

Minutes of 345th meeting of the ERC held on 31st May 2024

The 345th meeting of Eastern Regional Committee (ERC), National Council for Teacher Education was convened on 31st May 2024 at Conference Hall, ERC, NCTE, Dwarka Sector-10, New Delhi-110075. The Chairperson, Members and Convener as listed below were present at the time of the 345th ERC meeting: -

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Mode
1)	Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta	Chairperson	Physical
2)	Dr. Subhash Chandra Panda	Member	Physical
3)	Prof. Alok Kumar Banerjee	Member	Physical
4)	Shri Uttam Mitra	Representative, Govt. of Tripura	Virtual
5)	Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sahoo	Representative, Govt. of Odisha	Virtual
6)	Dr. Shanti Ram Adhikari	Representative, Govt. of Sikkim	Virtual
7)	Dr. Elezabeth Walling	Representative, Govt. of Nagaland	Virtual
8)	Dr. Jayanta Kr. Sarmah	Representative, Govt. of Assam	Virtual
9)	Sh. Ravindra Singh	Regional Director & Convener, ERC	Physical

2. The following members of ERC could not attend the meeting:

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Mode
1)	Prof. Bikali Caran Das	Member	Absent
2)	Dr. Premlata Maisnam	Member	Absent
3)	Dr. Kaushal Kishore	Member	Absent
4)	Shri M. Harekrishna	Representative, Govt. of Manipur	Absent
5)	Dr. Binodanand Jha	Representative, Govt. of Bihar	Absent
6)	Prof. Vanlalhruii	Representative, Govt. of Mizoram	Absent
7)	Shri Om Prakash Tiwary	Representative, Govt. of Jharkhand	Absent
8)	Sh. Siladitya Basuray	Representative, Govt. of West Bengal	Absent
9)	Shri Joram Muthu	Representative, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh	Absent
10)	Dr. Bashan D.M. Diengdoh	Representative, Govt. of Meghalaya	Absent

With the permission of the chair, Sh. Ravindra Singh, Regional Director, ERC & Convener presented the agenda before the Committee. Item-wise decision on each agenda is as under: -

1.	ERCAPP201646156	Mathuram College of Education, Village- Mathuram, Brahmpur, New Jaganpura, Patna – 800027	B.Ed.& D.El.Ed.
<p>The order of the Hon'ble High Court of Patna, other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Regulations and Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to time, was considered by ERC.</p> <p>In compliance of the Order dated 20.03.2024 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Patna in CWJC No.- 2452/2024, the institution was given a personal hearing through virtual mode and Sh. Prem Ranjan Kumar, Chairman, Mathuram College of Education represented the institution. The RD-ERC requested him to introduce himself before the ERC. Thereafter he introduced himself. He was requested to present before ERC his case</p>			

(Ravindra Singh)
Regional Director & Convener-ERC

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to clarify whether he wants to submit any additional document / representation or seek further time to present their case. Also, he does not want further time. The representative i.e. Sh. Kumar requested ERC to consider his submissions and the facts given in the representation sent to the office of ERC. He also explained the detailed facts of the matter before ERC.

After careful consideration of all the aspects and the submissions made by Sh. Prem Ranjan Kumar, Chairman of the institution before the ERC and his representation, the ERC noted the following:-

- i. The institution had earlier submitted an online application for D.El.Ed and B.Ed course (s) in 2016 vide application No. ERCAPP201646156 (ID No. 10507) and as per the decision of ERC, two SCN were issued to the institution vide dated 06.02.2017 and 05.04.2017 on account of deficiencies of essential documents.
- ii. The institution did not submit the reply to both the Show Cause Notices; hence, the application of the institution was refused by ERC in its 244th meeting.
- iii. The institution has not filed appeal u/s 18 of the NCTE Act, before the Appellate Authority, NCTE-HQrs, New Delhi.
- iv. The institution approached the Hon'ble High Court of Patna and the Hon'ble Court vide order in CWJC No-2452 / 2024 vide its order dated 20.03.2024 has directed the following :-
"the petitioner to file a detail representation along with supporting documents for grant of recognition of B.Ed.,D.El.Ed. Programme of the said college within a period of four weeks and the NCTE is well advised to consider the case of the petitioner after affording opportunity of personal hearing or through his counsel and pass a reasoned and speaking order in accordance with law within eight weeks thereafter. Further, it is made clear in the order that the NCTE shall liable for non-compliance of this within the stipulated period"
- v. The institution vide representation submitted in ERC on 15th April 2024 has submitted the offline application for grant of recognition for B.Ed and D.El.Ed course.
- vi. As per provisions of clause 5 (3) of NCTE Regulations 2014, as amended from time to time, all the applications are to be submitted online electronically on NCTE portal alongwith the processing fee.
- vii. The NCTE has not opened the online portal for B.Ed and D.El.Ed courses.
- viii. The institution has submitted the application without processing fee.
- ix. Keeping in view the NEP 2020, the General Body of NCTE in its 55th meeting has decided to return all the pending applications before RCs at any stage of processing further and not to call for fresh applications for these courses.
- x. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in various Writ Petitions filed by the institutions has upheld the above decision of General Body of NCTE.

Keeping in view the above facts, the ERC has decided that the offline application submitted by the institution for D.El.Ed and B.Ed programmes cannot be processed and the application submitted by the institution be rejected. Rejection order be issued accordingly.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Ravindra Singh)
Regional Director & Convener-ERC

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Chairperson, ERC

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