

DAYALBAGH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE
DAYALBAGH, AGRA-282005

Minutes of the special meeting of the Governing Body of the Dayalbagh Educational Institute held at 4.00 P.M. on 29.6.2017 (Thursday) in the Committee Room of Dayalbagh.

PRESENT

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| 1. | Prof. P.K. Kalra, Director | - | In the Chair |
| 2. | Smt. Sneh Bijlani | | |
| 3. | Prof. S.K. Gaur | | |
| 4. | Prof. Ravinder Kumar | | |
| 5. | Prof. Sant Prakash | | |
| 6. | Dr. Vijai Kumar | | |
| 7. | Shri Prem Prashant | | |
| 8. | Prof. S.S. Bhojwani | | |
| 9. | Prof. R.N. Mehrotra | | |
| 10. | Prof. V.B. Gupta | | |
| 11. | Prof. P. Sriramamurti | | |
| | Prof. Anand Mohan, Registrar | | Secretary |

The message was received from Prof. R.R. Singh, nominee of Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi that he would not be able to attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation.

1. Confirmed the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Body of the Dayalbagh Educational Institute held at 11.30 a.m. on 15.5.2017.
2. The members condoled the sad demise of Shri Prem Kumar, the President of the Institute (S/o Late Shri Soam Prakash and Late Smt. Prem Sakhi; grand son of Sir Sahib ji Maharaj) who passed away on June 26, 2017 at AIIMS (Delhi). A two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul after the following obituary was read out:

“Shri Prem Kumar was born at Dayalbagh on 14th October 1931. He passed the Matriculation and Intermediate Examination of the UP Board of High School and Intermediate Education from REI Intermediate College in 1946 and 1948 and graduated from Agra College in 1950. He took the Master’s Degree in Mathematics in 1952 from there. He passed the IAS examination in 1953, securing third position in Foreign Service and fourth in the IAS.

He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1954 and after initial postings in India and abroad, he was appointed Special Secretary to UP Government in Industries and Labour Departments (1970-1972). In 1972 he set up the Pradeshia Industrial Investment Corporation of UP as its first Managing Director. He joined the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India as Joint Secretary in 1974 dealing with trade policy matters, GATT, UNCTAD, ESCAP and trade with socialist countries. He led trade teams to several countries and the EEC and served as a member of Indian delegation to several international conferences including meeting of non-aligned countries (Peru), Heads of Commonwealth countries (Jamaica), CIEC (Paris).

In 1977, Shri Prem Kumar was appointed to the prestigious post of Resident Representative of India to GATT in Geneva when the Tokyo round of trade negotiations were going on and as Minister (Economic) in the permanent mission of India to UN at Geneva, dealing with UNCTAD matters. During this period he had the opportunity to chair meetings of Group of 77 and was the Chairman of Trade and Development Committee of GATT.

On his return to India in 1980, he worked in various capacities as Secretary to UP Governor, Additional Secretary to Cabinet, Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, Government of India; Special Secretary, Home Ministry in 1984 and then as Home Secretary, Government of India. This was the year of great turmoil in the country. He took over as Commerce Secretary to Government of India in 1985. He chaired the official sessions at the first Conference of Trade Ministers of developing countries convened in New Delhi in 1985. He led the team of officials to Uruguay at the launch of the Uruguay round of trade negotiations in 1986. He also led trade delegations to several countries including China and Soviet Union and held trade negotiations with USA and EEC.

From 1987 till his superannuation at the end of 1989, he was the Principal Secretary to the President of India, who is also visitor of the Central Universities.

Shri Prem Kumar had been associated with DEI during its formation and had been a Member of the Governing Body of DEI (Deemed University) right from its inception. He was the first recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award during the year 2005-06. He was a Member of the Executive Council of Agra University during 1994-1996 and had been associated with various Educational and Charitable Societies.

After superannuation at the end of 1989, he returned to settle down in Dayalbagh and was elected President, Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed University) in July 2002, and continued to hold this post till his last breath on 26.06.2017.

There are great men, there are people with great administrative acumen, and there are people with selfless dedication and spirit of service. But, very rare are those in which all these elements are combined together. Shri Prem Kumar was one of those rare people. His contributions to the Dayalbagh Educational Institute are too numerous to be recounted. He had been the fountainhead of inspiration in all our activities and under his able and visionary guidance the Institute has made excellent all round progress."

The members of the Governing Body of the Institute expressed their profound grief and sorrow at the passing away of Shri Prem Kumar and prayed in the Lotus Feet of the Supreme Father to shower mercy on the departed soul and grant solace to the bereaved family members.

Resolved further that a copy of this obituary be sent to his wife Smt. Veena Kumar.

3. Considered the matter regarding GST Registration of the Institute.

Members were of the opinion that the matter needs more clarification before registration of the Institution for GST.

Resolved that matter be referred to the UGC for clarification.

4. Considered the request of Coordinator, Distance Education Programme for opening a current account for operation of e-prepaid cards of SBI for handling imprest account of centres.

Resolved that a current account for periodic charging of e-prepaid cards (SBI) be opened in SBI, Heerabagh Colony, Agra Branch to be operated jointly as per the Bye-laws of the Institute.

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

Date: 29.6.2017

(Prof. Anand Mohan)
REGISTRAR

