

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

203 B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108

No. CAF/10-2/656

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of the Institute held on 23rd November, 2012, as approved by the President of the meeting, for your information and record.

Yours sincerely,

Encl. : As stated.


(**Bimal K. Roy**)
Director

To : All members of the Indian Statistical Institute.

Copy for information to:

1. The President of the Institute.
2. The Chairman and all members of the Council of the Institute.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Director (Admn.), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, New Delhi.
4. Head, Delhi Centre.
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Proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Institute : 23rd November, 2012

Annual General Meeting of the Institute was held on 23rd November, 2012 at 11-00 a.m. in the NAB – 1, Ground Floor, Andrei N. Kolmogorov Bhavan of the Institute at 203, B.T. Road, Kolkata - 700 108.

Members present: Dr. C. Rangarajan, President (in the Chair)

1. Prof. Bimal Kr. Roy (Director), 2. Shri Debaprayag Chaudhuri, 3. Prof. Ramjit Pandey, 4. Dr. Tapas Kumar Basu, 5. Shri Samir Kumar Bandyopadhyay, 6. Prof. D. Dutta Majumder, 7. Sm. Saswati Bandyopadhyay, 8. Shri Dipendra Saha Ray, 9. Dr. Rabindranath Jana, 10. Shri Kamalaksha Das, 11. Dr. Surendra Nath Banerjee, 12. Dr. Krishna Mazumdar, 13. Dr. Subrata Gangopadhyay, 14. Shri Salil Kr. Chaudhuri, 15. Shri Somnath Ray, 16. Dr. T.S.S.R.K. Rao, 17. Shri Tirthankar Ghosh, 18. Dr. Rita Saharay, 19. Sm. Swagata Gupta, 20. Dr. Pranati Datta, 21. Dr. Sujit Adhikary, 22. Shri Rabindra Narayan Das, 23. Sm. Suparna Shome, 24. Sm. Chaiti Sharma Biswas, 25. Mrs. Susmita Bharati, 26. Shri Ajay Kumar Ghosh, 27. Dr. Sandip Mitra, 28. Sm. Himani Bhattacharya, 29. Dr. Prasanta Pathak, 30. Dr. Amitava Sen, 31. Prof. Manoranjan Pal, 32. Shri Partha De, 33. Shri Subhash Barman.

Shri S.K. Iyer, Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance); Shri S.K. Chakraborty, Deputy Chief Executive (Finance); Shri Pradip Roy, Senior Administrative Officer; Shri S.K. Joardar, Senior Accounts Officer and Shri Amitava Mukherjee, Senior Accounts Officer attended the meeting on invitation.

At the outset, Dr. C. Rangarajan, President of the Institute welcomed all the members and expressed his sincere gratitude for electing him as the President of this prestigious Institute. He considered this as a great privilege and honour and recalled his association with the Institute for some years in the Planning Unit of ISI Delhi Centre in 1960s. He sought the collective wisdom of the members to take this Institute of National Importance to a greater height. He opined that the ISI is already a big name in national and international scenario as a premier institute in Statistics and related studies and urged to ensure retaining its status in years to come.

Then, agenda wise items were taken up for discussions and deliberations.

Agenda Item No. 1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 11th September, 2012

1.1 Members took a note of the fact that the proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Institute held on 11th September, 2012 were circulated to the members vide letter No. CAF/10-2/474 dated 17th October, 2012 and no comment was received from any member for amendment. Hence, all the members unanimously accepted the aforesaid proceedings.

1.2 (R) It was resolved by the General Body that the proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 11th September, 2012 be confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2 Matters arising out of the previous General Body Meeting held on 11th September, 2012

2.1 Members took note of the actions taken by the Administration, as circulated, on the decisions taken by the General Body in the previous meeting held on 11th September, 2012 and expressed their satisfaction on the implementation of the decisions taken by the General Body.

Agenda Item No. 3 To consider the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2011 – 2012

3.1 Members took note of the Draft Annual Report and the deliberations made by the Finance Committee on the same. The President expressed his satisfaction over the fact that enormous research work were carried out by the Institute during the year 2011 – 2012 and conveyed his happiness over the progress of the Institute. Members also felt happy with the overall presentation of the Annual Report for the year 2011 – 2012. Prof. D. Dutta Majumdar proposed to highlight the activities of the Centres of the Institute separately from the next year. Finally, all the members accepted the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2011 – 2012 unanimously.

3.2 (R) It was resolved by the General Body that the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2011 – 2012, as recommended by the Finance Committee and subsequently by the Council, be accepted and the same be approved for submission before the Parliament through the Ministry of Statistics & P. I., Government of India as well as to the Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-Trading Corporation, West Bengal.

Agenda Item No. 4 To consider the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2011 – 2012 together with Auditor’s Report and Administration’s replies thereon

4.1 Members took note of the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts and the deliberations made by the Finance Committee on the same. On the request of the Director, Shri S.K. Chakraborty, Deputy Chief Executive (Finance) narrated the salient points of the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute. Prof. D. Dutta Majumdar referred the comments made by the Auditors at 3.4 at page no. 94 and replies of the Administration on the same at page no. 95 and also Auditors comment at serial no. 3.2 at page no. 99 and the replies of the Board of Trustees, ISI CPF & Board of Management, ISI GPF thereon in page no. 99. He felt that Accounts people should have appraised the Auditors properly in order to avoid such comments from the Auditors and suggested to take adequate steps from the next year so that such thing could be resolved at an early stage. Dr. Amitava Sen also echoed the same opinion and suggested to resolve such things in order to avoid recurrence of the same. The Deputy Chief Executive (Finance) clarified the points raised by the members. The President accepted the point and urged that the Institute need to talk to the Auditors during the course of the Audit for convincing them about the same from next year. Finally, all the members accepted the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2011 – 2012 together with Auditor’s Report and Administration’s replies thereon unanimously.

4.2 (R) **It was resolved by the General Body that the draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2011 – 2012 together with the Auditor’s Report and Administration’s replies thereon, as recommended by the Finance Committee and subsequently by the Council, be accepted and the same be approved for submission before the Parliament through the Ministry of Statistics & P.I., Government of India as well as to the Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-Trading Corporation, West Bengal.**

Agenda Item No. 5 Miscellaneous (if any) with the permission of the chair.

5.1 Dr. Tapas Kumar Basu, referring to an e-mail sent to the Director, stated that he had requested to allow the General Body members to offer suggestions for purchase of new books for Institute Library and also to ensure non-disruption of power beyond the extended hours in Library. Regarding the suggestions of the General Body members for purchase of new books, the Director clarified that the

suggestion was duly considered but it was felt that the Library could be flooded with requisitions in view of the fact that the General Body members are plenty in numbers. However, he assured that he would further look into the matter. Regarding power failure, the Director clarified that the problem is of different kind and the Institute always takes care to avoid power failure but in some instances, the situation goes beyond the control of the Institute. On a query of Dr. Tapas Kumar Basu regarding the contact point of the members, the Director informed that any communication could be sent by e-mail to: council@isical.ac.in. Referring to the query of Dr. Tapas Kumar Basu regarding filling up the post of Chief Librarian, the Director informed that no suitable person could be found out so far for the same.

- 5.2 Shri Rabindra Narayan Das felt that the activities in the Social Sciences Division has decreased in recent times and expressed his concern over the same. The Director clarified that the Institute has no discrimination about any stream but the problem is to get faculty of high standard set by the Institute. He informed that advertisements were published for various faculty positions in the field of Demography, Sociology, Linguistics etc. but the standard of the applicants were so below the marks that Institute could not appoint any one. He reminded the members that the Institute always believes in quality but not the numbers. The President also suggested not to compromise with the quality of the faculty members while recruiting them.
- 5.3 One a query of Prof. D. Dutta Majumdar regarding the activities of Giridih, the Director informed that the recruitment process for Giridih Branch is going on and once good faculties are recruited, the Institute would chalk out the research plan accordingly. The Director persuaded and informed the members that they could also send suitable names who are qualitatively of high standard for considering in the recruitment process. In reply to a query by one of the members for conducting a workshop at Giridih, the Director informed the members that there is no problem of having workshop at Giridih.

There being no other matter to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Sd/- **Bimal K. Roy**
(Director)

Sd/- **C. Rangarajan**
(President)