

Minutes of 02.396th Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the Council held on 1.6.2023 at PCI office, New Delhi.

AGENDA ITEMS

02.396.004: Ratification of action taken dt. 16.5.2023 by Council on institution's request dt. 25.2.2023 for approval of D.Pharm course for 2022-2023 academic session be treated for 2023-2024 academic session conducted at Keshav Madhav Institute Of Pharmacy, Plot No 991/992, Dadri Bypassnh-91, Dhoom Manikpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

(PCI-3825/2022)

4.1 The latest information on record was placed including letter dt.25.2.2023 received from the institution was placed and considered.

4.2 It was decided to ratify the action taken dt.16.5.2023 in conveying the approval for D.Pharm course for the conduct of 1st year for 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions instead of 2022-2023 academic session.

02.396.005: Sub: Ratification of action taken dt. 17.04.2023 regarding issuance of decision letter to Institution for 2023-24, against email dt 31.03.2023 received from Kangleipak Medical and Nursing Institute, 45 CHN-46, Paonam Leirak, Khurai Sajor Leikai, Imphal East, Manipur, IMPHAL EAST, 795010.

(PCI-5259/2021)

5.1 The latest information on record was placed and considered.

5.2 It was decided to ratify the action taken vide letter PCI letter dt.17.4.2023 to institution in conveying the approval of D.Pharm course from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act.

02.396.006: Ratification of action taking on following orders by council -

Order dt.12.05.23 from the Hon'ble President regarding the order dt.9.05.23 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 2890/2023 filed by Ranno Devi Pandit Devnarayan Shukla Shikshan Sansthan Vs State of UP and Others

Order dt.17.5.2023 from the Ld. Standing Counsel, Mobashsh sir Sarwar regarding the order passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in WPC No. 6540 of 2023 filed by AERP Institute of Pharmacy and WPC No. 6593 of 2023 filed by Modish Institute of Pharmacy Vs Pharmacy Council of India & ORS

Order dt.19.05.2023 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in WPC No. 563 of 2023 filed by Parshu Ram Verma Memorial College of Pharmacy Vs Pharmacy Council of India& ORS.

(File No. Existing online applications 2023-24 academic session (All States))

- 6.1 The latest information on record was placed and considered.
- 6.2 It was decided to ratify the action taken by Council office conveying the decision to the following institutions in compliance of above cited orders -

S.No.	Name of Institution with PCI ID	Decision	Conveying the decision on
1.	DR. Ambedkar Pharmacy College, Uttar Pradesh (PCI-6646)	<u>D.Pharm</u> Approval granted for 2022-2023 for conducting D. Pharm course for 60 admissions be treated for 2023-2024 academic session.	18.5.2023
2.	Excellent College Of Pharmacy, Haryana (PCI-6454)	<u>D.Pharm</u> Approval granted for 2022-2023 for conducting D. Pharm course for 60 admissions be treated for 2023-2024 academic session.	14.6.2023
3.	SBS College Of Pharmacy, Uttar Pradesh (PCI-7979)	<u>D.Pharm</u> Approval granted for 2022-2023 for conducting D. Pharm course for 60 admissions be treated for 2023-2024 academic session.	18.5.2023
4.	Modish Institute of Pharmacy Hodal Punhana Road, Hodal Punahana Road, Village-Gheera, Tehhil-Punhana, Mewat, 122508, Haryana (PCI-6462)	<u>D.Pharm</u> Approval granted for 2022-2023 for conducting D. Pharm course for 60 admissions be treated for 2023-2024 academic session.	6.6.2023
5.	AERP Institute of Pharmacy, Sondhad, Hodal Nuh Road, Village-Sondh, Tehsil-Hodal, Palwal, 121106, Haryana (PCI-6510)	<u>D.Pharm</u> Approval granted for 2022-2023 for conducting D. Pharm course for 60 admissions be treated for 2023-2024 academic session.	29.5.2023

6.	Parshu Ram Verma Memorial College of Pharmacy, Uttar Pradesh (PCI-1546)	<u>B.Pharm</u> Approval granted for 2022-2023 for conducting B. Pharm course for 60 admissions be treated for 2023-2024 academic session.	29.5.2023
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02.396.009: Ratification of action taken by PCI in respect of Krishna University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research, Rudravaram Machilipatnam, Krishna, 521004 (Andhra Pradesh) for B.Pharm course.

PCI-5351/2022

- 9.1 The latest information on record was placed and considered.
- 9.2 It was decided to ratify the action taken dt.25.5.2023 in conveying the approval for B.Pharm course for the conduct of 1st year for 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions.

02.396.011: Ratification of action taken by Council office on 23.5.2023 against e.mail dt.19.5.2023 received from Silver Oak University Ahmadabad, Gujarat regarding 100 intake capacity from 2022-2023 academic session in the institution.

F.No.PCI-5486

- 11.1 The latest information on record was placed and considered.
- 11.2 It was decided to ratify the action taken vide PCI letter dt.23.5.2023 in conveying the decision to institution for 2022-2023 academic session for 100 intake for conduct of 1st year for B.Pharm course subject to outcome of LPA filed by PCI against Oral Judgement dt.11.01.2023 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad. in R/Special Civil Application No. 25776/2022 filed by Silver Oak College of Pharmacy, Ahmadabad (Gujarat).

02.396.012: Registrar, Parul University, Ahmadabad, Gujarat regarding 100 intake capacity from 2022-2023 academic session in respect of following constituent colleges of foreign university –

- a) Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PCI- 5356)
- b) Parul Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (PCI-6013)
- c) Parul College of Pharmacy and Research (PCI-6014)

Ratification of action taken by PCI on 26.5.2023 against e.mail dt.24.5.2023 received from Registrar, Parul University stated that the decision letter sent by you via e-mail dated May 20, 2023 regarding fixation of intake of 100 seats for B.Pharm programme offered by Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for academic session 2022-2023 & 2023-2024, a constituent institute of Parul University located at P.O.Limda, Ta: Waghodia, Dist: Vadodara-391760, Gujarat, the name of the institute is mentioned as “ Institute of Pharmaceutical Research” instead of “ Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences” . (Ref: s/15, PCI-5356/2022)

F.No.PCI-5356
F.No.PCI-6013
F.No.PCI-6014

12.1 The latest information on record was placed and considered.

12.2 It was decided to ratify the action taken by PCI issuing the decision in respect of following institutions -

a) Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PCI- 5356)

For 2022-2023 academic session, the admission for 100 intake is approved for conduct of 1st year for B.Pharm course subject to outcome of LPA filed by PCI against Oral Judgement dt. 11.01.2023 passed by Hon’ble High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad in R/Special Civil Application No. 25780/2022 filed by institute of pharmaceutical Research Parul University Vadodara (Gujarat).

b) Parul Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (PCI-6013)

For 2022-2023 academic session, the admission for 100 intake is approved for conduct of 1st year for B.Pharm course subject to outcome of LPA filed by PCI against Oral Judgement dt. 11.01.2023 passed by Hon’ble High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad. in R/Special Civil Application No. 25782/2022 filed by Parul Institute Of Pharmaceutical Education And Research, Vadodara (Gujarat).

c) Parul College of Pharmacy and Research (PCI-6014)

For 2022-2023 academic session, the admission for 100 intake is approved for conduct of 1st year for B.Pharm course subject to outcome of LPA filed by PCI against Oral Judgement dt. 11.01.2023 passed by Hon’ble High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad. in R/Special Civil Application No. 25778/2022 filled by Parul College of Pharmacy and Research Ahmadabad (Gujarat).

02.396.015: Consideration of e.mail dt.26.5.2023 (7.27 pm) received from Council's advocate Shri Mobashshir Sarwar regarding opportunity of being heard to the petitioner before taking EC decision finally rejecting the application of the petitioner in appeal inspection in r/o Vighnaharta Institute of Pharmacy Vs. Pharmacy Council of India W.P.(C) 7429/2023.

PCI-5862/2022

15.1 The latest information on record was placed and considered.

15.2 It was noted that -

- a) 395 EC (11.5.2023) has rejected the application for D.Pharm course and institution has moved the Hon'ble Court.
- b) Council received the order dt. 26.5.2023 in r/o Vighnaharta Institute of Pharmacy Vs. Pharmacy Council of India W.P.(C) 7429/2023. The para 7 of the order is quoted below -

7. The petition is disposed of with the following directions:-

- (i) The impugned decision dated 11.05.2023 is set aside.
- (ii) The petitioner-institution shall submit the necessary explanation on the basis of deficiencies noted therein within seven days alongwith necessary documents.
- (iii) The respondent-PCI shall consider the case of the petitioner institution afresh in accordance with applicable regulations, expeditiously, in any case before 30.06.2023.

15.3 In view of above, it was decided to review the decision of 395 EC (11.5.2023).

15.4 It was also decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.

02.396.017: Consideration of E-mail dt. 26.5.2023 received from Rudrapur College of Management And Technology Vill BhagwanpurPo Danr, Kashipur Road, Bhagwanpur, Udam Singh Nagar, 263153 (Uttarakhand).

02.396.018

- i) Consideration of order dt. 26.5.2023 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P (C) No. 2179/2023 and CM Appeal No. 8291/2023 filled by **Rudrapur College of Management & Technology & ANR Vs PCI**.
- ii) Ratification of action taken by PCI regarding engagement of Smt. Aishwarya Bhati for appearing as a senior advocate before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the matter titled Rudrapur College Of Management And Technology & Anr. Vs. Pharmacy Council of India [W.P.(C) 2179 / 2023].

PCI-3457/2019-PCI

Issue-(i)

- 17.1 The latest information on record including order dated 26.05.2023 and 30.05.2023 passed by The Hon'ble High court of Delhi in WPC (C) 2179/2023 and CM APPEAL 8291/2023 filed by Rudrapur College of Management And Technology was placed and considered.
- 17.2 PCI forwarded the deficiencies through speaking order to the institution on 08.05.2023 and thereafter on 15.05.2023. Institution submitted its compliance. PCI on 31.5.2023 conducted its online inspection on the compliance submitted by institution.
- 17.3 The findings of the online inspection report (31.05.2023) was directly placed before EC and it was decided to grant approval for 2023-2024 academic session for conduct of 1st year for 60 intake for B.Pharm Course.

Issue-(ii)

- 17.4 It was decided to ratify the action taken by PCI regarding engagement of Smt. Aishwarya Bhati for appearing as a senior advocate before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the matter titled Rudrapur College Of Management And Technology & Anr. Vs. Pharmacy Council of India [W.P.(C) 2179 / 2023].
- 17.5 It was also decided to release the payment to Smt. Aishwarya Bhati.
- 17.6 It was also decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.

02.396.018: Consideration of order dt.26.5.2023 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) 2179/2023 and CM APPL. 8291/2023 filed by Rudrapur College of Management and Technology & Anr. Vs. PCI regarding functioning of the PCI.

F.No-3457/2019-PCI

18. Clubbed with Item No.17

02.396.024: Consideration of inspection reports conducted in contempt court cases covered in order dt. 22.02.2023 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Single Bench in W.P.(C) 2305/2023 filed by Shri Sawai College of Pharmacy Vs. PCI & Anr.
Consideration of inspection reports conducted covered under in orders dt. 02.03.2023 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) 2662 /2023 filed by Gyanonkar Pharmacy College Vs. PCI & Anr.

PCI-3547/2019
PCI-5362/2022

Regarding - Shri Sawai College of Pharmacy

- 24.1 The latest information on record including order dt.22.2.2023 and inspection report dt.13.5.2023 in respect of Shri Sawai College of Pharmacy was placed and considered.
- 24.2 In view of the above, it was decided to grant approval for 2023-2024 academic session for the conduct of 1st year for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.

Regarding - Gyanonkar Pharmacy College

- 24.3 The latest information on record including order dt.2.3.2023 and inspection report dt.11.5.2023 in respect of Gyanonkar Pharmacy College was placed and considered.
- 24.4 In view of the above, it was decided to grant approval for 2023-2024 academic session for the conduct of 1st year for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.
- 24.5 It was also decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.

Any other Item which was taken up by the EC with the approval of the chair

02.396.025: Consideration of approval of introduction of new Pharm.D (PB) course during 2023-2024 academic session in already approved Pharm.D course.

(File No. 100-100/ Online Inspection/2023 (DIPSAR/LMCOP))

- 25.1 It was directly taken up.
- 25.2 It was noted that 391st (5.3.2023) EC under Item No.4, decided as under:-
Regarding introduction of new course and raise in admission in the existing institutions
- i) To extend the approval of existing course as approved by PCI as per approved intake in 2022-2023.
 - ii) Regarding introduction of new course and raise in admission, inspection will be conducted if statutory documents are complete. Wherever statutory documents are not complete, seven days time be given to institutions to submit the same failing which application for introduction of new course and raise in admission be rejected and report in respective EC.
- 25.3 Regarding introduction of new Pharm.D (PB) course.
Matter discussed during meeting and it was noted that institutions which are approved for Pharm.D course are also applied for introduction of new Pharm.D (PB) course during 2023-2024 academic session.

- 25.4 In view of above, it was decided to grant approval for conduct of IVth year Pharm.D (PB) for 10 admissions applied during 2023-2024 academic session in the existing institutions followed by inspection during the year.
- 25.5 It was also decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.

02.396.026: Consideration of 209 Institutions covered under Supreme Court order dated 21.10.2022 for 2023-2024 academic sessions.

14-56/2022 (Approval process for 2023-2024 a.s.)

- 26.1 It was directly taken up.
- 26.2 It was noted that 391st EC under item No. 6 decided as under -
- a) PCI has considered 209 institutions covered under Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dt.21.10.2022 in W.P. No.888/2022 filed by N.K. College of Pharmacy Vs. others.
 - b) 209 institutions are those institutions which were applied in the year 2020-2021 based on interim judgement passed by various High Courts across the India. However, PCI had imposed moratorium from 2020-2021 for opening of new D.Pharm and B.Pharm institutions in those states wherever number of pharmacy institutions were more than 50.
 - c) Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgment dt.31.5.2022 has quashed the moratorium and directed the PCI to consider all the new institutions covered under the above judgement.
 - d) out of 209 institutions, most of the institutions not applied online during 2022-2023 academic session. Hence online decisions could not be conveyed to those institutions.
 - e) these institutions are moving to the courts stating that they are existing institutions of PCI but unable to apply on PCI portal.
 - f) The PCI has already requested number of times to Mr.Rajsekhar to open the portal for 209 institutions which was not yet opened.
 - g) these are existing institutions and they have to apply in 2023-2024 academic session for extension of approval.
 - h) the PCI portal for existing institutions was opened from 3.2.2023 to 20.2.2023 and further extended till 27.2.2023. (These 209 institutions were unable to apply when portal was opened).

In view of above, the EC decided to -

- a) open the portal for five working days for 209 institutions (existing instts) to avoid any contempt in the court
- b) write to institutions that it is the last opportunity and no further chance will be given.

26.3 It was further noted that after approval from competent authority, Google link was issued to 209 institutions which were unable to apply in the portal. In response, the PCI has received 94 applications.

26.4 In view of above, it was decided to grant approval for 2023-2024 academic session followed by inspection during the year. The decisions are enclosed as **Annexure-2**.

26.5 It was further decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.

02.396.027: Consideration of existing institutions which did not apply during 2022-2023 academic session but applied during 2023-2024 academic session.

(14-56/2022-PCI (Approval Process for 2023-24 a.s.))

27.1 It was directly taken up.

27.2 The EC noted that –

- a) some institutions which are approved for 2021-2022 or prior to that did not apply in 2022-2023 and hence not approved for 2022-2023 academic session.
- b) These institutions are applied during 2023-2024 academic session.

27.3 In view of it, it was decided to give approval to such institutions for 2023-2024 academic session after thorough verification from the record with regard to applicable statutory documents (reg. Raise in admission and introduction of new course) and also sought the pending PERC. The decisions of such institutions are enclosed as **Annexure-3**.

27.4 It was further decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.

02.396.028: Consideration of representations received from various institutions regarding delaying in submission of statutory documents i.e. Consent of Affiliation of Examining Authority & NOC of State Government etc.

Online application for 2023-24 ac. (DS/AS/2023)

28.1 It was directly taken up.

- 28.2 Regarding approval process for new institutions applied in 2022-2023 academic session, 390 EC (17.2.2023) noted as under -
- 384 EC (5th December, 2022) under Item No.8 decided that institutions which have not submitted the statutory documents, Council will communicate the deficiencies to institutions for rectification giving 7 days time before rejecting the application.
 - Accordingly, the PCI has scrutinized the application and given 7 days time to the institution. Institutions which have failed to submit compliance within prescribed time period the same has been rejected.
 - some institutions had declined the inspection.

In view of above, it was decided to ratify the action taken by office in rejecting the applications.

- 28.3 After 7 days, PCI is receiving representation from the institutions that they have now submitted the statutory documents. In view of it, it was decided to arrange inspection wherever the documents are complete even after 7 days.
- 28.4 It was further decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.

02.396.029 : Consideration of extension of approval in respect of institutions which were issued Notice u/s 13 during 2022-2023 academic session.

PCI-2774	PCI-4074	PCI-3480	PCI-3696
PCI-2947	PCI-3897	PCI-4432	PCI-3787
PCI-2832	PCI-131	PCI-3885	

- 29.1 It was directly taken up.
- 29.2 It was noted that -
- PCI has issued Notice u/s 13 to 21 institutions due to non-compliance of statutory provisions under regulations of PCI and PCI given 3 months time to institutions to submit representation through State Government. Out of 21 institutions, only 4 institutions have submitted representation through State Government which was considered by PCI.
 - The two institutions of Jharkhand State moved to Hon'ble Delhi High Court.
 - PCI has received order dt.24.12.2022 of Hon'ble Delhi High Court filed by R S ROY College of Pharmacy (W.P.(C) 10494/2022) and Jeeramani Jagdeesh Institute of Pharmacy (W.P.(C) 10326/2022). The same was placed in 387th EC (26th & 27th December, 2022) under Item No.18 and 19 which decided to honour the judgement and extension has been given.
- 29.3 On similar grounds, PCI is receiving representations from various institutions citing the above judgement and requested for extension of approval for 2023-2024 academic session. In view of it, it was decided to grant approval to such institutions where representations have been received as under –

S. No.	College Name with PCI-ID	Examining Authority	Decision
1.	Tila Institute of Pharmaceutical Science / (JH) PCI-2774 D Pharm	D Pharm Diploma in Pharmacy Examining Committee Deptt of Health Medical Education and Family Welfare Govt of Jharkhand Ranchi	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.
2.	Banshidhar College of Pharmacy Ward 6, Rehla Kalan, Rehla, Palamu (JH) PCI-3897 D.Pharm	D Pharm Diploma in Pharmacy Examining Committee Deptt of Health Medical Education and Family Welfare Govt of Jharkhand Ranchi	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.
3.	Bright School of Pharmacy 9 & 9, Bijulia, Bokaro (JH) PCI-3787 D.Pharm	Diploma in Pharmacy Examining Committee Deptt of Health Medical Education and Family Welfare Govt of Jharkhand Ranchi	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.
4.	Tupudana Institute Of Medical Sciences, Patel Nagar Khunti Road Post Hesag Hatia, Ranchi(Jharkhand) PCI-2947 D.Pharm	D Pharm Diploma in Pharmacy Examining Committee Deptt of Health Medical Education and Family Welfare Govt of Jharkhand Ranchi	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.

S. No.	College Name with PCI-ID	Examining Authority	Decision
5.	R.P College of Pharmacy, ward no 6, Main Road Tandwa, Govenment Middle School, Garhwa. (JH) PCI-3696 D.Pharm	D Pharm Diploma in Pharmacy Examining Committee Deptt of Health Medical Education and Family Welfare Govt of Jharkhand Ranchi	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.
6.	Heritage Pharmacy College, 01, Chiniya Road, Government School Garhwa (JH) PCI-3480 D.Pharm	D. Pharm Diploma in Pharmacy Examining Committee Deptt of Health Medical Education and Family Welfare Govt of Jharkhand Ranchi	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.
7.	Arogyam Pharmacy College Kutchry Road Gram Jhalua Po Kalyanpur Dist Garhwa 822114 (JH) PCI-131 D Pharm B Pharm	D Pharm Diploma in Pharmacy Examining Committee Deptt of Health Medical Education and Family Welfare Govt of Jharkhand Ranchi B Pharm Nilamber Pitamber University Medininagar Jharkhand	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course. <u>B Pharm</u> Granted approval from 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions u/s 12 for B.Pharm course
8.	School of Pharmacy under YBN University Rajaulatu, Ranchi (JH) PCI-4074 B.Pharm D.Pharm	B.Pharm D.Pharm The Controller of Examinations Y B N University Rajaulatu Namkum Ranchi	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course. <u>B Pharm</u> Granted approval from 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions u/s 12 for B.Pharm course

S. No.	College Name with PCI-ID	Examining Authority	Decision
9.	Kalawati College Of Pharmacy 17, Main Road Kamre, Kamre Ashram Kamre Ashram Chowk, Ranchi PCI-2832 D. Pharm	D Pharm Diploma in Pharmacy Examining Committee Deptt of Health Medical Education and Family Welfare Govt of Jharkhand Ranchi	<u>D.Pharm</u> Extend approval upto 2023-2024 academic session for 60 admissions for D.Pharm course.

29.4 It was further decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.

02.396.031 : Consideration of Guru Binda College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ashok Nagar, Nawada, Distt. Nawada, Bihar – 805 111.

PCI-4710

31.1 It was directly taken up.

31.2 It was noted that institution is running D.Pharm from 2020-2021 and applied for introduction of new B.Pharm course from 2023-2024 academic session.

31.3 Regarding D.Pharm course, it was noted that as per Item No.4 of 391 EC (5.3.2023), EC has already extended approval for D.Pharm course for 2023-2024 academic session for 60 intake.

31.4 Regarding B.Pharm course, institution has applied for introduction of new B.Pharm course from 2023-2024 academic session. Institution has submitted letter dt.27.2.2023 of Magadh University which states that University will be granted consent of affiliation of Examining Authority if PCI gives approval to institution. PCI vide letter dt.31.5.2023 has given 7 days of time to the institution for submission of consent of affiliation of Examining Authority and NOC of the State Government.

31.5 On receipt of compliance, the matter be placed before Executive Committee.

31.6 It was further decided to take action in anticipation of comments from the EC members on the EC minutes.