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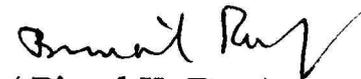
20 January, 2014

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of the Institute held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, as approved by the President of the Institute, for your information and record.

Yours sincerely,

Enclo. : 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 Ram Mohan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & P.I., Government of India, Sardar Patel Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110 001.
4. Head, Delhi Centre.
5. Head, Bangalore Centre.
6. Head, Chennai Centre.
7. Head, North-East Centre, Tezpur, Assam
8. Director's Office.
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Proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Institute: 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

Annual General Meeting of the Institute was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 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. Shri Samir Kumar Bandyopadhyay, 4. Dr. Kazi Kabir Hossain, 5. Prof. Ramjit Pandey, 6. Dr. Tapas Kumar Basu, 7. Dr. Surendra Nath Banerjee, 8. Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay, 9. Shri Rabindra Narayan Das, 10. Dr. Krishna Mazumdar, 11. Smt. Himani Bhattacharya, 12. Shri Ajay Kumar Ghosh, 13. Dr. Soumitra Kundu, 14. Shri Sukumar Das, 15. Dr. Dipak Kr. Bagchi, 16. Dr. Arijit Chaudhuri, 17. Dr. Sujit Adhikary, 18. Shri Partha De, 19. Shri Subhash Barman, 20. Dr. Pranati Datta, 21. Dr. M.K. Chakrabarti, 22. Dr. Sanjib K. Gupta, 23. Dr. Kamal Krishna Basu, 24. Dr. Sukumar Bandyopadhyay, 25. Dr. Prasanta Pathak, 26. Shri Syamal Saha, 27. Dr. Subrata Gangopadhyay.

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

At the outset, Dr. C. Rangarajan, President of the Institute welcomed all the members and conveyed his heartfelt thanks to attend the Annual General Meeting. He felt that this is a wonderful opportunity to meet the members of the General Body of the leading Institute like Indian Statistical Institute. He stated that it has been enjoying moment for him for being associated with this great Institute. He expressed his satisfaction over the fact that the Institute not only conducts regular courses in Statistics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Quantitative Economics and Statistical Quality Control and Operations Research but also tailor-made diploma courses combining training and placement. He shared his recent experience in North-East Centre of the Institute in Tezpur, Assam where a one year diploma course was introduced through which pass-out students would get employment in Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). He also expressed his happiness to see the expanding activities of the Institute in different parts of the country and the interaction with leading minds of the world in various academic matters. He urged to carry on such excellent work for further progress of the Institute.

**Agenda Item No. 1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012**

1.1 Members took note of the fact that the proceedings of the General Body meeting of the Institute held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012 were circulated under reference no. CAF/10-2/656 dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 and no comment was received for any amendment. Hence, Dr. Shibdas Bandopadhyay proposed to confirm the said proceedings and Prof. Ramjit Pandey seconded the same.

1.2 (R) **It was resolved by the General Body that the proceedings of the General Body meeting of the Institute, as circulated under reference No. CAF/10-2/656 dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, be confirmed.**

**Agenda Item No. 2 Matters arising out of the previous General Body Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012**

2.1 Members took note of the action taken by the Administration on the decision of the General Body meeting of the Institute held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012 and expressed their happiness for timely implementation of the same.

**Agenda Item No. 3 To consider the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2012 – 2013**

3.1 Members took note of the presentation of the Annual Report for the year 2012-13 and the recommendations made by the Finance Committee as well as Council.

Prof. Bimal K. Roy, Director of the Institute, highlighted the year long academic activities of the Institute. He particularly mentioned about prestigious lectures delivered by Prof. S.R.S. Varadhan, Prof. Barry C. Arnold and Prof. Parsi Diaconis, who is well known as Prof. Magic in the world of Statistical theory. He also mentioned about new programme introduced at the North-East Centre of the Institute in Tezpur, Assam in the form of one year diploma course, the first batch of which would come out in May, 2014 and all the successful students would get job in TCS. He also informed that such a diploma may also be started in Giridih Branch of the Institute from July, 2014 if everything goes well. He also stated that the Institute wants to upgrade the Giridih Branch with better infrastructural facilities subject to availability of fund for which he was exploring the possibility to get the same. But, he felt that recruitment of quality faculty for Giridih Branch is really a cause of concern for the Institute. Because, the Institute cannot compromise with the quality in this aspect. Referring to the question raised by Shri Ajay Kumar Ghosh regarding occupation of

rooms by NSSO in Giridih, Prof. Roy stated that once the Institute comes up with a concrete proposal, the matter would be resolved. Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay raised a point as to whether the Institute is becoming as an employment agency. Prof. Roy clarified that Institute is continuing to give thrust on its main streams for which the Institute is famous throughout the world. But, keeping in view the social responsibility, the Institute introduced one year Diploma combining training and placement opportunities to open a new horizon specially for the backward region/people. Regarding a query on low intake of Ph.D. scholars, Prof. Roy stated that the internal selection committee of the Institute is very strict in this aspect. The President opined that being strict is not a bad idea but he felt that many students now a days prefer to go to foreign University immediately after completion of their Master's Programme. Prof. Roy, while describing the achievements earned by the faculty members during the year, mentioned particularly the name of Prof. Sankar K. Pal, former Director of the Institute who was awarded Padmashree by Govt. of India. He stated that Prof. Pal received Padmashree award after Prof. C.R. Rao. He also mentioned the names of Prof. Siva Athreya and Prof. Debashish Goswami who won Bhatnagar prize during the year. Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay expressed his satisfaction for the lot of creditable work done by the Institute during year and also for the beautiful presentation of the Annual Report by the Editorial Board. However, he suggested to include photograph of significant co-curricular programme like Blood donation etc.

**3.2 (R) It was resolved by the General Body that the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2012 - 2013, 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 2012 - 2013 together with Auditor's Report and Administration's replies thereon**

**4.1** Members took note of the Audited statement of Accounts for the year 2012-13. Regarding physical verification of assets, it was intimated that the Institute is in the process of hiring a Chartered Accountant firm to complete the job. Regarding old advances, it was intimated that the Institute has requested the Administrative Ministry for writing off the same.

Prof. Bimal K. Roy, Director of the Institute, expressed his concern about a few unused flats in Mumbai under a housing society which

is about 60 k.m. away from Church Gate. Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay pointed out about a vacant plot of land of the Institute in Vadodara in a prime location. The President advised to list all such unused properties in a positive manner of the Institute in order to find out ways to utilise those properties as far as practicable. Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay wanted to know as to whether there was any kind of misappropriation of fund during the year. The Deputy Chief Executive (Finance) stated that there was no such incident. Then, Dr. Bandopadhyay proposed to accept the Audited statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2012-13 and the house accepted the same.

**4.2 (R) It was resolved by the General Body that the draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2012 - 2013 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. Kamal Krishna Basu suggested to give photo identity card to the members while Dr. Tapas Kumar Basu suggested that General Body members be allowed to recommend books for library. Regarding photo identity card, the Director assured to look into the matter. Regarding recommendation of the General Body members to purchase books, he stated that any member could suggest the same with a written request to him so that he can forward the same to the Library Committee for further necessary action.

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

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

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