.

SFC further directed that the matter may be put up on file to the Ministry to re-consider the earlier proposal with above financial implications on priority basis.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO ENGAGE ONE SENIOR CONSULTANT (IT) & ONE CONSULTANT (CONTENT DEVELOPMENT) FOR IT ASSETS LIKE YOGA PORTAL, NAMASTE YOGA MOBILE APP AND Y-BREAK MOBILE APP.**



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Director, MDNIY informed that as per VC minutes vide email dated 11.02.2022, on strategy for handover of completely developed live pilot Yoga projects developed under Ayush Grid has been handed over to MDNIY. In order to get high quality work in this regard, it is absolutely needed to have the Senior Consultant (IT) and Consultant (Content Development) on priority.

**SFC Chairman discussed the proposal at length and recommended the engagement of one Senior Consultant (IT) & one Consultant (Content Development) initially for a period of one year, which may be extended up to three years or till the end of the project, whichever is earlier on requirement & satisfactory performance basis.**

**SFC also directed that the engagement shall be made as per the approved guidelines of the Ministry of Ayush dated 13.07.2021 and also to follow all the codal formalities as per GFR.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO ORGANISE HALF DAY VIRTUAL WEBINAR & EXHIBITION IN 100 ORGANISATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CELEBRATION OF 100 DAYS COUNTDOWN TO IDY ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022 ONWARDS TO TILL 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2022 AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS. 1.50 CRORE.**

Director, MDNIY, informed that for Celebration of IDY 2022 and 100 days countdown to IDY - 2022, tentatively 100 Yoga Institutes/organizations have been identified to organize half day programme/workshops/seminars in a physical mode wherever it is possible or through Virtual mode from 14th March, 2022 onwards to till 21st June, 2022.

Shri Raj Kumar, Dy. Secretary informed that the proposed grant-in-aid shall not be as per the guidelines of Centre Sector Scheme for promotion of IEC or otherwise the guidelines of the Scheme shall be strictly followed.

Dr. Jaideep Arya, the Member of SFC has suggested that the some criteria shall be adopted for the selection of 100 organizations.

**The matter was further discussed at length & the following recommendations were made.**

- **SFC recommended to conduct half day Yoga programme / Workshop / Seminar by hybrid mode from 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 to 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2022.**

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- The 100 organizations shall be selected on the basis of their contributions and visibilities at least in the last five years International Day of Yoga celebrations. The plan of action in the form of deliverable outcomes for the implementation shall also be prepared.
  - Each Organization shall be provided a Grant-in-Aid maximum of Rs. 1.5 Lakh per event per organization to conduct a half day programmes / workshops / seminars etc. MDNIY shall draw the criteria to release the Grant-in-Aids and break up of Rs. 1.5 Lakh.
  - The total estimated expenditure of Rs. 1.5 Crore @ Rs. 1.5 Lakh per organisation shall be met out from the General Budget allocated to MDNIY.
  - It is also to follow all the Codal formalities as per GFR.

**AGNEDA ITEM NO. 10 : TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO ORGANISE YOGA MAHOTSAV-2022, A CURTAIN RAISER FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2022 FROM 13-14 MARCH, 2022 & THE EXPENDITURE THEREIN**

Director, MDNIY informed that it is proposed to conduct Yoga Mahotsav a 100 days countdown for IDY 2022 from 13-14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The proposal is also sent to the Ministry for consideration and approval of Competent Authority.

The matter was discussed at length and the following recommendations were made:-

- Agreed to conduct Yoga Mahotsav-2022 a 100 days countdown programme for International Day of Yoga, 2022 at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.
- Director, MDNIY permitted to invite 10 - 12 representatives each of selected 100 organizations and also other stakeholders. Necessary stay arrangements and local hospitality shall be made for the outstation delegates.
- Recommended the estimated expenditure of Rs. 25.00 Lakhs to conduct the event and also to follow the codal formalities.
- Director, MDNIY may take the necessary approvals / directions of the Competent Authority as and when it is needed to conduct the event successfully.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR REVAMPING OF MDNIY WEBSITE APART FROM ONLINE COURSE REGISTRATION & CERTIFICATION AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS. 39.00 LAKH, EXCLUDING GST.**

Director MDNIY apprised the SFC regarding revamping of MDNIY website (www.yogamdniy.nic.in) through NIC as the website has been developed in 2011 and lack many features viz. provision for online registration for courses, integration with payment gateway, Online interface for selection of preferences of examination centers by candidates, Online generation of Admit card, etc. Considering the present requirements, the website needs to be revamped and redesigned.

**SFC considered and recommended the proposal for revamping of MDNIY website through NIC with an estimated cost of Rs. 39.00 Lakh excluding GST.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE HALF AN HOUR TV SLOT @75000/-+GST FROM MONDAY-FRIDAY AT DD NATIONAL IN CONNECTION WITH CELEBRATION OF IDY UNDER THE AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV FOR A PERIOD OF SIX & HALF MONTHS (14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022) AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS. 1,08,45000/-+GST**

Director, MDNIY explained about the half an hour TV programme on Yoga at DD National preferably 07:00 am to 07:30am from Monday-Friday as part of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav for a period of six and half months from 15th March, 2022 onwards till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

Director, MDNIY also informed that the assignment requires production of videos, anchoring, editing, Honorarium to the Guests invited & misc. expenditure for which a separate proposal will be sent to the Ministry.

**SFC Chairman discussed the proposal at length and SFC recommended the proposal**

- a) **To conduct half an hour TV programme on Yoga at DD National tentatively from 07:00 am to 07:30am from Monday to Friday as part of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav for a period of six and half months from 15th March, 2022 onwards till 30th September, 2022 at an**



estimated cost of RS. 1,08,45,000/-+GST and the said expenditure shall be borne by the Ministry of Ayush.

- b) A separate proposal shall be sent to the Ministry, regarding the expenditure involved in the assignment requires production of videos, anchoring charges, editing, Honorarium to the Guests to be invited & misc. expenditure

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Any other items with the permission of the chair.**

The following issues were discussed with the permission of the Chair.

Dr. Jaideep Arya requested the Chairperson to provide some financial assistance for promotion & development activities of Yoga in Haryana & Gujarat through Haryana Yog Ayog & Gujarat Yoga Board which are Government organizations. Director, MDNIY requested to send the proposals in collaboration with MDNIY which will be examined and put up to the Competent Authority for necessary approval which has been agreed by the Chairperson.

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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