

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 10.30 A.M. in Director's Conference Room, NPL

The following Agenda for the meeting had been notified by Shri G K Arora, the Secretary of the Forum to the members, vide his letter dated 15. 09. 2010 sent to the members by e-mail/ post. Copies of this notice were placed on the table at the time of the meeting as per the decision taken at an earlier meeting of the Management Committee for ready reference:

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the Chairman.
2. Passing of Condolence Resolutions on the Demise of Shri Dev Kumar and Mrs. Sushila Verma
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Management Committee held on March 12, 2010
4. Follow-up Action on the various decisions taken at the above meeting.
5. Status Report by the Secretary.
6. Status Report by the Treasurer.
7. Reports of the following Area Committees:
 - 7.1 Medical Affairs Committee (Chairman – **Dr. Dr. A P Jain**/ Co-Chairman – **Shri A C Gupta**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
 - 7.2 Welfare Committee (Chairman – **Dr. B N Srivastava**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. S P Varma**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
 - 7.3 Scientific Affairs Committee (Chairman - **Dr. Kailash Chandra**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. S V Gupta**/ Convener – **Shri G K Arora**)
 - 7.3.1 Sub-Committee on Superstition (Chairman - **Dr. Kailash Chandra**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. A P Jain**/ Convener – **Shri G K Arora**)
 - 7.4 Scholarship Committee (Chairman – **Prof. R C Budhani**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. V N Bindal** / Convener – **Shri V P Wasan**)
 - 7.4.1 Tree Plantation Sub-Committee (Chairman – **Shri G K Arora**/ Convener – **Shri V P Wasan**)
 - 7.5 Publication Committee (Chairman – **Dr. R Bhattacharyya**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. S N Singh**/ Convener – **Shri G K Arora**)
 - 7.6 Programme Committee (Chairman – **Dr. S K Sharma**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. V R Singh**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
8. Approval to the Induction of New Members to the Forum.
9. Consideration of the Letter drafted for the press by Dr. A P Jain regarding the Anomaly in regard to the fixation of Pension of the Pre-1996 Pensioners as per the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission.
10. Time & Agenda for the next Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum.
11. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Attendance

The following attended the meeting

1. Dr. A P Jain	Vice President
2. Dr V S Panwar	Joint Secretary
3. Shri V P Wasan	Treasurer
4. Shri K N Bhatnagar	Member
5. Dr. K K Jain	Member
6. Dr. P C Jain	Member
7. Dr. S L Jain	Member
8. Mrs. Santosh Manrai	Member
9. Shri P K Mittal	Member
10. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
11. Dr. Shiv Nath Singh	Member
12. Dr. Ved Ram Singh	Member
13. Shri A C Gupta	Co-chairman, Scientific Affairs Committee
14. Shri G K Arora	Secretary

As Dr. V N Bindal, President, had expressed his inability to attend the meeting, it was held with Dr. A P Jain, Vice President, in the Chair.

Dr. S K Sharma, Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu, Dr. Kailash Chandra, Dr. S P Varma and Dr. R Bhattacharyya (who was out of Station), had expressed their inability to attend the meeting. Shri R C Dhawan, Dr. S V Gupta, and Dr. B N Srivastava (who had been invited to the meeting in his capacity as Chairman of the Welfare Committee), were also absent.

Prof. S S Mathur, who had been invited for the meeting, as he was intimately associated with the activities of the Scientific Affairs Committee in regard to its activity on Popularization of Science, had also regretted his inability to be present, as he was abroad.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the Chairman: Dr. A P Jain welcomed the members to the meeting and appreciated the efforts being put in by the Shri G K Arora in the organization of the meetings of the Forum, despite his ill-health. He was pained to inform the members that Shri Dev Kumar who was the first person to institute a Scholarship, and Mrs. Sushila Verma, who had initiated an Award, had breathed their last since the last meeting of the Management Committee held on 12th March 2010.

Before taking up the Agenda, he said that he had the occasion of being present at the meeting of the Scholarship Committee Meeting held on 15th instant, where, taking advantage of the presence of Shri T V Joshua, COA, NPL, he, in his capacity as Chairman of the Medical Affairs Committee, thanked him for his arranging for Director, NPL's approval to the waiver of seeking prior permission by NPL pensioners for undergoing pathological investigations at CGHS-empanelled Private Hospitals/ Diagnostic Centres, on the advice of the Government

Specialist, in response to a letter from Dr. V N Bindal to him, following Prof. Budhani's very favourable reaction to such a proposal that he had made at the First meeting of the Forum with him on 31st March 2010. Shri Joshua had suggested that this waiver may be given wide publicity at the earliest through e-mail to persons who could be so contacted, and by publishing in the Forum's Newsletter or any other means that may be possible, so that not only the Members of the Forum, but other NPL pensioners could also benefit from it. He was also informed by Dr. Bindal that this will also be notified at the next meeting of the Forum, in a prominent manner.

Dr. Jain said that he was very happy to note that Shri G K Arora had already circulated the contents of the Office Memorandum dated 13th August, 2010 issued by Shri M C Meena, Section Officer, E-I Section, regarding the above mentioned waiver to the persons (Members as well as Prospective Members of the Forum), at the e-mail addresses about them that he had with him. He, in his capacity as its Compiler and Editor of the Forum's Newsletter, had also included the contents of this OM for publication in the next issue.

He also informed the Committee that the issue of preparation of cheques towards CGHS contributions in respect of the pensioners who had already made their contributions for 10 years, in advance before the expiry of the validity of the Cards, had been awaiting implementation for long. This issue was also brought to the notice of Shri Joshua at the Scholarship Committee meeting on 15th September 2010 To facilitate action in this regard, a copy of the Membership List of the Forum carrying information about the residential addresses, CGHS Card Number, Dispensary Number, and other contact particulars has been sent to him by Shri G K Arora to Shri Joshua by e-mail, indicating also the members who had already paid ten years CGHS Contribution as per the information collected by him Dr. Jain .said that it would be in the interest of the members if they provide information in respect of their CGHS cards to Shri Arora, for up-dating this information.

Another medical issue which had been brought to the notice of Shri Joshua by Dr. Jain at that meeting of the scholarship Committee related to the advice that had been sought regarding the steps to be taken by the NPL pensioners in case of medical emergency, for which a draft had been submitted to the former COA by Dr. V N Bindal. This was following a meeting that had been held with him about two years back. A copy of the same was also given to Shri Joshua by Dr. Bindal, so that the same, as approved by Director NPL, could also be brought to the notice of the Members of the Forum at its next meeting, and also published in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

2. Passing of Condolence Resolution on the Demise of Shri Dev Kumar and Mrs. Sushila Verma : The members noted the demise of Shri Dev Kumar on 22. 04. 2010, and of Mrs. Sushila Verma on 04. 08. 2010, where after the Secretary read out the Condolence Resolutions. The members observed a two-minute silence, and advised that the Resolutions passed on their expiry be sent to Mrs. Madhu Lata and Shri Tribhavan Verma respectively.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Management Committee held on March 12, 2010: No comments had been received on the Minutes of the Meeting as detailed by the Secretary in his Status Report (Annexure 'A') [circulated to the members at the time of the meeting. A copy of the Minutes of that Meeting was also tabled at the time of the meeting, As there were no comments from any member, the Minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

4. Follow-up Action on the various decisions taken at the above meeting: The follow-up action on the decisions taken at the above meeting as reported by the Secretary in his Status Report was noted with the following specific observations/ decisions:

- (i) Dr. K K Jain may try to procure a passport size photograph of Prof. S C Jain for publication in the next issue of the Newsletter.
- (ii) The Forum may have its own website under the name **npl-fsf.org**, if the expenditure involved was within Rs. 1,000/-. Dr. S N Singh was requested to collect the relevant information in this regard, and regarding the Forum's website being provided a link by NPL on its own website. However in the event of the expenditure exceeding Rs. 1,000/-, the matter may be put up again to the Management Committee. The Committee was happy to note that Shri R B Saxena had offered to handle the information to go on the Forum's website and its up-dating.
- (iii) Dr. V R Singh may again explore the possibility of a talk on superstition by Dr. J V Narlikar as and when he happens to be in Delhi, and can spare some time for this talk, not involving any financial obligation on the part of the Forum. Shri Arora's suggested that, in the event of his agreeing to deliver this talk, it may be held in the NPL Auditorium inviting the staff members of NPL also. This suggestion was welcomed.
- (iv) Information may be collected regarding the manner in which members of the Forum could benefit from DST's scheme of writing Books with financial support from that Department.
- (v) Dr. Krishan Lal may be approached for the three books by Dr. A R Verma for the Library of the Forum, which he had mentioned about at the time of the Forum's first meeting with Prof. Budhani on 31st March 2010.

5. Status Report by the Secretary: The Secretary presented in brief the report which had been tabled at the meeting.

6. Status Report by the Treasurer: Shri V P Wasan informed the Committee that the Auditor's Report dated 20th August 2010, for the year 2009-2010, prepared by N Sharma and Associates, had been received. They vide their letter dated 23. 08. 2010 have now indicate that for the next two years 2010-2011 and 2011- 2012 they would be charging Rs. 5,000/- plus Service Charges as against Rs. 2,000/- plus Service Charges for the 2009-2010-. As a result of the efforts made by Dr. V N Bindal to find another cheaper alternative, Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, Chartered Accountant, has offered to audit the accounts of our Forum for the next two years free of cost. The Committee highly appreciated this achievement of Dr. Bindal.

The following status report as on the date of the meeting was also noted:

Sr. No.	NPL-FSF A/c	Deposits in the Syndicate Bank, NPL		Payments Due on 01. 10. 2010 On account of Scholarships & Awards	Remarks, if Any
		Savings Fund Account	Fixed Deposits		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Sh. Dev Kumar	23,167.74	20,000	10,600	
2.	Prof. S C Jain	7,642.54	42,036	1,800	
3.	Prof. S K Joshi	5,097.28	49,500	3,900	
4.	Dr. P C Jain	3,793.46	15,000	1,500	

5.	Sh V P Wasan	2,682.79	15,000	1,000	
6.	Sh Sohan Lal Gupta	1,599.89 + Cheque for Rs. 2,400.00	60,000	1,500	
7.	Sh. J N Chaudhary	3,839.77 + Cheque for Rs. 2,100.00	2,500	4,500	
8.	Mrs. Sushila Verma	4,223.34	28,000	1,000	
9.	Sh Balraj Singh	2,630.35	19,000	1,500	
10.	Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta	3,204.88	19,000	1,500	
11.	Dr. V N Bindal	1,501.00	20,000	1,000*	Payment indicated in Column (5) to be met for the present out of Forum's Saving Fund A/c No. NPL-FSF (Main) mentioned in Column (3) at Sr. No. 14, to be recovered from the interest on the Fixed Deposit of Rs. 20,000.00 indicated in Column (4) on maturity
12.	Sh. N K Kohli	1,000.00	65,000	2,100*	Payment indicated in Column (5) to be met for the present out of Forum's Saving Fund A/c No. NPL-FSF (Main) mentioned in Column (3), to be recovered from the interest on the Fixed Deposit of Rs. 65,000.00 indicated in Column (4), on maturity
13.	General Donation Scholarship Fund	14,853.80	26,000	Nil	
14.	NPL-FSF (Main)	38,006.32	1,07,553	*	*See Remarks in this column against the A/cs at Sr. Nos. 11 & 12
15.	Total	1,17,743.16	4,88,589	31,900	

7. Reports of the Area Committees:

7.1: Medical Affairs Committee: Dr. A P Jain had already indicated the status of the medical affairs in his introductory remarks. In addition, he informed the committee about some problems faced by the CGHS beneficiaries in general at the CGHS Welfare Centres (Dispensaries) to which attention had been drawn by Dr. V N Bindal in his letter dated 9th June 2010 addressed to Dr. S Barik, Addl. Director, CGHS. These relate to (i) Issuing of Medicines of lower dose/ potency, (ii) Issuing of Substitute Medicines, and (iii) Visits of Specialists at some Dispensaries only. For each of these problems, suggestions had also been indicated. A response had also been received which was read out at the meeting. A copy of this will be given to Shri G K Arora, for suitably reporting in the Forum's Newsletter.

A copy of the up-dated list of CGHS-empowered Private Hospitals & Diagnostic Centres, incorporating information about their Telephone Numbers which had been collected by Shri K N Bhatnagar, compiled by Shri G K Arora was given to Dr. A P Jain so that the missing information in this regard could now be collected by the Medical Affairs Committee. Shri P K Mittal, who offered to collect and up-date the information in respect of the Hospitals & Diagnostic Centres situated in NOIDA and Ghaziabad, was also provided another copy of this list for assisting the Medical Affairs Committee in this task.

7.2 Welfare Committee: It was decided that the Committee may consider the suggestion made by Dr. Kailash Chandra regarding raising of funds through financial contributions by Members of the Forum in multiples of Rs. 100/-, and also other possible options for making functional the room allotted to the Forum, and present its views at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

In regard to the apparent anomaly in regard to the fixation of Pension of the Pre-1996 Pensioners as per the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission, the Committee was informed by Dr. A P Jain that after a study of the case by him in consultation with Dr. B N Srivastava, Chairman of the Committee, he had drafted a letter addressed to the Secretary, Department of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, which had been sent to him by Dr. V N Bindal. Copies of this letter dated 10. 7. 2010 had also been sent to (i) DG, CSIR, (ii) Secretary General, CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association, Lucknow, (iii) Secretary, CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association, Kolkata, (iv) Secretary, Staff Side, National Council (JCM), (v) Shri J K Jain, President, CGS29PA (the body which had taken up the issue for filing a writ in PR CAT Delhi), as also to Shri G K Arora, Dr. S P Varma, Dr. V S Panwar, Dr. J K N Sharma and to Dr. A P Jain by post/ e-mail. So far there was no response from any one.

7.3 Scientific Affairs Committee: The Management Committee noted that it was learnt from Dr. S V Gupta that the Chart on SI Units of Measurements was now under publication, as reported by the Secretary in his Status Report. It was also learnt from Dr. (Mrs.) Kundu that no action could be initiated in regard to Initialization of Science in School Level: as she had not been keeping well and Prof. S S Mathur was also presently abroad

7.3.1: Sub-Committee on Superstition: Dr. Kailash Chandra had informed that he had compiled information in a manuscript form, relating to the scientific credence or otherwise of the 50 superstitions on which the self-assessment survey had been conducted from amongst the members of the forum, and that he shall be sending a copy of it to Shri G K Arora. It was decided that the same may be placed before the Superstition Sub-Committee for consideration. Dr. A P Jain also suggested that in the mean while some books which had already been published on the subject of Superstitions may be purchased by the Forum, for which he shall pass on the details to the Convener of the Committee.

7.4 Scholarship Committee: Shri V P Wasan informed that two meetings of this committee were held on 8th July 2010, with Prof. R C Budhani in the Chair, and on 15th September 2010, under the Chairmanship of dr. V N Bindal. He also informed about the decisions of the Committee taken at its meeting held on 15th September 2010 for selecting the persons for the 2010 Scholarships & Awards, in the light of the recommendations of a Scrutinizing Committee consisting of Dr. V N Bindal, Dr. P C Jain, Dr. V S Panwar and Shri V P Wasan, which had

met earlier on 13th September. The Scholarships & Awards will be distributed by Dr. R S Bisht, Chief Guest at the function on Sunday the 26th September 2010 – CSIR Foundation Day – in the afternoon, in the NPL Auditorium. A cut-and-paste list of the Members of the Management Committee and Initiators of the Scholarships & Awards had been provided to NPL by Shri G K Arora, for invitation to attend the function. The expenditure to be incurred, which was payable w.e.f 01.10.2010 had also been indicated in the Status Report by the Treasurer.

Two other significant decisions taken by the Scholarship Committee in view of the lower rates of interest on Fixed Deposits at present were:

- Discontinuation of the 0.5% per year that was being charged from each donation as handling charges
- Raising the amount of donation to Rs. 65, 000/- for instituting a Scholarship and to Rs. 25,000/- for an Award.

7.4.1 Tree-Plantation Sub- Committee: The Committee was informed about the Tree Plantation Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri G K Arora, that had been constituted by the Scholarship Committee at its meeting held on 8th July 2010, for initiating a joint programme of NPL and the NPL Former Scientists Forum, of planting trees in the NPL Campus in honour of the persons who had contributed significantly to the Laboratory, with its membership both from NPL and the Forum. This Sub-Committee had met twice on 19th July and 3rd August 2010. It was decided to *exclude those persons who had already planted trees*. Flowering trees alternately of Amaltas and Lal Lasoda were planted in a row in honour of 31 persons in the “Environment Park”, identified for the function held on 15th August 2010. The list of the persons, the person who planted it and the name of the tree planted will be published in the next issue of the Forum’s Newsletter.

7.5 Publication Committee: Though it was decided to have ‘Environment’ as the theme for the next issue of the Newsletter, none of the three articles listed below had been received till date despite repeated reminders by the convener.

1. Shri S C Garg and Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu Climate Change
2. Dr. R Bhattacharyya and Dr. Shiv Nath Singh Solar Energy
3. Shri Prabhat K Gupta Water & Methane Emission from Paddy Crops

However, on invitation from the Compiler of the Newsletter, a small article on the Bhartiya Nirdeshak Dravya on Drinking Water had been received from Dr. Arun Kumar Agrawal, and some information on water had also been compiled from various sources for the next issue of the Newsletter. Dr. R Bhattacharyya had also promised to send the article expected from him for this issue. Under the circumstances, and keeping in view the recent developments relating to medical & pension issues, letters have been sent to Prof R C Budhani, Director, NPL and to Dr. S K Brahmachari, DG,CDIR, seeking full page advertisements for the next issue on the theme “Medical & Pension Issues and Environment”, for meeting the expenditure involved on its publication.

In addition, a Draft “**Directory of Members of the Forum**” carrying information on the ten points approved at the last meeting of the Management Committee, as also information about the doctoral theses awarded to and guided by the members of the Forum, was presented by Dr. R Bhattacharyya, to Prof. R C Budhani on 31st March 2010, as reported in the Status report by the Secretary. Further work is being continued for up-dating the information in the light of the response awaited from some members to the drafts entries sent to them.

7.6: Programme Committee: It was decided to have a Family Get-together again this year also, preferably around Dewali, with a contribution of Rs. 150/- per head. The details about it will be intimated to the Secretary for suitable indication in the notice for the next meeting of the Forum

8. Approval to the Induction of New Members to the Forum: The Committee approved the induction of all the five new members to the Forum as detailed in the Status Report by the Secretary.

9, Letter drafted for the press by Dr. A P Jain regarding the Anomaly in regard to the fixation of Pension of the Pre-1996 Pensioners as per the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission: Dr. A P Jain was of the view that there was some adhoc approach by the Government for fixing the Pension of the Pre 1996 and other pensioners, for which he had drafted a note for the press. He presented the contents of the note to members of the Committee, for seeking their views.

Shri G K Arora invited attention of the Committee to the two Office Memoranda dated 11.02.2009 and 10.03.2010 issued by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare on the subject “**Representations regarding revision of pension of pre-1996 pensioners**”. In both of them it had been observed that the pension fixation of pre-1996 pensioners had been done in accordance with the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission and that all references/ representations received in that Department on the issues mentioned therein stand disposed off accordingly. Further, the fact that CSIR had also circulated the OM dated 11.02.2009, vide Letter No. 3411(11)/CSIR/Pen/ 2008-09/402 dated 26.02.2009 would imply the implicit acceptance of the text of that OM. In this context, it may not be advisable to go to the press in this regard.

10. Time & Agenda for the next Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum: The Committee generally approved the items of Agenda for the next General Body Meeting of the Forum as suggested by the Secretary in his Status Report, and authorized that the details for the meeting may be finalized by Dr. V N Bindal and notified to the members well in advance of the meeting. It was also decided that the next issue of the Newsletter may also be dated September and its matter finalized accordingly.

11. Publication of a Brochure/ Souvenir and raise funds: Keeping in view the shortage of funds that the Forum felt Shri P K Mittal suggested the publication of a Brochure/ Souvenir and raise funds for it through advertisements from various quarters. It may help in generating funds for making the Forum’s room functional and also additional funds to meet expenditure on Scholarships & Awards.

It was decided that a Committee consisting of Shri P K Mittal, Dr. S N Singh and Shri V P Wasan may examine the feasibility of this proposal for consideration;

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

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Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Committee on
Wednesday, 22nd September 2010 at 10.30 A.M in the Director's Conference Room, NPL.

STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(Ref: Agenda Item 5)

1. Twenty Sixth Meeting of The Management Committee (Ref: Agenda Item 3): The Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Management Committee held on 12th March 2010, (as approved by the Chairman), had been circulated by the Secretary vide his letter dated March 26, 2010 by e-mail/ post, inviting comments by April 9, 2010. Copies of this letter and the Minutes of that Meeting will also be tabled at the time of the meeting.

As no comments from any member had been received, the minutes of that meeting may be confirmed.

2. Follow-up Action on the Decisions taken at the above Meeting (Ref: Agenda Item 4):

2.1 Condolence Resolution in respect of Prof. S C Jain: The condolence resolution passed at the meeting was sent to Dr. Amitabh Jain by air mail on March 25, 2010, at his address Senior Member of Technical Staff, Advanced CMOS, Silicon Technology Development, Texas Instruments Incorporated, 13121 TI Boulevard MS. 365, Dallas, Texas 75243, USA

In this letter he was also requested to send a passport size photograph of Prof. S C Jain for publication in the next issue of our Forum's Newsletter. There has been no response from him.

2.2 CGHS Contributions in advance before the expiry of the validity of the Cards: The issue was brought to the notice of COA, NPL at the time of the meeting of the Scholarship Committee held on 15th September 2010, at which Dr. A P Jain , Chairman of the Medical Affairs Committee and Dr. V S Panwar, the Convener of that Committee were also present. To facilitate action in this regard, a copy of the Membership List of the Forum carrying information about the residential addresses, CGHS Card Number, Dispensary Number, and other contact particulars has been sent to him by the secretary by e-mail. In this list, indication has also been given about the members who had already paid ten years CGHS Contribution.

2.3 Phone Numbers of the various Hospitals & Diagnostic Centres empanelled by CGHS: The information compiled by Shri K N Bhatnagar has been received and incorporated in the list of the CGHS empanelled Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres, which is proposed to be published in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter. The Medical Affairs Committee may now take over the remaining task of up-dating this list in this regard.

2.4 Books Published by Dr S V Gupta: Highlights of the two books titled "A Treatise on the Indian Boiler Regulations" and "Units of Measurement - Past, Present and Future - International System of Units" have been finalized for publication in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

2.5 Status of Publication of the Revised Chart on "SI Units of Measurement: It is learnt that with the efforts put in by Dr. S V Gupta in finalizing the Chart, it is now under publication.

2.6 Anomaly in regard to the fixation of Pension of the Pre-1996 Pensioners as per the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission: Agenda Item 9 of the meeting relates to this issue.

2.7 Utilization of the Forum's Room in NPL: No action has so far been reported by the Welfare Committee in the light of the following reference made to it by the Management Committee at the meeting held on 12. 08. 2009:

"This Committee shall also examine the issue of raising financial contributions by Members of the Forum in multiples of Rs, 100/- as suggested by Dr. Kailash Chandra".

2.8 Putting NPL-FSF on NPL's Website: Dr. S N Singh had explored this possibility. NPL can be approached to provide a link on its website to a website of the Forum. Shri R B Saxena has offered to handle the information to go on the Forum's Website and its up-dating, if the Forum decides to meet the cost involved.

2.9 Initialization of Science in School Level: It is learnt from Dr. (Mrs.) Kundu that no action could be initiated in this regard as she had not been keeping well and Prof. S S Mathur was also presently abroad

2.10 Questionnaires on Superstitions: Shri S G Tewari, Member of the Superstition Sub-Committee was approached by the Secretary for undertaking the responsibility of devising appropriate questionnaire for eliciting response from various other categories of persons. e.g. school children. As he had also been abroad, no progress could be registered in this regard.

2.11 Separate Account for Mrs. Brij Bala Memorial Scholarship: Separate account has been opened in respect of Mrs. Brij Bala Scholarship initiated by Shri N K Kohli.

2.12 Inviting Dr. J V Narlikar for a popular talk on superstition: Dr. Ved Ram Singh, Co-Chairman of the Programme Committee again explored the possibility of scheduling an invited talk by Dr. J V Narlikar, but it has o been possible to do so.

2.13 Highlights of the Forum Meeting held on March 31, 2010: Some of the highlights of that meeting were:

1. Dr. S V Gupta arranged the display of the post-retirement publications of the Members of the Forum.
2. Dr. Krishan Lal mentioned about two books authored by Dr. A R Verma which had already been published and another one which was about to be released. Responding to the request from Dr. Bindal, he said that he shall arrange for one copy of each of these books free of cost for the benefit of members of the Forum, and to be kept in the Forum's Library.

3. 3.Dr. R Bhattacharyya, presented a copy of the First Draft Compilation of the Directory of the Members of the Forum to Prof. Budhani. Information about the doctoral theses awarded to and guided by the members of the Forum is also provided in this Directory.. Action is being taken to finalize it by up-dating information from the members who had not responded to this request earlier.
4. Prof. Budhani was very glad to be associated with the activities of the Forum. He noticed the great enthusiasm amongst the members – the most significant feature of a healthy life style. He was particularly glad to notice the loyalty of the members of the Forum towards NPL and would very much appreciate if they inculcate the same feelings and a sense of belonging amongst the younger generation of NPL scientists. He was particularly appreciative of the way the Forum functioned. He said that the doors of NPL were always open to the Members of the Forum and he would render all possible help to the forum. Besides the financial help by way of advertisement for the Forum's Newsletter, he would explore the possibility of providing internet facility also to the retired NPL scientists.
5. Dr. A P Jain invite Prof. Budhani's attention to the issue of getting prior permission whenever any test is required to be carried out, which could be 2-3 times a month, and suggested a tacit understanding not to insist on prior permission, which would be a considerable relief.

The Management Committee will be glad to learn that in response to item 5 above, and the subsequent follow-up by Dr. V N Bindal, an Office Memorandum dated 13. 08. 2010 has been issued by NPL which reads as under:

Director, National Physical Laboratory, at the request of NPL Former Scientists Forum, has been pleased to approve exemption of the pensioners of NPL for seeking prior permission from the office for pathological and other diagnostic tests as recommended by the specialists of CGHS Dispensary/ Government Hospitals in view of the hardship of old age as a special case. The Ex-post facto approval shall be granted at the time of submission of their medical claims, subject to the following:

1. ***There shall be valid prescription from CGHS Dispensary/ Govt. Specialist for the test.***
2. ***Tests shall be done only at the CGHS approved private recognized hospitals/ diagnostic Centers.***
3. ***Amount shall be reimbursed as per the CGHS approved rates.***

The pensioners are required to ensure fulfillment of the above stated requirement before submission of their medical claims in the office.

This has been brought to the notice of the Members and Prospective Members of the Forum who could be contacted by e-mail, with the request that it may be brought to the notice of all NPL Pensioners irrespective of whether they qualify to be members of the Forum or not, and who could not be contacted or lack of information about their e-mail addresses. It will also be published in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

3. Induction of New Members (Ref: Agenda Item 8): Filled up Membership Forms have been received from the following persons, whose induction as New Members of the Forum is proposed:

Sr. No.	Name & Date of Birth	Amount Received	Last Post Held	Remarks
1.	Dr. Bhim Sen Gera [03. 03. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 03. 2010
2.	Shri Devendra Prasad Bahuguna [15. 03. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Tech Offcr (A) Gr) II	Retired from NPL on 31. 03. 2010
3.	Dr. Ashok Kumar Hanjura [24. 03. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 03. 2010
4.	Dr. Rajendra Kumar Aggarwal [07. 05. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 05. 2010
5.	Dr. Chhotey Lal [11. 07. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 07. 2010

4. Time and Agenda for the Annual General Body Meeting (Ref: Agenda Item 10): The Last Annual General Body Meeting was held on 16th April 2009 at which the present Management Committee was constituted for the years 2009-2011, and the Audited Report for the year 2008-2009 was approved. This report was published in the Forum's Newsletter No. 6 dated September 2009. Subsequently two meetings of the Forum were held on 16th October 2009 and 31st March 2010.

The **Audited Report for the year 2009-2010** has been received. It is proposed to have the next meeting as an Annual General Body Meeting and also to appoint the auditor for the next two financial years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

It is also proposed to **honour Dr. V D P Sastri [db: 13. 06. 1930] and Shri J N Chaudhary [db: 12. 07 1930]**, as new members of the **80-Plus Fraternity** of the Forum.

The earlier three issues of the **Forum's Newsletter** were dated September 2007, September 2008 and September 2009. It is also proposed to bring out **the 7th Issue of the Newsletter dated September 2010**, for release at that meeting.

Other items ion the Agenda could be:

- (i) To confirm the minutes of the previous General Body meeting;
- (ii) To consider the Annual Report for the previous year,
- (iii) To consider any additions or amendments in the Rules and Regulations of the Forum; and
- (iv) Any other issue of common interest to the Members.

Management Committee is requested to finalize the Date, Time and Agenda and Venue or the meeting, providing sufficient time for organizing it and making it a great success