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Dear Vice Chancellor,

As you are aware, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been following the practice of deputing Expert Committees to visit the universities in the country to assess the financial needs of each university, based on which funds are allocated to the universities to meet their developmental needs and the realization of the objectives set out by them during each Five-Year Plan (FYP) period.

The past experience tells us that this procedure has invariably resulted in delayed communication of financial allocations to the universities by the UGC due to a variety of factors, namely, non-availability of experienced hands needed at a time to constitute the Expert Committees, logistics of organizing timely visits to the universities, time required to study the reports of the Expert Committees and deciding the final allocation of funds to the universities. A major consequence of this has been delayed implementation of the programmes as well as under-utilization of funds allocated to the universities.

As a measure of reform, the UGC has decided to discontinue henceforth the mechanism of sending Expert Committees to the universities for assessment of their financial requirements for *General Development Plan grants*. Accordingly, the university will have complete autonomy to prepare its perspective plan and after getting it duly approved by all the statutory bodies of the University may submit the same to the UGC. More specifically, the proposal may now emanate at the level of the individual faculty and pass through the Departmental Advisory Board, Board of Studies, Academic Council, Finance Committee and the Executive Council or its equivalent body. It is hoped that the confidence reposed by the UGC will provide greater autonomy to the university besides ensuring objectivity, transparency, ownership and accountability. All such proposals will eventually be analyzed by the Expert Committee at the level of the UGC.

I also take this opportunity to **forward** to you a copy of the 12th FYP document titled "**Inclusive and Qualitative Expansion of Higher Education**". This document is an outcome of wide-ranging deliberations coordinated by the UGC. You will find that the document acknowledges the challenge of rising numbers, social inequalities and the real issues of quality of teaching-learning in higher education. The attempt in the document has been to capture the quintessence of ideas for reforms in higher education besides stressing on excellence and equity-driven expansion of higher education during the 12th FYP.

May I now request you to kindly initiate the process of formulation of the 12th FYP proposals of your university immediately, keeping in view the thrust areas identified in the enclosed document. Since the actual allocation of resources for the 12th FYP is yet to be finalized by the Government of India, you are requested to develop two parallel scenarios priority-wise, one with a hike of three times and another with a hike of five times to the 11th FYP allocation conveyed to you by the UGC under both development and merged schemes. Your proposal, duly approved by all the statutory bodies of the university, should reach the office of the Secretary, UGC on or before March 15, 2012.

The format for submission of the 12th FYP proposals will be conveyed to you shortly.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ved Prakash)

Encl: As stated above.

To

All the Vice Chancellors of UGC Funded Central Universities, Deemed to be Universities and State Universities.