

Office Memorandum

Sub: Revision of the Project Appraisal and Monitoring Committee (PAMC)-Geosciences & Seismology

Ministry has been supporting specific projects on various aspects of Geosciences & Seismology at national level. In order to evaluate, oversee and steer the various projects, a Project Appraisal and Monitoring Committee (PAMC) - Geosciences & Seismology has been revised as per the details given below:

Composition

1. Prof. C.V.R. Murty, IIT, Madras	Chairman
2. Dr. S.R. Gandhi, Former Director, SVNIT	Member
3. Prof. Kusala Rajendran, IISc, Bengaluru	Member
4. Prof. Anand Joshi, IIT, Roorkee	Member
5. Dr. S. Rajan, Former-Director, NCPOR	Member
6. Dr. Snigdha Ghatak, GSI, Kolkata	Member
7. Dr. Babita Sharma, MoES	Member Convener

Terms of Reference

(i) New Proposals

- To pre-appraise all the proposals received during a period of 4-6 months (whether the objectives are in National Interest or in line with the mandate of the Ministry ruling out any duplication of work, adequacy of the core competence of the Institute proposing the project, budget of the proposal, whether the deliverables can be translated into operational use by MoES).
- To peer-review the shortlisted proposals as per the prescribed format.
- To provide guidance to PI for improvement of proposal, if required.
- To recommend the proposals to MoES for consideration for funding or for subsequent review.
- To identify gap areas in the current research and encourage proposal in the identified areas/issues.

(ii) Ongoing /completed projects

- To monitor & review the progress of the funded projects at various stages of implementation and recommend course correction for ensuring deliverables.
- To recommend subsequent release of funds based on the progress of the project.
- The Committee may review the specific projects, as and when required.
- To evaluate the achievements of the completed projects vis-à-vis their objectives.

(iii) Any other work related to implementation of approved projects.

(iv) The Committee may co-opt expert (s) for providing specialized inputs whenever considered necessary.

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(v) The PAMC will meet at least once in six months for pre-appraisal/appraisal of new projects and review of ongoing projects depending upon the number of projects received.

(vi) An Apex Body under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MoES will steer the activities of the PAMC.

2. Responsibilities of Member-Secretary/Convener will be as follows:

- i. To co-ordinate with the chair and members of the committee regarding.
 - Pre-appraisal/appraisal of the new proposals received.
 - Review and monitoring of ongoing proposals.
- ii. To convene the PAMC meeting/preparation and approval of the minutes/preparation of action taken report on the last meeting.
- iii. To implement the decision of the PAMC.
- iv. To organize subsequent review as per PAMC recommendations.
- v. To process for approval of the recommended projects for funding.
- vi. To process for sanctioning of the approved projects and release of fund.
- vii. To update details of all sanctioned projects on Ministry's website on quarterly basis.
- viii. To invite proposal on gap areas/issues/problems identified (if any) by PAMC.
- ix. Overall coordination with PAMC members and Chair.
- x. Any other work as assigned by PAMC Chair.

3. TA/DA, sitting fees to non-official members will be borne by MoES, as per Govt. of India rules.

4. All the expenditure for holding the PAMC meeting will be met from the REACHOUT budget head.

5. This issues with the approval of Secretary, MoES vide E-17925 file No. MoES/PAMC/GeoscienceandSeismology dated 29-10-25.

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To,

The Chairman and all the members of the Committee.

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