



## **Proposal for Establishment of the Centre for Odia Studies**

**University of Delhi**

### Brief Introductory Note

**University of Delhi**, a Central University established by an Act of Parliament in 1922 has traversed more than a Century of its existence and has been conferred the status of 'Institution of Eminence' on March, 2020 by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for excellence in teaching learning, cutting edge research, innovation and social outreach.

The University comprises of 16 Faculties, 86 Departments, 90 Colleges comprising of 68 Constituent Colleges and 22 Affiliated Colleges, 32 Centres & Institutions, 20 Hostels and 34 Libraries under the Delhi University Library System with more than 6.2 lakhs students which includes students pursuing regular studies, students belonging to the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board and students pursuing distance education through the School of Open Learning.

The National and the International standing of the University is an indicator of the success of the University globally as an acclaimed institute of higher education which produces graduates in every sphere of knowledge, who have contributed significantly to the Nation building from the time of establishment of the University including participation in the historic freedom movement in the pre independence era.

The University has made its mark in various academic rankings, both at the National and International level. Notably, National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has ranked the University of Delhi at 5th among the Universities category. At the International level, QS Sustainability ranking 2024 has placed the University of Delhi at No.01 position in India. QS World University ranking has ranked the University among the Central University Category at No. 01 for consecutive four years starting from 2023.

These National and International University rankings are an indicator of the rich legacy of quality teaching-learning, cutting edge research and remarkable social outreach of the University being practiced for over a Century of its existence.

National Education Policy, 2020 envisages innovation, skill orientation and increase in the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) among other noble objectives which will go a long way in educating the youth of our Nation, in the process take the demographic advantage in a global scale, in terms of availability of skilled manpower, which is only possible through expansion of existing academic infrastructure at the level of higher education.

On this backdrop, the University of Delhi proposes to establish a new Centre for Odia Studies under Ordinance XX of the Ordinances of the University.

The new Centre is expected to expand the horizons of deliberations on the Odia language, literature, culture, civilization and ethos both in posterity and also in contemporary perspective for a better understanding in this knowledge domain. This academic endeavour is expected to help in furtherance of this knowledge domain in future.

The Centre for Odia Studies shall be a constituent of the Faculty of Arts in order to facilitate the curriculum design and implementation of the academic programmes as well as enrolment of the students for the Doctoral Studies.

**Objectives of establishment of a new Centre for Odia Studies:**

**The major objectives of the proposed Centre include the following:**

- 1. To impart quality education at the Postgraduate Level as well as encourage quality research both at the level of Doctoral (Ph.D) and Postdoctoral Research in Odia Studies.**
  
- 2. To offer Certificate, Diploma as well as Postgraduate Programmes and offer Generic Elective in Odia Studies in the Undergraduate level through Undergraduate Curriculum Framework 2022 to popularise the rich Odia language, literature and culture in true perspective.**
  
- 3. To create a dedicated rich repository of ancient and contemporary reference materials to enhance knowledge of the Odia way of life, traditions and worldview.**
  
- 4. To trace the evolution of Odia language, literature, art, architecture, dance, traditions, philosophical practices, reformist movements, folklore, oral traditions in the historical perspective.**
  
- 5. To study the rich Tribal Culture of Odisha in the historical and contemporary perspective and identify linkages with the traditional Odia culture.**
  
- 6. To publish literature, preferably a journal dedicated to the expansion and popularization of Odia as a language among the youth.**
  
- 7. To academically co-ordinate with organizations with similar objectives to further reinforce the existing repository of knowledge and encourage quality research.**

8. To Internationalise Odia Studies through adequate linkages in the form of MoUs with various International Bodies, especially those situated in South East Asia for development of an International perspective on Odia Studies.
9. To create and publish rich repository of research materials including archival contents and publish a journal dedicated to air the outcome of the research endeavours of the Centre.
10. To encourage translation of historically significant texts from other languages to Odia Language and vice versa to expand the academic horizon of the Centre.
11. In order to encourage multidisciplinary studies in line with the principles of NEP 2020, the Centre will encourage diverse knowledge domains to converge for a multi-dimensional approach.

### **Governing Structure:**

**The governance of the Centre for Odia Studies shall be carried out through the following Bodies which shall function under the overall control of the Executive Council of the University.**

- (i) **Governing Body**
- (ii) **Research Committee**

**Details will form part of the Ordinance XX of the Ordinances of the University.**

**Governing Body:** There shall be a Governing Body which shall function under the overall control of the Executive Council of the University, and in accordance with the Act, Statutes and Ordinances of the University.

### **Composition:**

- (i) **Vice-Chancellor or his Nominee – Chairperson**
- (ii) **Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ex-officio member)**
- (iii) **Dean of Colleges (Ex-officio member)**
- (iv) **Dean, Faculty of Arts (Ex-officio member)**
- (v) **Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (Ex-officio member)**
- (vi) **Two External Expert members to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor**
- (vii) **Three distinguished academicians from the University and its Centres to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor**
- (viii) **The Director of the Centre - Member Secretary**

**NOTE:**

- i) Except for the ex-officio members, all other members of the Governing Body shall have a term of three years.
- ii) The Governing Body shall meet at least twice in one academic year. The quorum in such meetings shall be half of the total approved strength of the Governing Body.

**Powers of the Governing Body:** The Governing Body shall exercise the following powers:

- (i) Provide overall supervision and guidance to the Centre.
- (ii) Make all the appointments of the Centre except those to be done by the University.
- (iii) Consider academic proposals, programmes and courses leading to certificates, diplomas and degrees.
- (iv) Consider proposals of staff requirements and approve them.
- (v) Consider major requirements related to infrastructure of the Centre.
- (vi) Consider and approve Annual Report of the Centre.
- (vii) Consider budgetary and additional financial requirement and forward them to the University for approval.
- (viii) Consider and approve annual financial statement of the Centre.
- (ix) Consider and approve the recommendations of the Research Committee for major and long-term collaborations with other institutions and/or bodies to facilitate the objectives of the Centre.

**Research Committee:** There shall be a Research Committee, functioning under the overall control of the Governing Body of the Centre, to guide research and other academic activities of the Centre.

**Composition:**

- i) Director of the Centre - Chairperson
- ii) Three distinguished academicians who shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from among the teachers of the University and its Centres.
- iii) Three members who are experts in the field to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- iv) Three representatives from among the Faculties/Fellows associated with the Centre to be decided by the Research Committee.
- v) Joint Director –Secretary

**NOTE:**

- i) Except for the ex-officio members, all other members of the Research Committee shall have a term of three years.
- ii) The Research Committee should meet as and when required, but not less than twice in one academic year. The quorum in such meetings should be half of the total approved strength of the Research Committee.

**Functions of the Research Committee:** Subject to the overall control of the Governing Body of the Centre, the Research Committee shall exercise the following functions:

- i) Periodically monitor and assess various academic and research activities in operation and consider fresh proposals.
- ii) Consider proposals for starting new academic and research programmes and courses, for approval of the Governing Body of the Centre.
- iii) Formulate guidelines for further consideration of the Governing Body regarding involving faculty members and students of the University and its Centres for association with the Centre in various capacities like Fellows, Interns, Associates, Visiting Faculty etc.
- iv) Evaluate the performance of Fellows/Interns and other academic members/faculties and research scholars associated with the Centre.
- v) Consider and approve proposals for holding major seminars and conferences.
- vi) Formulate major guidelines for further consideration of the Governing Body regarding creation of repositories and such other significant research and academic activities of the Centre.
- vii) Consider proposals from Faculties, Departments, Centres and other Centres of the University, as well as from reputed academic/research/strategic institutions from outside, for collaboration or starting sub-units. It may also consider

reaching out to such Faculties, Departments, Centres and other Centres of the University and outside institutions for furthering the objectives of the Centre. Proposals with major financial implications, or those with the outside institutions, shall be forwarded to the Governing Body for its approval.

- viii) It shall exercise such other functions which the Vice-Chancellor or the Governing Body of the Centre may decide from time to time.

#### Office bearers

##### Director

- i) There shall be a Director of the Centre to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the Professor and Associate Professor of this Centre for a term of three years or till he/she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier, by rotation. He/she shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years.
- ii) He/she shall be responsible for efficient management and supervision of the Centre including diligent handling of its finances, in accordance with the Act, Statutes, Ordinances, rules and regulations of the University.
- iii) The Director shall coordinate various academic and research activities of the Centre.
- iv) The Director shall act as ex-officio Member Secretary of the Governing Body, and ex-officio Chairman of the Research Committee.

### **Joint Director**

- i) There shall be a Joint Director of the Centre to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the Associate Professor and Assistant Professors of this Centre for a term of three years, or till he/she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier, by rotation. He/she be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years.
- ii) He/she would generally assist the Director in all his academic and administrative responsibilities, and in the absence of the Director perform all such functions and discharge all such responsibilities which are vested with the Director under this Ordinance.
- iii) The Joint Director shall act as ex-officio Secretary of the Research Committee.

### **Faculty**

- i) Provision for Chair Professor: The University has established Bhima Bhoi Chair in the year 2022. The Bhima Bhoi Chair will form integral part of the Centre for Odia Studies. The Chair Professor is expected to academically enrich the Centre through encouragement of advanced studies and research in the realm of Odia Studies.

- ii) **Visiting Professor:** A Scholar with proven academic credentials and relevant work in the field will be associated with the Centre as a Visiting Professor on the recommendation of the Research Committee and with the approval of the Governing Body or the Vice-Chancellor. The terms and conditions of such association can be decided by the Research Committee generally and in individual cases with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.
- iii) **Fellows and Associates:** Full time faculty members of the University and its Centres with relevant experience and research interest may be appointed as Fellows for a period of three years. Research Scholars of the University can be appointed as Associates on similar terms and conditions. This engagement would run concurrently with the Fellow's existing responsibilities in the University or its Centres. Appointment of Fellows and other terms and conditions necessary for the smooth operation of Fellowship may be decided by the Research Committee with the approval of Governing Body or the Vice-Chancellor.
- iv) **Post-Doctoral Fellows:** There will be two positions of Post-doctoral Fellows in the Centre who will carry out research in line with the stated objectives of the Centre.

### **Conduct of Teaching-Learning and Research**

- i) The University would require following sanctioned posts of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor for sustained teaching-learning and research in the Centre in the ratio of 1:2:4.
- ii) Further, subject to the availability of financial resources, the Governing Body with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Research Committee, appoint scholars from outside the University system for a fixed tenure and on such terms and conditions as may be decided in specific cases.
- iii) Faculty members of the departments and Centres of the University, with proven credentials in the field, may be invited to be associated with the Centre in various capacities as per the prevailing norms of the University. In such cases, their workload at the Centre shall count towards their overall workload in the parent department/Centre.
- iv) Fellows/ Visiting Fellows of the Centre may also be engaged in teaching. In such cases, their direct teaching hours shall count towards their overall workload in the parent department/Centre.

v) Fellows/ Visiting Fellows, Associates, Research Scholars and others, associated with the Centre shall also assist in various works connected with smooth conduct of the academic and research programmes of the Centre.

**Sanctioned strength of students**

The Centre will decide Enrolment/ Registration of students for various Programmes/ Courses which the Centre may run from time to time depending upon operational feasibility. However, initially a capacity of enrolment of 60 students will be made with the teacher student ratio of 1:15 for which 04 regular faculty members will be required.

**Participating Departments**

Following Departments from the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Social Sciences shall be the participating departments in the teaching-learning and research activities of the Centre for Odia Studies.

- All Departments under the Faculty of Arts
- Following departments under the Faculty of Science
  - Department of Anthropology
- Following Departments under the Faculty of Social Sciences:
  - Department of History
  - Department of Sociology
  - Department of Political Science
  - Department of Social Work

**Note: Other Faculties may also be co-opted by the Centre for teaching-learning and research in relevant areas of knowledge pertaining to the respective departments under various faculties of the University.**

**Finance:**

- i) All expenditures of the Centre such as those on the conduct of seminars, research projects, teaching, publications, administration, equipment and other support activities shall be made in accordance with the allocation and in accordance with GFR and other rules and regulations as applicable from time to time.
- ii) Additional financial support can be sought from various government agencies, or through collaborations with national and international agencies as per the requirements from time to time.

**General Conditions:**

- i) Subject to the provisions of the Act and Statutes, the issues not covered in this Ordinance, or in the event of requirement of interpretation, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.
- ii) No administrative and/or financial responsibility in the Centre shall be given to any one beyond the age of 65 years.

**Requirement of Teaching and Non-teaching Manpower for the Centre for Odia Studies**

**Table 1: Proposed Postgraduate academic programme for the Centre for Odia Studies**

Name of the Programme	Duration of the Programme	Mode of Teaching-Learning	Total number of Students' Intake Each Year	Number of Years of the Programme	Total Number of Student for the Entire programme
MA in Odia	02 years	Semester Mode	30	02	60

**NOTE:** Initially the Postgraduate Programme will be for a duration of two years. Further modalities with respect to one year Postgraduate Programme in line with the four year Undergraduate Programme as per NEP 2020 will be decided later on depending upon operational requirement.

**Table 2: Parameters of Calculation of Teaching Positions for the Postgraduate Programme in Odia under the Centre for Odia Studies**

Parameter	Calculation
Teacher Student Ratio	1:15
Requirement of new Teaching Positions as per ratio	$60/15 = 04$

**Table 03: Requirement of New Teaching Positions for the Postgraduate Programme in Odia under the Centre for Odia Studies**

Professor	01
Associate Professor	01
Assistant Professor	02

**Table 04: Parameters of Calculation for the Requirement of New Non-Teaching Positions for the Proposed Programme under the Centre for Odia Studies**

Parameters	Calculation
Ratio of teaching and non-teaching positions	1 : 1.1
Total number of non-teaching positions	$4 \times 1.1 = 4.4$ (rounded to 5)

**Table 05: Composition of the Library Staff Required for the Centre for Odia Studies**

Designation	Total
Library Assistant	01
Library Attendant	01
<b>Total</b>	<b>02</b>

**Table 06: Composition of the Officers and Non-Teaching Staff for Centre for Odia Studies**

Designation	Total
Assistant Registrar	01
Senior Assistant	01
Junior Assistant	01
<b>Total</b>	<b>03</b>

**Table 07: Provision of Post-doctoral Fellows for Centre for Odia Studies**

Designation	Total
Post-doctoral Fellows	02
<b>Total</b>	<b>02</b>

**Table 08: Provision of Visiting Professor for Centre for Odia Studies**

Designation	Total
Visiting Professor	01
<b>Total</b>	<b>01</b>

**Note:**

- Recruitment, Promotion, Pay Structure and Service Conditions of both the teaching and non-teaching staff would be regulated by the relevant provisions of the UGC Regulations 2018, 7th CPC recommendations and respective terms and conditions of other applicable rules from time to time.
- Recruitments would be carried out strictly as per the reservation policy of the Government of India as applicable from time to time.
- Payment of fellowship/ remuneration for the Visiting Professor and Post-doctoral Fellows will be done as per extant rules as applicable from time to time.

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**Estimated Budget for the proposed Centre for Odia Studies as a Centre  
under Ordinance XX of the Ordinances of the University of Delhi**

The Committee comprehensively looked into various operational and functional aspects of running the Centre keeping in mind the objectives delineated for the Centre. In course of deliberations, following issues emerged on which the Committee deliberated and extended appropriate recommendations for consideration of the Competent Authority.

1. The issue of initiation and subsequent expansion of research facilities within the ambit of the Centre for Odia Studies was discussed within the framework of the objective of the Centre which encompasses a wide variety of research domains on which there is substantial scope of deep research and innovation.
2. In order to promote quality research for furtherance of this knowledge domain, the Committee recommended that Rs.5.00 crores per year may be allocated for Research Grant to be given to the interested eligible Research Scholars and Faculty Members who are inclined to carry out such research work. The detailed criteria of disbursement of grant will be worked out in the subsequent meetings of the Committee in the form of Major Research Grant and Minor Research Grant.
3. Further, the issue of grant for innovation and start-ups was also discussed in the meeting for providing grant to the interested and eligible Research Scholars and Faculty Members and it emerged that an allocation of Rs.1.00 crore may be made for this purpose on a yearly basis. The modalities of disbursement of grant shall be developed by a Committee in due course.

4. In order to facilitate National and International Travel by the Scholars and Faculty Members for showcasing their research endeavour in the form of publications, it would be essential that there is a provision for Travel Grant. The Committee recommended that yearly Rs.1.00 crore may be allocated for this purpose.
5. To encourage research in Odia Studies, the Committee recommended that it would be appropriate to institute scholarships for 10 Ph.D students. The expenditure on this account alongwith admissible remuneration to the Visiting Professors, Fellows, Associates and Post-doctoral fellows, maintenance, essential and support services including security and sanitation services through outsourcing will also be met out of the recurring expenditure of the Centre.
6. As far as recurring expenditure for running the Centre is concerned, there will be requirement of grant for meeting recurring expenditure including salary component for the teaching and non-teaching staff. A tentative amount of Rs.4.00 crores may be required for this purpose which includes the salary components of Rs.2.00 crores and Recurring expenditure for day to day academic (provision for 10 Ph.D. Scholarships in Odia Studies, payment to the Visiting, Fellows & Associates and similar such expenditures) administrative and other maintenance activities of the Centre to the tune of Rs.2.00 crores.

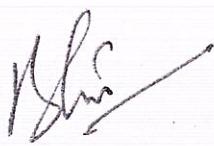
7. Therefore, tentative total recurring expenditure in future turns out to be Rs.11.00 crores as per details mentioned below:

**Proposed Tentative Annual Recurring Expenditure**

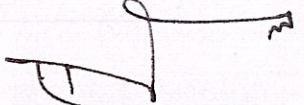
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Head of Expenses</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. in Crores)</b>
1	Salary of the Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff	2.00
2	Recurring expenditure for day to day academic (provision for 10 Ph.D. Scholarships in Odia Studies, payment to the Visiting, Fellows & Associates and similar such expenditures) administrative and other maintenance activities of the Centre	2.00
3.	Research Grant for Major and Minor Research Project	5.00
4.	Innovation Grant	1.00
5.	Travel Grant (Both National and International)	1.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11.00</b>

8. It was followed by discussion on the essential infrastructural aspects for establishment of Centre for Odia Studies in terms of building infrastructure.

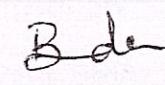
9. In course of deliberations, it emerged that in order to give perpetuity of functioning of this Centre, it would be essential that a building or a designated area of a building is constructed.
10. Therefore, the Committee after due deliberations recommended that tentatively an amount of Rs. 25.00 crores may be allocated for the development of state of the art building infrastructure for the Centre for Odia Studies alongwith furnitures and fixtures. Till the time the building infrastructure is developed, the University may allot adequate space for smooth functioning of the Centre alongwith its academic programmes.
11. The Committee is of the view that the Centre would also require one time grant for non-recurring capital expenditure in the form of development of library infrastructure, ICT infrastructure and other attendant facilities commensurate with the academic activities of the Centre. A tentative amount of Rs.3.00 crores may be required for this purpose.
12. Therefore, the total tentative expenditure including recurring and non-recurring would be Rs.39.00 crores comprising of Rs.25.00 crores tentatively for the building infrastructure, Rs.3.00 crores tentative for the establishment of library, ICT and other items necessary for initiation and continuance of academic programmes in the Centre and Rs.11.00 crores tentative annual recurring expenditure towards salary, scholarships, fellowships, Research Grant, Innovation Grant and other maintenance activities of the Centre.



**Dean of Colleges**  
**(Chairperson)**



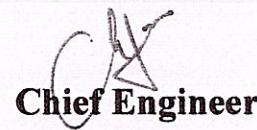
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Patel**



**Principal,  
Miranda  
House**



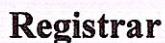
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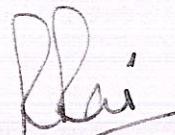
**Chief Engineer**



**Joint  
(Academic)**



**Registrar**



**Joint Registrar (Estab.T)**



**Assistant Registrar  
(Academic)**

## Minutes

A meeting of the Committee constituted by the Competent Authority to prepare a proposal for establishment of the Centre for Odia Studies under Ordinance XX of the Ordinances of the University vide notification no. Estab(T)/V/001/2025/512 dated 03.09.2025, was held on 10.12.2025 at 3.00 PM to deliberate upon some important infrastructural aspects of the Centre where following were present:

1. Dean of Colleges – Chairperson
2. Prof. Ramnarayan Patel, Department of Hindi
3. Principal, Miranda House
4. Dr. Nityanand Agasti, Department of Chemistry
5. Joint Registrar (Academic)
6. Joint Registrar (Establishment–Teaching)
7. Chief Engineer – Special Invitee
8. Assistant Registrar (Academic) – Member Secretary

Principal, Shyam Lal College (Morning) could not attend the meeting because of other preoccupations.

Section Officer (Academic-I) assisted the committee in its deliberations.

At the outset, Chairperson welcomed the members of the Committee.

After that the Committee comprehensively looked into various operational and functional aspects of running the Centre keeping in mind the objectives delineated for the Centre. In course of deliberations, following issues emerged on which the Committee deliberated and extended appropriate recommendations for consideration of the Competent Authority.

1. The issue of initiation and subsequent expansion of research facilities within the ambit of the Centre for Odia Studies was discussed within the framework of the objective of the Centre which encompasses a wide variety of research domains on which there is substantial scope of deep research and innovation.

2. In order to promote quality research for furtherance of this knowledge domain, the Committee recommended that Rs.5.00 crores per year may be allocated for Research Grant to be given to the interested eligible Research Scholars and Faculty Members who are inclined to carry out such research work. The detailed criteria of disbursement of grant will be worked out in the subsequent meetings of the Committee in the form of Major Research Grant and Minor Research Grant.
3. Further, the issue of grant for innovation and start-ups was also discussed in the meeting for providing grant to the interested and eligible Research Scholars and Faculty Members and it emerged that an allocation of Rs.1.00 crore may be made for this purpose on a yearly basis. The modalities of disbursement of grant shall be developed by a Committee in due course.
4. In order to facilitate National and International Travel by the Scholars and Faculty Members for showcasing their research endeavour in the form of publications, it would be essential that there is a provision for Travel Grant. The Committee recommended that yearly Rs.1.00 crore may be allocated for this purpose.
5. The Committee also recommended that there should be a position of Assistant Registrar exclusively for the Centre to administratively oversee the functioning of the Centre. The proposed DPR has been amended accordingly.
6. As far as Salary Component is concerned, which was estimated at Rs.1.50 crores in the initial recommendation of the Committee, it was recommended that it may be taken as Rs.2.00 crores with increase of one additional post of Assistant Registrar and also keeping in mind future pay structure. The proposed DPR has been amended accordingly.

7. However, recommendation of recurring expenditure for day to day academic (provision for 10 Ph.D. Scholarships in Odia Studies, payment to the Visiting, Fellows & Associates and similar such expenditures) administrative and other maintenance activities of the Centre to the tune of Rs.2.00 crores remain the same.
8. Therefore, the total tentative non-recurring expenditure in future turns out to be Rs.11.00 crores as per details mentioned below:

**Proposed Tentative Annual Recurring Expenditure**

Sl. No.	Head of Expenses	Amount (Rs. in Crores)
1	Salary of the Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff	2.00
2	Recurring expenditure for day to day academic (provision for 10 Ph.D. Scholarships in Odia Studies, payment to the Visiting, Fellows & Associates and similar such expenditures) administrative and other maintenance activities of the Centre	2.00
3.	Research Grant for Major and Minor Research Project	5.00
4.	Innovation Grant	1.00
5.	Travel Grant (Both National and International)	1.00
	Total	11.00

9. It was followed by discussion on the essential infrastructural aspects for establishment of Centre for Odia Studies in terms of building infrastructure.

10. In course of deliberations, it emerged that in order to give perpetuity of functioning of this Centre, it would be essential that a building or a designated area of a building is constructed.

11. This matter was also discussed during the initial meetings on the Committee where the DPR was prepared. The initial recommendations of the Committee in this regard were as under:

**“**In order to adduce adequate academic importance to the Centre, it seems that it would be appropriate to create a befitting physical infrastructure in the form of a Building for the Centre for Odia Studies which will give adequate space and perpetuity to the Centre and also allow exclusivity in terms of academic discourse of the Centre.

In view of this, the University feels that adequate fund may be provided for building infrastructure of this Centre in due course for which the University will submit a separate Detailed Project Report encompassing the building plan and financial estimate as per norms”.

12. The Committee after due deliberations recommended that tentatively an amount of Rs. 25.00 crores may be allocated for the development of state of the art building infrastructure for the Centre for Odia Studies alongwith furnitures and fixtures. Till the time the building infrastructure is developed, the University may allot adequate space for smooth functioning of the Centre alongwith its academic programmes.

13. Therefore, the total tentative expenditure including recurring and non-recurring component would be Rs.39.00 crores comprising of Rs.25.00 crores tentatively for the building infrastructure, Rs.3.00 crores tentative for the establishment of library, ICT and other items necessary for initiation and continuance of academic programmes in the Centre and Rs.11.00 crores tentative annual recurring expenditure towards salary, scholarships, fellowships, Research Grant, Innovation Grant and other maintenance activities of the Centre.

14. The Chief Engineer was requested to place before the Committee availability of sites within the Campuses of the University and also prepare a site plan accordingly to be placed before the Committee in due course.

15. As far as the new DPR is concerned in terms of the tentative financial aspects only, keeping the academic aspects intact, the Committee felt that justification for the individual posts already concurred by the Committee may be kept separately on the file which may be used as and when required at an appropriate level.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.