

PRESS RELEASE

Implementation of OBC Reservation in admissions in Central Educational Institutions

The Empowered Committee set up by MHRD under the Chairmanship of Professor Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, UGC besides the representative of Department of Expenditure, Planning Commission and MHRD examined and considered the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) prepared by each Central University and accorded necessary clearance with regard to the financial and other infrastructure related requirements and approved the allocation for recurring expenditure (5 years) from the year 2008-2009 onwards and non-recurring expenditure (3 years) in respect of 12 Central Universities, including Colleges affiliated to Delhi University, BHU.

The allocation of the Central Universities stepped up from Rs.3297.71 crores as earlier recommended by Moily Committee to Rs.4306.44 crores. The tentative allocation for each Central University was discussed while taking into account the norms for expenditure both recurring and non-recurring per student.

The Committee recommended the allocation to the tune of Rs.3575.19 crores towards recurring expenditure (five years) and non-recurring expenditure (three years) in respect of 12 Central Universities including the UGC maintained colleges in these Central Universities.

The Govt. of India, MHRD has allocation Rs.875.00 crores for the year 2008-2009 for this purpose, against which UGC has received the first instalment of Rs.393.75 crores. Accordingly, the Committee decided the university-wise allocation for the year 2008-2009 in respect of these 12 Central Universities. As recommended by the Committee, UGC has already released 50% of the amount thus allocated in respect of 12 Central Universities on 17th June,2008. The matter regarding the implementation of OBC reservation in admission in remaining Central Universities is being considered separately in consultation with Government of India, MHRD.

The Committee, inter-alia, approved the phasing out plan to implement the OBC Reservation over a maximum period of three years commencing from the academic session 2008-2009 which varies among universities. Most of the Central Universities proposed to implement 9% OBC reservation every year whereas there are a few universities which have proposed to implement OBC Reservation in two years or one year. The phasing out plan as proposed

by the Universities and approved by the Empowered Committee has been apprised to the Commission in its meeting held on 18th-19th June, 2008.

In order to provide 27% OBC reservation while maintaining the existing number of general category students same, there will be an **increase of approx. 42000 seats** in intake capacity over a period of 3 years (i.e.54% of the intake capacity of the year 2006-2007) in 12 Central Universities. Out of which, there will be an increase in intake capacity of approx. **14,000 seats** during the academic session 2008-2009. This will result into the **increase of additional students approx. 1.18 lakhs** after implementation of OBC reservation in 12 Central Universities.