

2. The following are the terms of reference of the Committee:

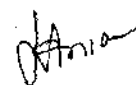
- (a) To review the functioning of the UGC/AICTE and to critically assess the role of the UGC/AICTE and their preparedness to provide institutional leadership to the emerging demands of access, equity, relevance and quality of higher education/technical education and the university system.
- (b) To review the provisions of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and the All India Council for Technical Education Act 1987 and various suggestions for amendments to the said Acts by earlier Committees such as the Prof. Amreek Singh Committee.

- (c) The role of the UGC in coordinating standards of higher education vis-à-vis the functional role of other statutory bodies such as AICTE, MCI, DCI, NCI, NCTE, DEC, etc.
- (d) An assessment of the requirements of autonomy of the UGC vis-à-vis the Central Government and that of the university system vis-à-vis the UGC.
- (e) The role of the UGC/AICTE in determining and enforcing standards of higher education/technical education in State Universities and the possibility of introducing a system of incentives and disincentives so that national standards of higher education/technical education are not compromised or diluted.
- (f) Recommendations in regard to an effective and efficient mechanism for flow of resources from the UGC to the universities for their timely utilization including a mechanism of feedback thereto.
- (g) The requirement of transparency and efficiency in the functioning of the UGC/AICTE.
- (h) The role of the UGC vis-à-vis declaration of institutions to be deemed universities and recommendations for streamlining the process adopted by the UGC.
- (i) Recommendations about the need to change the eligibility criteria for becoming eligible to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act 1956.
- (j) Any other issue arising out of or relating to the above terms of reference and, the functioning of the UGC/AICTE which the Government or the Committee on its own, may desire to look into.

3. The Committee shall submit its report within a period of one year from the date on which this notification comes into effect.

4. UGC shall provide all secretarial assistance and logistics support to the Chairman and Members of the Committee. This will include expenditure on travel and accommodation of the Committee on its visits to different parts of the country for interaction with institutions and academics.

5. The Committee may devise its own methodology and processes for its functioning.



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To: Chairman and all Members.