





i) The following agenda items approved by the Governing Board in its 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 at IIC, New Delhi were referred to the UGC for its approval:

- a) Revised Purchase Procedure (in line with GoI)
- b) Revised Qualification of STA
- c) Increase in the Director's power for appointment of consultant / contractual manpower from Rs.4,000/- to Rs.10,000/- per month
- d) Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for Scientist-B (LS) as applicable to Asstt. Librarians

Dr. (Mrs.) Batra informed that the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws of the Centre approved during the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, are required to be approved by the INFLIBNET Council before they are sent for approval of the UGC. It was resolved that all the items mentioned above may be put-up for the approval of the INFLIBNET Council in its next meeting before seeking approval of the UGC.

### **Progress Made / New Developments**

- i) The Committee constituted on Promotion policy / Career Advancement for Scientific and staff was communicated to the members. The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled shortly.
- ii) A number of clauses in the agreement with Google for sharing records in INFLIBNET's Union Catalogue were incorporated to safeguard the economic and commercial interest of the Centre. The Agreement with Google for Union Catalogue of Books will be signed once Google agrees for the amended clauses.
- iii) The New Website of the INFLIBNET Centre was launched and a number of posters on activities and services of the INFLIBNET Centre was released by Prof. S.K. Thorat, Chairman, UGC during his visit to the Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008.
- iv) A new interface called the J-Gate Customized Content for Consortium (JCCC) was launched by Prof. S K Thorat during his visit to the Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008. The JCCC provides content-level access to all the journals being subscribed by the Consortium as well as by 21 university libraries designated as Inter-Library Loan (ILL) Centres. 152 universities under (12B) Act of UGC would be able to access the JCCC and get content-level access to JCCC with more than 9,000 journals including 3500 journals subscribed by the Consortium and 5,500 journals subscribed by 21 ILL Centres.
- v) The INFLIBNET Centre has recently developed its toolbar that facilitates easy access to e-resources, union databases, SOUL and other important links on INFLIBNET Web site. The toolbar is designed to provide links to all e-resources, contacts of the publishers, link to union databases, besides others. The toolbar serve as Home Page of the INFLIBNET Centre incorporated into the browser of a user. As such, a user can find all important services and activities of the Centre on his / her fingertips without visiting the INFLIBNET web site.



- vi) The Centre has received a project from Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) for "Evolving a Consortium for Providing Access to Electronic Resources to Colleges and Social Science Research Institutions in Selected Regions in India: Strategic Planning and Implementation Strategies". Details of the project are being presented as a separate Agenda.
- vii) The UGC had appointed an Expert Committee to evaluate the progress made by the Centre during X plan Period and assess the financial requirement of the Centre for XI Plan Period. The UGC Team of Experts visited the Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.
- viii) The Centre has developed Hindi Version of its Web site which was launched by Prof. S.S. Kadam, Chairman, XI Plan Expert Team on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 during the visit of the Expert Committee to the INFLIBNET Centre.
- ix) The CEC and the INFLIBNET Centre are jointly organizing a National Seminar on Open Access to Textual and Multimedia Content: Bridging the Digital Divide between 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2009 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Details of the Seminar are presented as a separate agenda.
- x) The Centre has developed a new interface for its Union Catalogues on books, serials and theses. The new interface called "IndCat" was launched by Prof. S.K. Khanna, Chairman, Governing Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2008 soon after the meeting of the Governing Board.
- xi) New brochures, posters and leaflets on various activities of the Centre were printed prior to the visit of the Expert Team for XI Plan Period.

### **3. Approval of the Proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2008 at the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad**

The recommendations made and decisions taken during the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2008 at 10.30 AM were approved. All the members of Governing Board also attended the meeting of the Finance Committee.

### **4. Status of Permanent Institute Building of the Centre**

After the presentation of conceptual design of the building to the members during 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board and 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Building Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 at India International Centre, New Delhi, M/s Vastu Shilpa Consultants, Architect discussed architectural design of the Institute Building with the municipal authorities in Ahmedabad. The municipal authorities made the following observations:

- a) The roads on both the sides of the plot should be 6 meter wide. Moreover, since the length of the plot is more than 100 Mtrs., one of the roads should be at least 9 Mtrs.
- b) The conference facilities cannot be located into the basement because of fire regulations.

Considering the facts mentioned above, the Architect has re-designed the building with completely new approach considering standards and specifications laid down by the office of the Chief Architecture & Town Planning, Gandhinagar. The scientific and technical staff of the



Institute had a number of meetings with the Architect to discuss new conceptual designs of the Institute building and to ensure that all the suggestions made by the Members of the Building Committee in its first meeting are duly incorporated into the new designs of the building.

Besides, the Architect / its representatives and the scientists from INFLIBNET Centre visited the following institutions to pick-up ideas that could be incorporated in the design of the INFLIBNET building:

- i) Infosys Technologies Limited, Bangalore
- ii) IIIT, Bangalore
- iii) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore
- iv) Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore
- v) IBID, New Delhi
- vi) National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi

The new conceptual design of the Institute building of the Centre were presented to the members of the Building Committee in its 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting convened on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec., 2008 at Ahmedabad.

As per the recommendations made by the Governing Board in its 17th Meeting held on 20th June, 2008 at IIC, New Delhi, the revised estimates for the Institute Building i.e. Rs.21.75 crores was submitted to the UGC along with all relevant documents for their approval. The UGC, in its 451<sup>st</sup> Commission Meeting, has approved the total expenditure of Rs.21.75 crores for construction of permanent building of INFLIBNET Centre at Infocity, Gandhinagar at a cost of Rs.21.75 crores as approved by the Governing Board of INFLIBNET with UGC share limited to Rs.10.88 crores i.e. 50% of the approved cost. The UGC has also given their approval for commencement of construction of the building by using corpus funds available with the Centre, following the procedures that were followed by the NAAC, Bangalore. The approval of the UGC has been conveyed to the Centre vide letter No.F.1-1/2007 (Build/IUC) dated 14th November, 2008.

#### **5. Writing-off of Obsolete and Unserviceable Items including Computers, Furniture and Fixtures**

The members noted that there are several obsolete and unserviceable items, some of them date back to 1991, need to be written-off and disposed-off. The members noted that a survey committee, constituted by the Director, has examined and recommended writing-off of obsolete and unserviceable items. The committee approved writing-off and disposal of 309 items costing Rs. 95,45,722.00 as listed in Appendix I. It was re-iterated that due procedures would be followed for disposal of items approved as written-off by the Governing Board.

#### **6. Upgradation of Entry-level Post in Administration from Clerk-cum-Typist to Assistant**

The Members were informed that the Bye-Laws of the Centre provides for the two posts of Assistants under Group-C in the pay-scale of Rs.1200-2040 (4<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission) which corresponds to Rs.4000-6000 (5<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission). Moreover, before the Bye-Laws were approved, the posts of Clerk-cum-Typist were filled-in by the Centre through open advertisement in a lower scale, i.e. Rs.950-1500. Given the fact that the INFLIBNET Centre Bye-Laws provides for higher entry level positions, the Board recommended that the existing positions of



Clerk-cum-Typist may be upgraded to that of Assistant (Rs. 4000-6000-5<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission). However, the approval of the UGC may be obtained before its implementation.

**7. Nomination of Executive Engineer, Capital Project Division No.4, PWD, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar**

The members were informed that the Building Committee of the Centre has a representative from CPWD. However, the Centre interacts with the PWD more-often than the CPWD. Moreover, PWD helped the Centre in process of obtaining approval for rates of construction made by the Architect. The PWD is also associated with the office of the Chief Architecture & Town Planning, Gandhinagar and would be helpful in getting approval of design of the Institute Building. Considering the fact mentioned above, the Committee approved inclusion of Executive Engineer from PWD in place of CPWD. Besides, the Governing Board also approved inclusion of representative from NAAC, Bangalore. Given the fact that the Centre is required to follow the procedures adopted by NAAC, Bangalore for construction of their building. The Governing Board also noted that Jt. Secretary & FA was not approved as a member in the Building Committee in the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board which constituted the Building Committee. The members of re-constituted Building Committee are listed in Appendix II.

**8. Approval of Submission of Project Proposal on Evolving a Consortium for Providing Access to Electronic Resources to Colleges and Social Science Research Institutions in Selected Regions in India: Strategic Planning and Implementation Strategies**

The Committee approved Submission of Project Proposal on "Evolving a Consortium for Providing Access to Electronic Resources to Colleges and Social Science Research Institutions in Selected Regions in India: Strategic Planning and Implementation Strategies" to the Sir Ratan Tata Foundation Trust (SRTT).

**9. National Seminar on "Open Access to Textual and Multimedia Content: Bridging the Digital Divide", 29th - 30th Jan., 2009, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, jointly organized by the Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC) and Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET)**

The Board was informed that a "National Seminar on Open Access to Textual and Multimedia Content: Bridging the Digital Divide" is being organized on 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 at the India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi jointly by the Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC) and the Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET). The members of the Board were also informed that the total expenditure on organizing the two days event would be around Rs.6 to Rs.7 Lakhs. The total expenditure on the National Seminar would be shared by the CEC and INFLIBNET Centre on 50 – 50% basis. The share of the INFLIBNET Centre would be around Rs.3 to 3.5 lakhs. The Board approved the expenditure on organising the National-level Seminar. The members of the Board were also informed that the sponsors are also being identified for sharing the expenses.



#### **10. Report on Integration of UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium and INDEST-AICTE Consortium**

The members of Board were informed that the MHRD had convened a meeting of the representatives from UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium and INDEST-AICTE Consortium on 14 August, 2008 with an aim to cross-subscribe e-resources subscribed by the two consortia for universities as well as for IITs and IISc. Moreover, the benefit of cross-sharing of e-resources may also be extended to all the colleges in the country through National Resource Centres (NRCs) which would be set-up in selected universities, IITs and IISc. The INFLIBNET Centre has submitted a detailed project proposal to the Ministry which is being examined by a Joint Committee consisting of representative from the INDEST-AICTE and UGC-Infonet Digital Consortium. The members were informed that this initiative would be funded under the "National Mission on Education through ICT" and would benefit all the universities as well as Govt. / Govt. aided Colleges.

#### **11. Approval of the INFLIBNET Centre Annual Report 2007-2008**

The Governing Board approved the INFLIBNET Annual Report 2007-2008. It was, however, noted that the Annual Report is to be presented to the Governing Council for its final approval.

#### **12. Recognition of SAL Hospital under the approved Health Scheme for Medical Treatment to the Staff and Beneficiary and Revision of rates for Specialist Consultation**

The Board, after going through the recommendations of the Medical Committee set-up by the Director, INFLIBNET Centre, approved recognition of SAL Hospital for medical treatment and for reimbursement of fee actually charged by them, in accordance to the Health Scheme defined in the Bye-Laws of the Centre under Clause A.4. In case of treatment undertaken in other hospital, the reimbursement of the same will be restricted to the rates of SAL Hospital.

The rates of specialist Consultation and follow-up charges followed under CHSS Scheme of Dept. of Space, Govt. of India (SAC/ISRO, PRL etc.) O.M. No.1/5/5/2005-IV dated 23.10.2006, Section-I of Schedule of Rate as reproduced below:

Consultation fee payable to Specialists (other than Dental) for in-patient/out-patient treatment would now be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Consultation	Rs.175.00
Follow-up Consultation (valid for 8 days)	Rs.100.00
Dental Specialist – initial Consultation fee	Rs.50.00
(for subsequent/follow-up consultation(s) for the same ailment, no consultation fee is payable.	

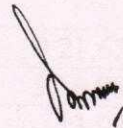
However, Gujarat Research and Medical Institute, Ahmedabad (known as Rajasthan Hospital) that has already been approved under the INFLIBNET Health Scheme, will continue to be one of the approved hospital for medical treatment.



**13. Approval of the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Building Committee held on 2<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2008 at the INFLIBNET Centre**

The members approved the recommendations made and decisions taken during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Building Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec., 2008 at 10.30 AM. The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Building Committee are enclosed as Appendix III.

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



**(Jagdish Arora)**  
Director



**Obsolete and Unserviceable Items including Computers, Furniture and Fixtures  
Approved for Writing-off and Disposal of by the by the Governing Board**

No.	Description of item	Quantity	Date of Receipt	Purchase Price
01.	Air Conditioner 1.5 ton (USHA)	04	06/11/1992	1,39,550.00
02.	Cease Fire	03	05/01/1994	5,460.00
03.	CHAIRS	40	22/07/1991 to 27/10/1997	40,317.00
04.	Computer – 386 / Mini Computer / Pentium II / III / IV	76	30/06/1994 to 09/01/2002	57,33,373.00
05.	Computer Notebook	06	01/01/1997	9,21,628.00
06.	Xerox Machine	03	10/11/1995 to 15/07/2003	3,16,958.00
07.	Cupboard	04	01/06/1991	13,931.00
08.	DAT Drive	03	06/06/2000	1,56,669.00
09.	EPABX – 208	01	14/08/1997	6,700.00
10.	Fax machine	02	25/10/2000	34,310.00
11.	Portable Generator	01	25/07/1994	24,863.00
12.	HUB 8 Port / 16 Port	11	12/05/1998 to 20/03/2002	51,049.00
13.	Keyboard	01	19/10/1995	1,415.00
14.	Letter Tray	06	11/06/1991	876.00
15.	Modem	01	13/01/1999	6,570.00
16.	Colour Monitor / Terminal	03	09/10/1995 to 22/03/1996	44,640.00
17.	Multimedia Kit	02	12/12/1995 to 10/11/1997	28,993.00
18.	Printer Inkjet / Deskjet / Laserjet / Dot matrix 24 pin	22	15/02/1993 to 28/03/2001	4,90,835.00
19.	Projector Overhead / Multimedia	04	08/03/1996 to 02/11/2001	5,84,430.00
20.	Radio	01	21/10/1992	775.00
21.	Room Cooler	10	23/04/1992 to 18/04/2000	66,190.00
22.	Router	01	26/12/2000	1,73,056.00
23.	Refrigerator	01	08/12/1995	13,650.00
24.	Sandwich toaster	01	15/09/1992	506.00
25.	Scanner CCD Bar Code	03	29/11/1995 to 28/12/1995	77,964.00
26.	Scanner	01	30/03/1998	10,374.00
27.	Shredding Machine	01	22/03/1999	13,994.00
28.	Stabiliser	13	17/02/1998 to 24/02/1998	33,800.00
29.	TABLE	18	10/06/1991 to 14/09/1992	60,448.00
30.	Push Button Telephone / Cordless	32	23/07/1993 to 08/12/1999	35,052.00
31.	Television	01	18/09/1992	13,450.00
32.	UPS 1 KVA / 5 KVA / 7.5 KVA	04	03/05/1997 to 07/10/2002	2,89,724.00
33.	Vacuum Cleaner	01	11/04/1996	4,790.00
34.	VCR	01	18/09/1992	16,900.00
35.	Water Cooler	03	20/10/1995 to 15/10/2000	65,617.00
36.	Water Filter / Acqua	06	10/10/1991 to 10/06/1997	22,195.00
37.	Water Geyser	15	26/12/1991 to 24/08/2001	21,740.00
38.	Weighing Machine	01	05/11/1999	6,247.00
39.	ZIP Drive	02	02/04/2001	16,503.00
<b>Rupees Ninty Five Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two only</b>				<b>95,45,722.00</b>



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**Building Committee**

<b>Prof. S K Khanna</b> Chairman, Governing Board INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad	Chairman	<b>Shri D P Negi</b> Administrative Officer (F) INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad	Member
<b>Dr. Parimal H Trivedi</b> Vice-Chancellor Gujarat University Ahmedabad	Member	<b>Shri Ashok Kumar Rai</b> Scientist-D (CS) INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad	Member
<b>Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra</b> JS (IUC) UGC, New Delhi	Member	<b>Shri C K Shah</b> Administrative Officer (P&A) INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad	Convener
<b>Dr. Jagdish Arora</b> Director INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad	Member		
<b>Dr. R K Chadha</b> Joint Secretary (Lok Sabha) New Delhi	Member		
<b>Prof. M N Patel</b> Principal L D Engineering College Ahmedabad	Member		
<b>Sr. Civil Engineer</b> PWD, Gandhinagar	Member		
<b>Representative from</b> NAAC, Bangalore	Member		



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December 18, 2008

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Building Committee of the INFLIBNET Centre held on  
3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 at the, VC's Conference Room, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad**

**Members Present**

Prof. S K Khanna

Chairman, Building Committee &  
Governing Board, INFLIBNET Centre

**Members**

Dr. Parimal H Trivedi  
Dr. R K Chadha  
Dr. Jagdish Arora  
Shri K K Pandey  
Shri Ashok Kumar Rai  
Shri C K Shah  
Shri D P Negi

Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University  
Jt. Secretary, Lok Sabha  
Director, INFLIBNET Centre  
Representative of Dr. C S Meena, FA, UGC  
Scientist-D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre  
Administrative Officer (P&A) & Convenor  
Administrative Officer (F)

**Invitees**

Shri Y R Venugopalan  
Rajeev Kathpalia  
Shri Sonke Hoof

Project Engineer, NAAC, Bangalore  
Architect, Vastu Shilpa Consultants  
Architect, Vastu Shilpa Consultants

Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra, Joint Secretary, UGC, Dr. M N Patel, Principal, LD College of Engineering and Shri Srinivas Meena, Executive Engineer, CPWD, Gandhinagar could not attend the meeting because of pre-occupation.

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Building Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 at IIC, New Delhi**

The Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Building Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 was approved as circulated since no comments were received from the members.

**2. Report on Action Taken and Progress Made**

Report presented by the Director on action taken and progress made since 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Building Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 is as follows:



- i) The trees on the connecting road from GH Road to the INFLIBNET plot have been cut and the road is being constructed.
- ii) Three scientific & technical staff members of the Centre along with Mr. Sonke Hoof of M/s Vastu Shilpa Consultants visited institutional buildings of Infosys, IIT, NAAC and ISEC in Bangalore and NII, ISID and DELNET in Delhi so as to observe features that can be incorporated into the INFLIBNET Building;
- iii) As per the recommendations made by the Governing Board in its 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 at IIC, New Delhi, the revised estimates for the Institute Building i.e. Rs.21.75 crores was submitted to the UGC along with all relevant documents for their approval. The UGC in its 451<sup>st</sup> Commission Meeting has approved the total expenditure of Rs.21.75 crores for construction of permanent building of INFLIBNET Centre at Infocity, Gandhinagar at a cost of Rs.21.75 crores as approved by the Governing Board of INFLIBNET with UGC share limited to Rs.10.88 crores i.e. 50% of the approved cost. The UGC has also given their approval for commencement of construction of the building by using corpus funds available with the Centre, following the procedures that were followed by the NAAC, Bangalore. The approval of the UGC has been conveyed to the Centre vide letter No.F.1-1/2007 (Build/IUC) dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.
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Considering the facts mentioned above, the Architect have re-designed the building with completely new approach. The re-designed architectural plans were presented to the Members in its 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 3rd December, 2008. The scientific and technical staff of the Institute had a number of meetings with the Architect to ensure that all the suggestions made by the Members of the Building Committee in its first meeting are duly incorporated into the new designs of the building.

### **3. New Design for the Institutional Building: Presentation by the Architect**

The Architect made a detailed presentation on the new design of the Institute Building to the members of the Building Committee giving reasons as to why it was necessary to revised the initial designs of the building. Prof. S K Khanna, Chairman, Building Committee raised several queries to the Architect regarding structural design of the building. After detailed discussions and deliberations, the new design of the building was approved and the Architect was requested to go-ahead and submit detailed plans to Urban Development Authority (GUDA) and seek necessary permissions. The Architect was also requested to commence work on invitation of tender as per Govt. of India norms and recommended that the project cost be maintained within the approved estimated project cost by the UGC.



#### **4. Procedure to be Adopted for Tendering and Construction of Building (in line with NAAC)**

Since the UGC had approved construction of building as per the procedures followed by the NAAC, Bangalore, the Centre requested Director, NAAC, Bangalore to depute the concerned person to attend the meeting of the Building Committee. The Director, NAAC deputed Shri Y R Venugopalan, Project Engineer (Civil) to attend the meeting on behalf of NAAC. Shri Venugopalan reported the following steps that should be taken for construction of INFLIBNET's building as per the procedures adopted by the NAAC:

- i) The Architect has to prepare detailed Estimates of budget which may be approved by the PWD. It was noted that the Architect has already worked out detailed estimations as per the PWD rate list which was duly approved by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Capital Project, Gandhinagar.
- ii) The Architect would prepare the tender documents in consultation with the INFLIBNET Centre and float pre-qualification tender in national dailies / through the Web site of the Centre.
- iii) On receipt of the tender documents from various contractors, the screening would be done by a committee consisting of engineering, scientific and administrative staff of INFLIBNET and the Architect.
- iv) The Architect would make a comparative statement of pre-qualification tender and short-list the selected contractors. The financial quote would be invited only for those contractors who qualify the pre-qualification tender.
- v) The Committee constituted for this purpose would recommend award of job to a qualified contractor.

A Meeting of the Building Committee would be convened before award of contract for building the Institutional building to a qualified contractor.

#### **5. Appointment of Project Engineer for Supervision of the Work**

As per the procedure followed by NAAC, Bangalore, it was agreed that the INFLIBNET Centre may appoint one Project Engineer, one Assistant Engineer / Junior Engineer (retired / on deputation or on contractual basis).

#### **6. Appointment of Local Liaison Architect for Obtaining Statutory Approvals**

The Committee was informed that the Government of Gujarat has given the land to the Centre with a condition that the building should come up within a period of 2 years. More than 1 and ½ year has already passed and within this remaining short period, the Centre has to obtain permissions from various State Govt. Departments / Authorities prior to commencement of the construction work for the building. Obtaining such clearances involves i) re-formatting of



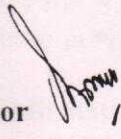
building design and preparation of drawings as per the requirement of Gandhinager Urban Development Authority (GUDA); ii) clearance from the Fire Department; iii) height clearance from the Airport Authority; iv) Permission for cutting of the trees from the Forest Department, etc.; v) clearance from the Police, Gandhinagar, etc.

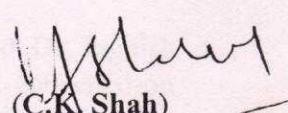
The Committee noted that the trees on the road leading to the INFLIBNET plot were not cut even after regular follow-up for more than 5 months. Moreover, the INFLIBNET plot is heavily populated with trees which need to be cut with permission from Forest Department. Such liaison work would be very difficult for the INFLIBNET staff to follow-up because of limitations of staff and time required. The Architect vide his letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 has informed that there are specialised agencies which can be engaged to undertake such jobs. The Architect has proposed to hire such an agency under clause No. 9.10 of the agreement signed between INFLIBNET Centre and M/s Vastu-Shilpa Consultants (Architect). The Liaison Agency of the Architect would obtain such clearances on behalf of the Architect / INFLIBNET Centre on payment of Rs.2.00 per Sq. ft.

It was agreed that the Architect may hire such consultant and the INFLIBNET Centre would reimburse this cost incurred on this account to the Architect. It was learnt that IIM and Gandhi Labour Institute, Govt. of Gujarat, while constructing their new building, had hired the services of such a Liaison Agency.

The meeting of the Building Committee ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Director



  
(C.K. Shah)  
Administrative Officer (P&A)