

**MINUTES OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH (17<sup>th</sup>) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**

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The Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on Thursday, 04.02.2010 at 3.00 pm at TCS Office, Mumbai and the following members were present.

1.	Dr. F. C. Kohli	Chairman
2.	Mr. Prataprao Pawar	Member
3.	Prof. B. S. Sonde	Member
4.	Commodore Anand Khandekar	Member
5.	Dr. G.B. Pant	Member
6.	Mr. Mahesh Pathak	Member
7.	Dr. Abhay Wagh	Member
8.	Prof. B.N. Chaudhari	Member
9.	Prof. A. D. Sahasrabudhe	Member – Secretary
10.	Prof. S. T. Vagge	Invitee
11.	Prof. B.G. Birajdar	Invitee
12.	Mr. Narendra Kale	Invitee

Mr. Atul Kirloskar, Dr. S.G. Dhande, Dr. Uday Salunkhe, Dr. S.K. Mahajan and Mr. Harish Mehta could not attend the meeting owing to their prior commitments and were granted leave of absence.

Dr. Kohli welcomed all the members, in particular new members Mr. Mahesh Pathak, Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra and Dr. Abhay Wagh, Deputy Secretary Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra who replaced Mr. J. S. Sahariya and Mr. Kantilal Umap, ex-officio members on the Board. The Board appreciated the support provided by Mr. J. S. Sahariya, Mr. Kantilal Umap and the Government of Maharashtra to the Board of Governors and the institute in raising the level of the institute to that of IITs and requested the new members to continue to support the institute.

Before taking up other agenda items, the Board decided to have presentations by Mrs. Abha Lambah, heritage architect, Mr. Harsh Manrao, architect from M/s. Christopher Charles Benninger Architects Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Narendra Kale, CEO of Kale Consultants, alumnus and Co-founder of Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership and Chairman, COEP Charitable Foundation, USA.

Mrs. Abha Lambah was requested to report on the progress made on restoration of the main heritage building of the institute.

**Presentation by Mrs. Abha Lambah of Abha Narain Lambah Associates**

Mrs. Abha Lambah, Conservation Architect and Historic Building consultant, informed the Board that following the preliminary investigations which were already done and the report submitted to the Board on phasing of conservation work, the



detailed investigations were also done on the historic main building of the institute by her team of architects and structural engineers. The tender specifications for renovation work in terms of material usage, workmanship standards etc. are nearing completion and very soon advertisement for inviting tenders will be released. She requested that the bids be invited in two phases with the first phase being pre-qualification of firms with stringent specifications so that only serious and experienced firms are shortlisted because very few firms have such expertise in renovating historical structures. The second phase would be financial bid from the pre-qualified bidders only. The Board appreciated this system because the quality of workmanship and experience in handling such works is very important. The Board desired that the main heritage building being image of the country and the state, needs to be restored to its original glory. Dr. F. C. Kohli said that this is not merely restoration of a building, but restoring education itself.

Mrs. Lambah sought the opinion of the members whether provision for a lift be made in this building as an add on facility within the already existing stone column upto the second floor. Members unanimously felt that there is no need for a lift at this moment while inviting tenders. However, this columnar space be kept reserved for the lift, if such a need arises in future.

Mrs. Lambah then narrated how this building will be put to use after restoration based on the inputs from the Director, Deputy Director, Deans and HoDs. Accordingly, the main building will be decongested and will have offices of Director, Deputy Director, Deans, minimal secretarial support staff, visitors lounge, institute research archives, gallery and couple of conference rooms. The annexe building which has a separate and independent entry may house Alumni Office and Gymkhana Office on the ground floor and examination section on the first floor.

The Board felt that to enhance the longevity of the building, usage of the building be confined to limited offices only. It was felt that Gymkhana office be shifted to either near the Boat Club or in the playground near the hostels. It was also opined that the building usage plan be shared with Mr. Christopher Benninger and his inputs be also taken into consideration and a revised building usage plan worked out

Mrs. Abha Lambah and her associate left thereafter.

The Board then decided to have the presentation by Mr. Harsh Manrao from M/s. Christopher Charles Benninger Architects Pvt. Ltd. about the progress of Academic building and Girls hostel.

#### **Presentation by Mr. Harsh Manrao**

Mr. Harsh Manrao, Architect and associate of Mr. Christopher Benninger, presented the progress of the academic building and mentioned that the construction of this G+4 storied structure has come upto the second storey and that there is delay of 45 days as per revised schedule due to labour problem. He also reiterated the changes made in the design, orientation and increased built up area from 57,000 sq.ft to 64,706 sq.ft.

Mr. Harsh Manrao thereafter presented the progress of the girl's hostel building which is a G+11 structure. This is being built in three segments with expansion joints. The contractor M/s. IVRCL has progressed substantially and constructed upto the 9<sup>th</sup> storey in one segment, upto 6<sup>th</sup> storey in the second segment and upto third storey in



the third segment. The delay in the two segments is because of increased underground water tank capacity as per the requirements of Municipal Corporation, and problems faced in evacuating a dhobi who was staying there for several years. Thus while one segment is on schedule, there is a delay of 30 and 45 days in the other two segments. It is possible to expedite the third segment and catch up with the second segment in the next one month by using additional labour force.

The Director informed the Board that at present we have permission to build only G+9 storied structure owing to Pataleshwar caves (an archeological site) on Jangli Maharaj Road close to the institute because of changed Archeological Survey of India Act in March 2010. The Board opined that since we had sought permission for the building more than one and half years ago, the then existing Act did not have such restrictions upto 200 meters from an ancient site and the proposed building being more than 215 meters away, we should go ahead and build the G+11 building as per plan and make hostel accommodation available to the girls at the earliest. However, we should follow up the matter with the Archeological Department in New Delhi. The Board requested the Director to seek alumni help in this regard.

Mr. Harsh Manrao informed about the changes made in design, orientation and built up area in order to save a huge old banyan tree and provide a refuge floor for emergencies as per the PMC regulations. Thus the built up area will now increase from 1,39,000 sq.ft. to 1,51,972 sq.ft.

Mr. Harsh Manrao left thereafter.

#### **Presentation by Mr. Narendra Kale**

Mr. Narendra Kale gave a brief introduction about the state of industrialization and technical education in Maharashtra and how these are co-related and if timely action is not taken, many other states may march ahead. He then went on to explain how an elective course on entrepreneurship which was started three years ago has become very popular amongst B. Tech final year students and more than 600 students of COEP have been trained in entrepreneurship over the last 3 years. He then explained how the idea of starting an institute for innovation, entrepreneurship and leadership germinated and thanked the Board of Governors, in particular support and blessings of Dr. F. C. Kohli for initiating this project. Mr. Narendra Kale narrated the concept of Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership, its core values, and the vision to create 1000 such institutes churning out 1000 entrepreneurs each and change the face of the country for ever. The interactions that he had with Dr. Abdul Kalam, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Dr. Sam Pitroda, Mr. Desh Deshpande, Deans of top Universities like MIT, Stanford, NTU, Harvard business school, Kellogg business school etc. have helped in consolidating the vision of the institute.

Mr. Kale informed that Commodore Anand Khandekar has agreed to give time for taking the institute to global excellence.

Mr. Kale also informed that as promised during the in principle approval for the project by the Board, there is a commitment of over Rs 4.25 crores from himself, Mr. Sanjay Inamdar, Dr. Nickhil Jakatdar and Mr. Atul Kirloskar for the construction of 21,000 sq.ft building. M/s Total Environment Building Systems Private Limited, Bangalore was chosen as the architectural firm for the design of the building. The tenders were floated based on the specifications of the building and all the bidders



had bid much higher than the estimated value. Hence the Executive Council of Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership decided to cancel the tender and look for some of our alumni builders for constructing the building within our budget of Rs 4 crores. If it does not work out, it was proposed that a new architect may be appointed for creating a new design of the building which would be a functional good quality building within the earmarked budget for the building. In such an eventuality, there may be delay in starting the construction of the building by a couple of months.

Mr. Kale on behalf of the COEP Charitable Foundation in USA in the capacity of its Chairman complimented and thanked the entire Board of Governors and the Director for raising the level of their Alma Mater to that of IITs as envisaged by the Government of Maharashtra at the time of granting autonomy and appealed to the Government of Maharashtra that the leadership of Board of Governors and the Director be continued for another term of 5 years.

The agenda items for the day were taken up thereafter:

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 04.02.2010**

The Director informed the Board that the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board were circulated to all the members and that no comments were received from any of the members.

The Board **CONSIDERED** the Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on 04.02.2010.

**R-17/1/2010:** The Board **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Sixteenth meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 04.02.2010 be **CONFIRMED** as enclosed (**ANNEXURE – 1**).

**Item No. 2: Actions taken on the decisions of the sixteenth meeting of the Board of Governors held on 04.02.2010**

**2.1 Presentation by Mrs. Abha Lambah of Abha Narain Lambah Associates**

Mrs. Abha Lambah has submitted the preliminary report with an estimated cost of Rs 5 crores for the renovation of the heritage main building and phasing for the consideration of the Board.

The Board approved the report.

**2.2 Progress on the construction of Girls Hostel and academic complex:**

As suggested during the last Board meeting Mr. Christopher Benninger has provided various alternatives to economize spaces and also provided how the rooms could be recast to be

used by either 3 students as a temporary measure and 2 students in the steady state.  
Board noted the same.

**2.3 Presentation on progress in the Accounts department**

The arrangement is being worked out with the help of State Bank of India to receive the donations directly from the alumni residing abroad. For this FCRA permission is required and institute has applied for the same.  
Board noted the same.

**2.4 Presentation on the progress of the Institute by the Director in relation to functions and responsibilities of the Board as outlined in GR of 31/03/2004**

As suggested by the Board, copies of power point presentation made by the Director to the Board have been sent to the various functionaries of Government of Maharashtra as well as to former Minister for Higher and Technical Education, Shri Dilip Walse Patil.  
Board noted the same.

**2.5 Faculty Recruitment:**

Appointment letters issued to 34 selected candidates of which 22 have joined the institute and four have asked for extension to join the institute.  
Board noted the same.

**2.6 Modifications of Rules for undertaking Sponsored Research / Consultancy / Testing / Short term Courses / CEPs etc.**

The agenda item was deferred. Board noted the same.

**2.7 Training for Staff at IITs or other institutes of higher learning:**

Select support staff are being deputed to IITs/industry for training, during summer vacation.  
The Board noted the same.

**2.8 Presentation by Dr. F. C. Kohli, Chairman BOG:**

The Board RESOLVED to create a database of alumni and Indian faculty in Universities abroad so that such faculty be invited to Indian Universities for a semester and latest new courses be offered by such faculty in India.  
The issue is taken up with the alumni association in USA (COEP Charitable foundation). Board appreciated the efforts.



## **2.9 Implementation of Career Advancement Scheme:**

Matter is being pursued with the Directorate of Technical Education.

**R-17/2(2010):** The Board **NOTED** and **APPROVED** the actions taken on the decisions of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on **04.02.2010** as stated above.

### **Item No. 3: Presentation about status of renovation of heritage building:**

The item was taken up prior to the discussion of the agenda items.

**R-17/3/2010:** The Board **RESOLVED** to approve the steps taken for inviting the tenders in two-phase-bid system, first for pre-qualification of contractors and second for financial bid. The Board suggested that space utilization plan in the Heritage Building be discussed with Master Plan Architect, Mr. Christopher Benninger.

### **Item No. 4: Progress on the construction of Girls hostel and Academic complex building**

This item was taken up prior to the discussion of the agenda items.

**R-17/4/2010:** The Board **APPROVED** the revised layout and plan of the Girls Hostel and Academic Complex and increased total built up area. The Board **RESOLVED** to complete the construction of both the buildings on schedule and seek approval from the Archeological Survey of India and Pune Municipal Corporation.

### **Item No. 5: Presentation by Mr. Narendra Kale on the progress of Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership (BIEL):**

The Board noted the progress made by Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership (BIEL) and appreciated the efforts undertaken by Executive Council of BIEL, in particular that of Mr. Narendra Kale, Mr. Sanjay Inamdar, Mr. Prataprao Pawar, Commodore Anand Khandekar and Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe. The Board also noted the progress on Architectural design of the building and efforts on construction of the building. Chairman expressed the views of the Board that this institute should emerge as a role model and be a pride of India.

**R-17/5/2010:** The Board **RESOLVED** to approve the steps being undertaken by the Executive Council of BIEL to cancel all the tenders received and engage COEP alumni in the construction of the building within the budgetary amount and failing which to engage a new



architect and build a good quality functional building within the budgetary amount.

**Item No. 6: Presentation on institute accounts for the financial year 2009-10**

Mr. Madhav Pol of M/s Joshi and Pol, our statutory auditors presented the annual accounts of the institute for the financial year 2009-10. Mr. Pol explained the budgetary provisions and the utilization of funds under various heads of expenditure. He explained how the institute accounts have been computerised and brought up to date in the double entry book keeping system. He further requested that two more accounts staff be provided so that all department accounts and several ongoing R & D project accounts be centralized so that all Government tax norms be followed with rigour and faculty are freed of the hassles of maintaining the project accounts.

Board noted the request and suggested that justification for additional employees be made first to the Director, who may then seek approval for the same. The Board also suggested that the expertise of Mr. Prataprao Pawar be utilized in negotiating with the firms for purchases.

**R-17/6/2010:** The Board **RESOLVED** to approve the Accounts for the Financial Year 2009-10.

**Item No. 7: Recommendations for the award of B. Tech degrees and Gold Medals to B.Tech Toppers**

The Results of B. Tech students of all disciplines except the Department of Production Engineering (Sandwich) were presented along with the CGPA of all students. The list of toppers in each discipline was also presented. The Board noted that two students of Instrumentation had same CGPA at the end of eight semesters. The Board decided to award Gold Medals to both the students.

**R-17/7/2010:** The Board **RESOLVED** to approve the results of B. Tech. in all disciplines except the Department of Production Engineering (Sandwich). (**ANNEXURE-2A**)

The Board also **RESOLVED** to approve the list of toppers for the **AWARD of GOLD MEDALS. (ANNEXURE-2B)**

The Board **RESOLVED** to hold the **Graduation Ceremony** by consulting all the Board members, preferably in the month of **July 2010**.

**Item No. 8: Confirmation of Faculty who have completed 2 years of satisfactory service**

The Board noted the performance of all faculty members who were recruited and completed two years of service and probation period. The Board appreciated the performance of the faculty. The Board



suggested that those faculty who were not performing well within two years be not confirmed and asked to leave the institute giving them three months notice instead of extending their probation by one year.

**R-17/8/2010:** The Board **RESOLVED** to confirm the faculty members who have completed the probation period of two years satisfactorily. (ANNEXURE-3)

**Item No. 9: Recruitment of support staff**

The Board was informed about acute shortage of support staff, especially qualified laboratory staff which is affecting the academic activities. The proposal for recruiting support staff has already been sent to the DTE office and Mantralaya for seeking approval. It was pointed out that the nomenclature used for the posts has been modified in tune with the philosophy of the autonomous institute. The qualification and experience requirements have been kept much higher than the respective Government of Maharashtra norms in tune with the requirements of the autonomous institute for achieving excellence. Mr. Prataprao Pawar pointed out that any staff recruited by COEP should be willing to work without boundaries on any task assigned to the person by the administration.

**R-17/9/2010:** The Board **APPROVED** to recruit the support staff with the modified nomenclature of posts and minimum qualifications and experience as suggested. (ANNEXURE-4)

**Item No. 10: Leave rules for faculty/staff who would be confirmed employees of the autonomous institute:**

The Board opined that this item needs elaborate discussion and hence was deferred. It was suggested that model leave rules of UGC and AICTE, Government of Maharashtra, IITs and corporate companies be studied in depth and then brought to the Board.

Meanwhile on informing the Board that a lady faculty member has applied for Maternity Leave and that as per Government Rules, Maternity Leave needs to be permitted. The Board approved the grant of Maternity leave to the faculty member. However, all other leave rules would be considered in a subsequent Board Meeting.

**Item No. 11: Consultancy services for raising the level of institutes with potential for excellence:**

The Board noted the efforts being undertaken by the institute to help 50 odd institutes in India to raise their level to achieve excellence on the lines of COEP. Board suggested that the institute should publish what it has done so that others may volunteer to learn from our experience.



**Item No. 12: Items for reporting to the Board**

- a) 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Senate were held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and 23<sup>rd</sup> March/5<sup>th</sup> April 2010 respectively. The minutes of these meetings were circulated to all the Board members.**

Approval of the Board for starting two new PG programmes in Mechatronics and Automobile Technology (the later one in association with Automotive Research Association of India and University of Alabama), two new UG programmes, one in Clinical Engineering (taking help from B J. Medical College and Armed Forces Medical College and other medical colleges and hospitals in Pune) and the other in Planning was sought along with the revised fee structure.

Professor Sonde suggested that such items requiring the approval of the Board be brought to the Board as separate agenda items in future rather than as a part of reporting item under the Minutes of Meeting of Senate so that there could be proper threadbare discussion on such important issues.

Professor Sonde pointed out that all new programmes to be started not only require the approval of the AICTE, but also University of Pune because University of Pune will have to award the degrees till the college becomes a University by itself. Director informed the Board that while applying for the approval from AICTE, no objection from University of Pune and also DTE, Government of Maharashtra is already sought. The programmes will be started only after getting clearance from all statutory agencies. Prof. Sonde also suggested that we should explore possibility of enacting a legislation by the State Government to get the status of a University.

The Government of Maharashtra has suggested increase in UG fees from the present Rs 33,000 to Rs 37,500 per annum. The fees of all components of UG and PG fees has been worked out taking care of this approval. The revised fee structure for UG and PG courses and in particular that of Automotive Technology (which is based on self-financing basis and share of revenue between COEP and ARAI in the 60:40 proportion) was discussed and approved.

Professor Sonde suggested that we need to be careful about involving University of Alabama at this stage since the entry of foreign educational institutes in India bill has to be taken care of. Director informed that while applying for this Automotive Technology programme, all these facts have been informed to the AICTE and based on the approval these programmes will be introduced.



- b) **Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> BWC was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. The minutes of this meeting were circulated.**  
The Board noted the same.
- c) **Extension of tenure of the BOG of COEP:**  
The Govt. of Maharashtra through its resolution No. WBP 2009/(117/09)/Tech.Edu.2 dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 has extended the tenure of the present Board of Governors of COEP until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.  
The Board noted the same.
- d) **Ph.D status of faculty recruited with conditional appointments:**  
Interviews for vacant faculty positions were conducted in December 2007/January 2008, December 2008 and July 2009, and some of the selected faculty were given conditional appointments, which were subject to completion of their Ph.D in a time frame approved by the BOG. Progress of such faculty as on 10.09.2009 was reported to the Board.  
The Board noted the same.
- e) **Faculty deputed for training / participation in conferences abroad:**  
Faculty Development being a continuous process, faculty were deputed to various places both in India and abroad for their upgradation. List of faculty deputed for training, participation in conferences abroad after the last Board meeting was reported.  
The Board noted and approved the same.
- f) **MoUs with Academia/Industry:**  
List of MoUs with Academia/Industry signed after the last meeting was reported.  
The Board noted and approved the same.
- g) **Items written off and auctioned/disposed:**  
The list of items which were written off and auctioned/disposed was reported. Proceeds from the auction have been credited to the institute IRG account.  
The Board noted and approved the same.
- h) **Extension of Academic Autonomy by UGC beyond 2008-09:**  
The University Grants Commission has granted Academic Autonomy to COEP until 2015-16.  
The Board noted the same.
- i) **Inclusion of name of Smt. Kanta Batra as a member on the BOG.**  
The institute has received a letter from UGC nomination of Smt. Kanta Batra on our BOG. There being no such provision in the GR on Autonomy (GR No. WBP-2004/(341/04)/(1)/TE-6 dt. 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004) for such inclusion, the Board was requested to



consider the same and approve. The Govt. of Maharashtra has also been informed accordingly.

The Board noted the same and it was decided to await the approval of the State Government for taking any further steps.

**j) Deputation of Shri. Ramesh B. Kamble to IISc Bangalore for pursuing Ph.D in Physics, under QIP.**

Shri. Ramesh B Kamble has been selected for advance admission to Ph.D programme at IISc Bangalore under the Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) of Govt. of India, in the Department of Physics, for the academic session 2010-11. He will be deputed to IISc Bangalore for 3 years under QIP.

The Board appreciated the same and approved the deputation of Shri. Ramesh B Kamble to IISc, Bangalore under QIP.

**k) Visit of Prof. R. Natarajan to COEP for academic audit:**

At the request of Dr. F. C. Kohli, Prof. R. Natarajan, former Director, IIT Madras and Former Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi visited the institute on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 to review the progress/performance of COEP since inception of Autonomy as also to advise on academic matters and institutional reforms.

Prior to his visit Prof. R. Natarajan had requested for the "Action Taken" report on the observations made by Prof. K. D. Srivastava. "Action Taken" report. Report of Prof. R. Natarajan was circulated to the Board. **Action Taken Report** on the observations of Prof. K. D. Srivastava and Prof. R. Natarajan was reported to the Board.

The Board noted the same.

**l) Donation of Rs. Additional Rs. 50 lakhs from Shri Lalchand Hirachand Premier Trust and Premier Ltd. for modernization of Production Engineering Workshop and labs.:**

Mr. Maitreya Doshi of Premier Ltd. had volunteered to bear expenses for renovation of the Production Engineering Department Lab and Workshop building and supporting facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.5 crores. However, to complete the renovation of the entire workshop additional expenditure of Rs. 50 lakhs is envisaged.

Mr. Maitreya Doshi has been kind and generous enough to support the cause with an additional contribution of Rs. 50 lakhs to ensure complete renovation of the building. This remaining work will be completed by the same contractor M/s. Daftary Descon at the same rates.

The total estimated cost of renovation and modernization of the workshop of the institute now stands at Rs. 2 crores, the entire contribution coming from Shri Lalchand Hirachand Premier Trust and Premier Ltd.



Board appreciated the donation received from Shri. Lalchand Hirachand Premier Trust and Premier Ltd. and thanked Mr. Maitreya Doshi for his generous contribution.

Mr. Prataprao Pawar enquired about the status of induction of Mr. Maitreya Doshi on the Board of Governors as recommended by the Board and requested the Government to expedite the process. Director was asked to follow up the matter with the Government.

**m) Donation of Rs. 1 crore by Mr. Atul Kirloskar for Auditorium of Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership (BIEL):**

Mr. Atul Kirloskar, Board Member, has very kindly consented to donate Rs. 1 crore towards the setting up of an Auditorium in the Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership. It is proposed to name the Auditorium in the memory of late Shri Shantanurao Kirloskar and also to put up a plaque and his photograph in an appropriate, mutually acceptable location.

The Board noted and approved the same.

**n) Students and faculty from COEP are working on the development of a PICO satellite (under 1 kg) for naval applications, which would be launched by ISRO. Seven institutes in the country which included COEP were invited to ISRO for presentation of their designs on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010.**

Board noted the same and appreciated the effort of students.

**o) COEP has been identified and invited as one of the institutes in league with all IITs and three other institutes in India for participation in virtual laboratory initiative of MHRD. Ten laboratories would be developed for remotely web operated virtual labs at a project cost of Rs 5 crores.**

Board noted the same and appreciated the effort of faculty.

**p) Prof. B.B. Ahuja, Deputy Director, COEP, has been appointed as Chairman, Board of Governors, Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Western Region, Mumbai, by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Dept. of Higher Education, New Delhi, for a period of 3 years with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. His appointment is in honorary capacity.**

Board noted the same.

**R-17/12(a)/2010:** The Board **APPROVED** the starting of 2 new interdisciplinary PG programmes in Mechatronics and Automobile Technology (in association with Automotive Research Association of



India and the University of Alabama) and also 2 UG programmes in Clinical Engineering and Planning, subject to the approval from AICTE based on the NOC of University of Pune and Govt. of Maharashtra.

**R-17/12(b)/2010:** The Board **APPROVED** the Fee Structure for UG and PG Programmes in the institute including that for M. Tech in Automotive Technology with sharing of fee in the ratio of 60:40 between COEP and ARAI for the Automotive Technology programme.  
**(Annexure - 5)**

**R-17/12(c)/2010:** The Board **NOTED** all other reported items under item 12 and **APPROVED** the same.

**Item No. 13 : COEP land (Patil Estate) on Final Plot No. 65 of Sangamwadi TP Scheme occupied by slum dwellers and SRA scheme**

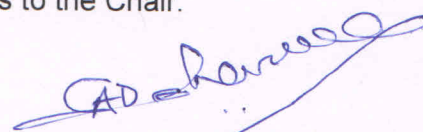
The status of court case in connection with Plot No. 65 owned by COEP and the SRA scheme was reported to the Board. The Board advised that, Institute should request the Government to evacuate the occupants and hand over the entire piece of land to the institute because institute's future development requires this land in entirety. Meanwhile, institute should also continue with the Court Case in this matter for getting possession of land.

**Item No. 14 : Joint Undergraduate and Postgraduate studies Program for employees of Bharat Forge in association with COEP and Warwick University, U.K**

The Board appreciated the interest shown by M/s Bharat Forge for improving the qualifications of its' employees and for starting the Joint UG and PG programmes in association with COEP and Warwick University, UK and the efforts made by Mr. Prataprao Pawar in this matter. The Board also noted that COEP will have to strictly follow the provisions of Section 6 of the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994 (amended up to date) in this respect.

The Board requested the institute to evolve modalities and special programmes in line with the new MHRD regulations on this matter.

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



**(A. D. Sahasrabudhe)**  
**Member- Secretary**  
**Board of Governors, COEP**