

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 422<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005.

The following were present:-

Prof. Arun Nigavekar	Chairman
Prof. V.N. Rajsekharan Pillai	Vice-Chairman
Shri B.S. Baswan	Member
Prof. S.K. Joshi	Member
Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore	member
Prof. Vasant Gadre	Member
Prof. Ashok Kumar Gupta	Member
Dr.(Ms.) Aruna Goel	Member
Dr. P.N. Tandon	Member
Prof. Suranjan Das	Member

Prof. Sureshwar Sharma, Commission Member and Shri D. Swarup, Secretary (Expenditure) could not attend the meeting.

Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Chairman, AICTE, Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as special invitees.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

**Secretary**

Prof. Ved Prakash

**Financial Advisor**

Shri Pawan Agarwal

**Additional Secretary**

Dr. T.R. Kem

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

**Director (Administration)**

Dr. P.S. Rajput

Prior to the commencement of the 422<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Commission, the Chairman welcomed Prof. Suranjan Das for joining the Commission as a new member and hoped that with his rich experiences, the Commission will be benefitted in immense measure. Prof. Suranjan Das thanked the Chairman for his nice words and said that he would do his best to strengthen the system with a view to bringing about qualitative improvement in higher education.

Thereafter, the Chairman welcomed the Commission members and took permission from the members to take up the regular agenda.

### SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

*The minutes of the 421<sup>st</sup> meeting of the UGC held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 were examined. The written comments of the Vice Chairman, UGC and F.A. Ministry of Human Resource Development were duly considered and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with the following modifications :-*

(a) *In the minutes for agenda item No.1.01(a)(7.08) – The Commission observed that the recommendations by the Committee for the autonomous colleges are complicated and may be simplified to make them easily understandable.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

(b) *In the minutes of the agenda item No.1.03, the last line “and allowed sanction and release of NCMP funds as per allocations from the Ministry” be deleted.*

*Action: FA*

- (c) *In the minutes of agenda item No.2.01 in the third line – D.Nat may be replaced by B.Nat.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

- (d) *In the minutes of agenda item No.2.03 in the last line – “the” before “these regulations” be deleted.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

- (e) *In the minutes of the agenda item no.6.01, the Commission decided that the case of Senior Statistical Assistants for extending them the next higher scale under ACP scheme be referred to the MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT along with details of the cadre/hierarchy of scale available for their cadre.*

*Action: Director (Admn.)*

- (f) *The minutes of the agenda item no.6.05 be modified as under:-*

*The Commission approved the recommendations of the Committee for inclusion of the following colleges under the ambit of Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune :-*

- 1. Bharati Vidyapeeth’s Institute of Management & Research, New Delhi.*
- 2. Bharati Vidyapeeth’s College of Architecture, Pune.*
- 3. Bharati Vidyapeeth’s Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Pune.*
- 4. Bharati Vidyapeeth’s Yashwantrao Mohite Institute of Management, Karad.*
- 5. Bharati Vidyapeeth’s Institute of Management, Kolhapur.*

6. *Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute of Management & Rural Development Administration, Sangli.*
7. *Bharati Vidyapeeth's Abhijit Kadam Institute of Management & Social Sciences, Solapur.*

*The Commission further resolved that the issue of inclusion of institutions/colleges under the existing Deemed to be Universities be examined in a comprehensive manner by a committee to be appointed by the Chairman and till such time no new proposals be entertained.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

- (g) *In the minutes of the agenda item No.7.10 in the second line "50 years" be replaced by "55 years".*

*Action: JS(SA)*

- 1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

*It was examined and noted accordingly. All the changes in the minutes stand incorporated in the action taken report.*

- 1.02(a): To ratify the action taken on certain matters.

- (i) Ratification of action taken in regard to Formation of Central Connectivity Monitoring Committee and Joint Tariff and Technical Committee constituted earlier stands dissolved.

*The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman to dissolve the Joint Tariff and Technical Committee and constitution of a Central Connectivity Monitoring Committee.*

*Action: JS(IUC)*

- (ii) Ratification of action taken by the Chairman, UGC on the recommendations of the Expert Committee which visited the Institute to consider the proposal of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research (MAHER), Chennai (Deemed University) inter alia inclusion of Meenakshi College of Nursing, Chennai.

*The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman taken on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee for inclusion of Meenakshi College of Nursing under the ambit of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research (MAHER), Chennai (Deemed University).*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

- (iii) Ratification of action taken on proposed Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Initiative of the UGC.

*The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman on the action already initiated on the points emerged in the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 with experts and stakeholders.*

*Action: Coordinator(New Initiatives)*

- (iv) Ratification of action taken in regard to modification in the guidelines relating to the schemes of Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India, Development of Women's Studies in Indian Universities and Colleges, Adult, Continuing Education, Extension and Field Outreach and SC/ST Cell for increasing financial assistance for organizing Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, etc.

*Chairman informed the Commission that this item was not for ratification and thus would be discussed as a general item no.7.07.*

*Action: AS-II*

- (v) Ratification of action taken on utilization of Plan and Non-Plan (Establishment) fund by Regional Offices of UGC during 2004-2005.

*The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman taken in respect of utilization of plan and non-plan (establishment) funds by Regional Offices of UGC during the year 2004-05. The Commission while discussing the ROs was of the view that coordination between the head office and ROs is missing and appropriate steps should be taken for smooth and efficient working of the ROs. The Commission might, therefore, consider constituting the following:*

- i) A Regional Advisory Committee for the Regional Offices.*
- ii) A Monitoring Committee at UGC level.*

*Action: AS-I*

- (vi) Ratification of the decisions taken in the Standing Committee on PIHEAD in its meeting held on March 2, 2005.

*While ratifying the decision taken by the Standing Committee on PIHEAD in its meeting on March 2, 2005, particularly on participation in the Education fairs/events abroad and delegation for NAFSA conference at Seattle (USA), it was suggested that the UGC may work out a scheme for supporting institutions for taking up PIHEAD activities and explore the possibility of providing support to them.*

*Action: JS(NI)*

1.02(b): To receive the items of information.

*No item.*

1.03: To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.

*The Commission noted the provisional figures of receipt and expenditure statement for non-plan and general plan grant for the year 2004-05. The Commission also approved the outlay under the non-plan for the year 2005-06 on the basis of non-plan budget estimates received from Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Commission was further of the view that an exclusive Commission meeting may be held to discuss the physical targets / achievements and budget estimates for 2005-06 along with the performance budget. The Commission also informed that in future any re-appropriation done in the budget heads of the UGC should be brought to the notice of the Commission.*

*Action: FA*

**SECTION-2  
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

There was no agenda under this section.

**SECTION-3  
(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

There was no agenda under this section.

**SECTION -4  
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)**

There was no agenda under this section.

**SECTION –5**  
**(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

- 5.01: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Periyar University, Salem (Tamilnadu) on 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2005, to evaluate its proposal for declaring the university eligible to receive Central Financial Assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee declared the Periyar University, Salem fit to receive central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 with the condition that the university should immediately fill in two posts of Readers viz; One in Physics and One in Mathematics.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

- 5.02: To consider the X Plan allocation to National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

*The Commission on the recommendations of the Expert Committee approved the allocation under general plan development assistance of Rs.215 lakhs to the National Law Institute University, Bhopal.*

*Action: JS(CPP/X PLAN)*

- 5.03: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for extension of autonomous status to 4 (four) existing Autonomous Colleges of Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu State affiliated to Barkatullah University and Madurai Kamaraj University respectively.

*The Commission on the basis of recommendation of the Expert Visiting Committee*



approved the recommendations of the Committee recommending autonomous status to the following college of Madhya Pradesh :-

<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee from the academic year</i>
<b>Barkatullah University:</b> 1. S.N. Government College, Bhopal	2005-2006 to 2010-2011

The Commission also on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee gave ex-post-facto approval for continuation of autonomous status to (3) three colleges of Tamil Nadu for further period as per ninth plan guidelines as under :-

<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Period of ex-post facto approval</i>
<b>Madurai Kamaraj University:</b> 1. Vivekanand College, Thiruvedakam, Madurai (TN)	2002-03 to 2004-05
2. Thiagarajar College, Madurai (TN)	2002-03 to 2004-05
3. Arul Anandar College, Karamathur, Madurai (TN)	2002-03 to 2004-05

The Commission also approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for continuation/extension of autonomous status to (3) three colleges of Tamil Nadu for a further period of 6 years as per Tenth Plan guidelines as under :-

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee from the academic year</i>
<b>Madurai Kamaraj University:</b> 1. Vivekanand College, Thiruvedkam(TN)	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
2. Thiagarajar College, Madurai(TN)	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
3. Arul Anandar College, Karamathur(TN)	2005-2006 to 2010-2011

Action: JS(PS/AC)

**SECTION-6**  
**(MISCELLANEOUS)**

6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

*Recorded Separately.*

6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.

*No item.*

6.03: To note the date and place of the next meeting of the Commission.

*The next meeting of the Commission will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 in the UGC Office.*

*Action: Director(Admn.)*

6.04: To consider the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee which held its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 to consider the proposal of (i) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi & (ii) National Power Training Institute (NPTI), Faridabad for Deemed to be University Status.

*The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee that CSIR, New Delhi may be considered for deemed to be university status as soon as it fulfills the requirements like registration etc. On the basis of the recommendation of the Expert Committee, the Commission also decided that only one out of 10 institutions of National Power Training Institute (NPTI) namely Centre for Advanced Management and Power Studies (CAMPS), Faridabad running Postgraduate degree programme was eligible to be considered for deemed to be university status. The Institute may approach the UGC again with a proposal in respect of only one institute for conferment of deemed to be university status.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

- 6.05: To consider the report of the Committee appointed by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad (Maharashtra) for grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for the conferment of deemed to be university status to Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad (MS) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. It was further decided that the Institute be asked to lay more emphasis on research.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

**SECTION -7**  
**(SUPPLEMENTARY)**

- 7.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

*No item.*

- 7.02: To consider the report of the Committee appointed by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences (Society), Wardha (Maharashtra) for grant of Deemed to be University status to its two colleges, namely, J.N. Medical College and Sharad Pawar Dental College under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for the conferment of deemed to be university status to Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences (Society), Wardha consisting of two colleges namely J.N. Medical College and Sharad Pawar Dental College, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

7.03: To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited the Institute on 17-18th March, 2005 to consider the proposal of KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research, Belgaum, Karnataka for the status of Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and decided not to recommend the conferment of deemed to be university status to KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research, Belgaum, Karnataka to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Commission further decided that the deficiencies pointed out by the Expert Committee be sent to the KLE Society for future compliance.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

7.04: To consider to increase the joining period for availing Junior Research Fellowship from the existing one year to two years.

*The Commission agreed to increase the joining period for availing Junior Research Fellowship from the existing one year to two years.*

*Action: JS(NET)*

7.05: To consider the report of the Committee appointed by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai for grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission considered the recommendation of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for the conferment of deemed to be university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 to Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai with the following 10 institutions as its constituent units :-*

1. *Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Trombay*
2. *Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam*
3. *Centre for Advanced Technology (CAT), Indore*
4. *Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), Kolkata*
5. *Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SNIP, Kolkata*
6. *Institute of Plasma Research (IPR), Gandhinagar*
7. *Institute of Physics (IOP), Bhubaneshwar*
8. *Harish-Chandra Research Institute (HRI), Allahabad*
9. *Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), Mumbai*
10. *Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc.) Chennai*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

- 7.06: To consider the guidelines for inclusion of Institutions which are already affiliated to other universities under the ambit of an existing Deemed University as per recommendations of the Expert Committee.

*The Commission considered the guidelines of the Expert Committee prepared for inclusion of institutions which are already affiliated to other universities under the ambit of an existing deemed university and approved the same.*

*Action: JS(CPP)*

- 7.07 : To consider the modification in the guidelines relating to the schemes of Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India, Development of Women's Studies in Indian Universities and Colleges, Adult, Continuing

Education, Extension and Field Outreach and SC/ST Cell for increasing financial assistance for organizing Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, etc.

*FA(HRD) observed that this being a policy issue should not have been placed on the table. He stated that he was attending the meeting as a representative of the Ministry of Finance with certain mandate in respect of items already circulated. Therefore, he could not endorse the proposal. Further he observed that the proposal itself appeared to be incomplete thus making it difficult to take a view.*

*The Chairman informed the Commission that this item may not be considered for ratification and instead placed before the Commission for open discussion. The Commission considered the proposal of the UGC regarding modification in the guidelines related to the schemes of Epoch Making Social thinkers of India, Development of Women's Studies in Indian Universities and Colleges, Adult, Continuing Education, Extension and Field Outreach and SC/ST Cell but did not agree to the proposal of authorizing the Chairman and Vice Chairman to decide the quantum of assistance under these programmes. However, the Commission agreed that the workshops, seminars and conferences listed in the agenda which have already been recommended by the Expert Committee be provided grant of Rs.3.00 lakhs each. It was also decided that in future all such proposals should be brought before the Commission.*

**Any other item**

- i) *The Commission considered the letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 from the Ministry of Human Resource Development conveying setting up of a "Review Committee" to consider appeals from Institutions whose applications for grant of deemed to be university status are turned down at preliminary stage by the Screening Committee. The Commission felt that while the Government was within its competence to issue directive setting up of such a review committee, the powers to take final decision in such matters shall continue to rest with the Commission. The Commission also noted that Chairman, UGC had already written a letter to the Ministry of Human Resource Development*

*seeking appropriate clarification in the matter. After deliberating on the issue at length the Commission resolved as under:*

- 1. The decision of a non-statutory committee cannot be binding on the Commission which is a statutory body.*
- 2. Since the Review Committee is a committee constituted to review the decision of the Screening Committee, its mandate would cover the mandate of the Screening Committee for the purpose of making recommendation to send the visiting committee to an institution to verify the position on the ground.*
- 3. The recommendation of the Review Committee may be placed before the Commission for consideration before initiating any action.*

*The Commission urged that Government may be requested to expedite necessary clarification on the above issues.*

- ii) The Chairman informed the Commission that the construction work of the UGC building in the JNU Campus was likely to pick up momentum. He suggested that the Committee which already exists to monitor the progress should be expanded. He suggested that besides the already existing members we might include F.A.(MHRD), F.A.(UGC), two Representatives from CPWD (one from Civil and another from Architecture) and Additional Secretary – II, UGC (Co-ordinator) to ensure proper monitoring of the construction work. The Commission members approved the suggestion of the Chairman, UGC.*

- iii) Prof. Karunakaran Pillai on completion of his term as Commission member was felicitated by the Chairman in the Commission Meeting. The Chairman*

*also appreciated the contribution made by Prof. Pillai in taking policy decisions leading to improvement of quality of higher education. Prof. Pillai thanked the UGC for giving him the honour and also thanked the Commission members and UGC officials for their cooperation and support in enabling him to discharge his duties effectively.*

**(VED PRAKASH)**  
**Secretary**

**(ARUN NIGAVEKAR)**  
**Chairman**