

No. I-12011/1/2015-ISI

Government of India

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi-110001

Dated the 6th of July 2015

ORDER

1. This is in continuation to Office Memorandum of even number dated 8th June 2015, Order of even number dated 10th June 2015, Office Memorandum of even number dated 16th June 2015 and Order of even number dated 30th June 2015.

2. It was earlier noted that (a) the **eminence** of the Selection Committee needed no elaboration; and (b) from the **objective** narration of facts in the d.o. letter of 04th June 2015 from Dr. Arun Shourie, Chairman, Council of the ISI it was fully evident that **the selection had been made on merit and as per the due procedures and rules**. This Ministry thus took the appointment of Prof. S. Bandyopadhyay on record and endorsed the same. (An Office Memorandum of even number dated 08th June 2015 was accordingly issued.)

3. Subsequent to the Office Order dated 4th June 2015 issued under the signatures of the Chairman, Council of the ISI regarding the appointment of Prof. S. Bandyopadhyay as Director ISI w.e.f. 1st August 2015, a number of letters, representations, etc. have been received from various quarters in which *inter alia* the legality of the proceedings of the Council meeting of 23rd April 2015 in so far as they relate to the approval on the appointment of the Director **seem** to have been questioned.

4. Here the following is relevant:

(i) In consultation with Dr. C. Rangarajan, President of the ISI, a Selection Committee comprising (a) **Dr. Arun Shourie**, Chairman, Council of the ISI, (b) **Dr. Y.V. Reddy**, former Governor of the Reserve Bank and Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission and (c) **Dr. Govardhan Mehta**, FRS, former Director of the Indian Institute of Science and National Research Professor and Eli Lilly-Jubliant Chair, School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad was formed by the Council of the ISI.

(ii) The Selection Committee short-listed 6 candidates, **including** the present Director, Dr. B. Roy, whose term is to expire on 31st July 2015. It **unanimously** recommended Prof. S. Bandyopadhyay, presently on the faculty of the ISI, for appointment as the new Director w.e.f. 01st August 2015.

(iii) It is **fully evident** that the selection has been made **on merit and as per the due procedures and rules**.

(iv) The seeming questions are **only** on the legality of the proceedings of the Council meeting of 23rd April 2015 in so far as they relate to the approval on the appointment of the Director.

(v) There are **no** (worthwhile) questions on the **other** decisions taken in the Council meeting of 23rd April 2015. (In fact, though refusing to sign the minutes of the Council meeting, the present Director, Prof. B. Roy, acted on certain other decisions recorded in the same minutes in regard to appointment of the heads of Teipur and Delhi Centres of the ISI.)

(vi) The **seeming** questions on the approval of the appointment of the new Director, Prof. S. Bandyopadhyay in the Council meeting of 23rd April 2015 are creating **uncertainty and disequilibrium** in the ISI.

(vii) There are **no** (worthwhile) questions on (a) the **legality** of the **constitution** of the Selection Committee; (b) the **eminence** of the Selection Committee; (c) the **unanimous recommendation** on Prof. S. Bandyopadhyay made by the Selection Committee; and (d) the **merit and the due procedures and rules** followed by the Selection Committee.

5. Therefore, for the good of the public, for the good of the Institute, to satisfactorily allay the **seeming** questions emanating from different quarters, to end the uncertainty and disequilibrium that is currently obtaining in the ISI, and considering it appropriate (and necessary), the following directions are given under Sections 11 and 12 of the Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959:

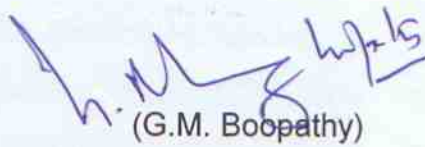
“(i) The **unanimous recommendation** made by the Selection Committee, comprising (a) Dr. Arun Shourie, Chairman, Council of the ISI, (b) Dr. Y.V. Reddy, former Governor of the Reserve Bank and Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission and (c) Dr. Govardhan Mehta, FRS, former Director of the Indian Institute of Science and National

Research Professor and Eli Lilly-Jubliant Chair, School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad, is **approved**.

“(ii) The Office Memorandum dated 8th June 2015, the directions issued under Sections 11 and 12 of the Act vide Order dated 10th June 2015, the Office Memorandum dated 16th June 2015 and the directions issued under Sections 11 and 12 of the Act vide Order dated 30th June 2015 will **stand** with effect from the respective dates from which they were issued.”

6. This is a **carefully considered** decision, *inter alia* to ensure **justice and fair play**, and to **end the uncertainty and disequilibrium** that is currently obtaining in the ISI.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(G.M. Boopathy)

Additional Director General

To:

1. Chairman, Council of the ISI
2. President, ISI
3. Prof. B. Roy, Director, ISI
4. Prof. S. Bandyopadhyay, Professor and Director-designate, ISI
5. Chief Executive (Administration and Finance), ISI