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4th Meeting of the Governing Council

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Subject: Minutes of Meeting.

The minutes of meeting of the Governing Council of Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences Jalandhar held on 30-12-1996 at 12.30 P.M. in the Committee Room of the Chief Minister Secretariat are enclosed for the approval of the hon'ble Chief Minister Punjab.

Op. No. PS/PSOM/36  
Dated 16-1-97.

Director-Principal  
P.I.M.S.

~~Principal Secretary to  
Chief Minister Punjab, Chandigarh.~~

No. PIMS/97/400

Dated: Chandigarh the 14.1.97

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The views expressed by me in the meeting have been dictated separately and attached at page 2. Minutes modified thus may be issued.

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CM has approved.

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PUNJAB INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (PIMS) : JALANDHAR

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Governing Council held on Tuesday, the 30th December 1996 at 12.30 p.m. in the Committee Room of Chief Minister's Secretariat.

Mrs Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, Chief Minister, Punjab, and Chairperson, Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences, presided over the meeting. The following were present:

1. Shri V.K. Khanna, IAS  
Chief Secretary to Govt. Punjab;
2. Shri S.S. Dawra IAS  
Principal Secretary to CM, Punjab;
3. Shri K.K. Bhatnagar IAS  
Secretary to Govt  
Research and Medical Education, Punjab;
4. Smt. Poonam Khetarpal IAS  
Secretary to Govt  
Health and Family Welfare, Punjab;
5. Prof. B.K. Sharma  
Director, PGI, Chandigarh
6. Dr. K.C. Mishra  
Director  
Research & Medical Education, Punjab;
7. Shri M.P. Singh  
Dy. Commissioner, Jalandhar;
8. Prof. B.D. Gupta  
Director-Principal, PIMS ..... Member Secretary

Besides the above, Shri R.N. Gupta IAS, Financial Commissioner (Development) also attended the meeting.

Prof. B.D. Gupta, Director-Principal explained the planning of the project in detail and showed the two models of the Master Plan of the hospital and college complex to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and members of the Council. The CM evinced keen interest in the planning of the complex and expressed her satisfaction.

The meeting was then called to order and Prof. B.D. Gupta gave an account of the action taken on the decisions of the last Governing Council meeting held on 4th August, 1995 under the Chairmanship of S. Beant Singh, the former Chief Minister of Punjab.

The main issue that dominated during the description of the action taken was the funding sources for the establishment of the Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences - the hospital and medical college complex. The Chief Secretary was of the view that before setting up another Medical College in the State we should try to improve the standard of the existing Colleges. The additional requirement of doctors may also be assessed keeping in view the present employment situation. It may also be seen whether we need to commit more resources

to production of more doctors or to augment the availability of paramedical staff. All this had to be seen in the context of the severely limited funds available for expansion of Medical Education facilities. Another member Ms Poonam Khetarpal, IAS, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, pointed out that the three government-run Medical Colleges in the State were in great need of funds for their maintenance and day to day running of their hospitals and colleges.

Siri Dawra PSCM emphasised a point during the discussion that the Project was already approved by the Government and therefore it needed due attention for establishment of such facilities in view of the decision of the government.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister observed that there was no denial of the fact that Punjab needed many more Medical Colleges and hospitals to improve and uplift the health standards of the people. Establishment of such an Institute with speciality and super-speciality hospital will not only support the people of Punjab but will also certainly curtail the load of PGI which is facing great problems because of heavy rush of patients. She however felt that the crucial question of finance should be settled. She also appreciated the Cabinet decision to set up this Institute as an autonomous body on the lines of PGI Chandigarh or similar other institutions in other states in the country.

Prof. B.D.Gupta informed that SG PGI has been established on similar lines and the decision of the Governing Council of PIMS in its earlier meeting was that it may be a government-run autonomous institution. It was explained that two proposals were in the pipeline for the funding process for the Institute - Indo-French Protocol assistance programme for equipments and the other proposal was from Hospitec - a professional organization in Israel. The funding from Israel is based on soft loan term with very low interest rates. We have had several meetings in this regard. The Hon'ble CM desired that all these aspects and the proposals may be considered by sub-committee consisting of the Chief Secretary Govt. of Punjab as its Chairman; Principal Secretary to CM and both the Secretaries of Health and Family Welfare and medical education as Members and desired that the Director-Principal PIMS should arrange a meeting of the Sub-Committee as Member Secretary. The views of the Sub Committee should be placed in the next meeting of the Governing Council for consideration.

The Member-Secretary explained in detail the original decision of the Cabinet regarding the allocation of 60.77 acres of land out of the Sugarcane Research Farm at Jalandhar and date-wise steps so far taken for delivery of possession and allied matters. It was felt that the main constraint was the delay in the simultaneous transfer of 200 acres of land belonging to Bhadson farm and release of the balance payment of Rs 4.5 crore to the Punjab Agril. University. The Council noted the steps taken and reiterated its agreement with the terms and conditions of the deal.