

**UNIVERSITYGRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 441st Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 30th November, 2007.

The 441st Meeting was held on 30th November, 2007 at 10.00 A.M. in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairperson
3. Prof. Suranjan Das	Member
4. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
5. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
6. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
7. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.,	Member
8. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen	Member
9. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
10. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Secretary, MHRD and Dr. Sanjiv Misra, Secretary (Expenditure) could not attend the meeting. They were granted leave of absence.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

Additional Secretaries

Dr. R.K. Chauhan (*)

Dr. (Mrs.) Niloufer.A. Kazmi

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

(*) Dr. R.K. Chauhan, Additional Secretary was not present at the time of consideration of Item No.6.01 (v and vi).

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24th September, 2007.

The minutes of the 440th meeting held on 24th September, 2007 were examined and confirmed with the following modifications :-

(1) Item No.6.01(ii) (page 2)

“Whenever the main objective of the trust/society running the deemed university relates only to education”

Action: JS(CPP-I)

(2) Item No.4.02(ii) (page 5)

“(3)The appointment of Prof. D.S. Gadre as National Coordinator at Pune University on monthly honorarium of Rs.25,000/- initially for a period of one year was approved.”

Action: JS(BSR)

(4) Item No.6.04 (Page 14)

“The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to constitute a Committee of Commission Members to revise the guidelines”

Action: JS(CPP-I)

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September, 2007.

The action taken on the minutes of the 440th meeting held on 24th September, 2007 were examined and noted with the following decisions:-

(1) Item No.3 (page 33)

The draft regulations prepared by the Expert Committee headed by Prof. K. Ramamurthi Naidu was circulated to the members of the Commission during the meeting. A copy of the Regulations may be sent to all the deemed to be

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universities with a request to send their comments within 15 days and they may be informed that if no comments are received within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that they do not have any comments to offer. A copy of the draft regulations may also be posted on the UGC website. The Expert Committee after considering all these comments may further revise the draft Regulations and finalize the same at the earliest.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

Item No.4 (page 34)

All the Regional Offices may be reminded again to send the details to the members of the Commission regarding the release of funds in respect of women's hostel.

Action: JS(RO)

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

- (i) To report the action taken on assignment of Task of Studies of Higher Education and Payment of Honorarium, Transportation, Secretarial Assistance and Contingent Expenditure to Prof. Furqan Kumar, Director, Centre for Management Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman for assigning the task of Studies of Higher Education and payment of honorarium, transportation, secretarial assistance and contingent expenditure to Prof. Furgan Kumar, Director, Centre for Management Studies, Jamial Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

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- (ii) The announcement of Hon'ble Minister for HRD for providing Rs.10.00 crore to Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh.

To Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman, UGC in releasing Rs.10.00 crores to Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh in the light of the announcement of Hon'ble Minister for HRD.

Action: JS(SU)

(iii), (iv) & (v) Recorded separately.

- (vi) To report the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC to include certain conditions while granting exemption from creation of a separate Trust or Society in the name and style of the Deemed University.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC to include the following conditions while granting exemption from creation of a separate Trust or Society in the name and style of the Deemed University :-

- a) The Management of the Trust/Society promoting the proposed Deemed University is the same as the management of the institution.*
- b) That separate and distinct financial accounts are maintained by the Institution in respect of its functioning as a deemed to be university.*
- c) That such accounts are open to audit/inspection of the UGC or any other appropriate agency to satisfy that there is no diversion of funds or revenues from the activities of the deemed to be university.*
- d) The promoter Society/Trust must give a legally valid undertaking to the UGC that the assets including land, building etc. as well as those which are movable, are clearly earmarked and entered into appropriate assets registers, which are earmarked for the activities of the Deemed University, and no diversion of such assets shall take*

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place without the prior approval of UGC and only for furthering the interests of the deemed to be university.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

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

- (i) India-China Seminar on Higher Education for Growth and Equity India-China Experience held on January 20-21, 2007.

The Commission placed on record its deep appreciation in the Chinese participation in the above Seminar. The Commission also decided that the Chinese authorities may be requested to send the details of the projects Nos. 211 and 875.

Action: JS(IC)

- (ii) Cultural Exchange Programme between the Government of India and Government of the Russian Federation on cooperation in the field of Education for 2007-2009.

This was noted.

Action: JS(IC)

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

The Commission noted the funds positions.

Action: FA

1.04 To receive the Annual Accounts for the year 2006-2007.

The Commission approved the Annual Accounts for the year 2006-2007 and it may be sent to MHRD for taking necessary further action.

Action: FA

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SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

There is no item in this Section.

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

There is no item in this Section.

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

- 4.01: To consider a scheme for resolution of grievances of the existing Research Scientists in the light of recommendations made by Prof. C.N. Rao committee and keeping in view the discussions held in between the UGC and some of the Research Scientists in the UGC office on 22.11.2006 and 29.12.2006, in order to arrive at a amicable solution to resolve the long pending issue.

The Commission approved the proposal in principle except their seniority with the existing teachers.

The Commission further decided to authorize the Chairman, UGC to appoint a Committee of Commission Members to examine the issue relating to seniority.

Action: JS (SA)

- 4.02: To consider the issue regarding introduction of Bodo Language in the National Eligibility Test (NET).

The Commission examined the issue regarding introduction of Bodo Language in the National Eligibility Test (NET) and approved that the Bodo Language may be included in the NET examination.

It was further decided that the information regarding the names of other Indian languages, which have been included in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Languages, and used in the NET examination may be given.

Action: JS (NET)

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

5.01: To consider the request of Symbiosis Society for approval of following:-

The Commission considered the request of Symbiosis Society and approved the following:-

- (i) Amalgamation of Symbiosis International Education Centre Trust into Symbiosis Trust,*
- (ii) Exemption from separate and dedicated trust or society for managing the affairs of the deemed to be University,*
- (iii) To grant approval to continue the same name as Symbiosis International University, and approved the same.*

The MHRD may be informed accordingly.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.02: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Babu Banarasi Das Northern India Institute of Technology, Lucknow, UP for the conferment of Deemed to be University status (De-novo category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and agreed to recommend to MHRD for the conferment of Deemed to be University status to Babu Banarasi Das Northern India Institute of Technology, Lucknow, UP under De-novo category under Section 3 of the

UGC Act, 1956 for a period of 5(five) years subject to review at the end of each year.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

- 5.03: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Chettinad Academy of Research and Education, Padur, Kanchipuram Dt., Tamilnadu for the conferment of Deemed to be University status (*De-novo* category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and agreed to recommend to MHRD for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Chettinad Academy of Research and Education, Padur, Kanchipuram Dt., Tamilnadu under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 for a period of 3(three) years subject to review at the end of each year.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

- 5.04: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Pacific Academy of Higher Education and Research, Udaipur, Rajasthan for the conferment of Deemed to be University status (*De-novo* category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and agreed to recommend to MHRD for conferment of Deemed University status to Pacific Dental College only under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 for a period of 3 (three) years subject to review at the end of each year.

The Commission further decided that Pacific Institute of Management be NOT recommended for conferment of Deemed University status.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

5.05: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Christ College, Bangalore, Karnataka for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and agreed to recommend to MHRD for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Christ College, Bangalore, Karnataka under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 for a period of 5 (five) years in respect of the following courses.

- (i) *Arts, Science, Commerce*
- (ii) *Management, MCA & Hotel Management, PGDM*
- (iii) *Law*
- (iv) *Education*

Action:JS(CPP-I)

5.06: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthpuram for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and agreed to recommend to MHRD for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthpuram under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 for a period of 5 (five) years.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

5.07: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for **Extension of Autonomous Status (Four)/ Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status (one)** in total 5 (five) Colleges falling in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Pondicherry, affiliated to Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, Jiwaji University, Gwalior & Pondicherry respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved the extension of autonomous status to the following 4 colleges :-

<i>Name of the college/university to which affiliated</i>	<i>Autonomy valid upto</i>	<i>Period of ex-post facto approval</i>	<i>Approval for further Extension and continuation of Autonomous status from the academic years</i>
1. <i>Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur Government College of Science, G.E. Road, Raipur-492010 (C.G)</i>	<i>1992-1993</i>	<i>1993-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>
2. <i>Government D.B. Girls P.G. College, Raipur-492001 (C.G)</i>	<i>1992-1993</i>	<i>1993-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>
3. <i>Kalyan Arts and Commerce College, Sector-7, Bhilainagar-490006(C.G)</i>	<i>1992-1993</i>	<i>1993-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>
4. <i>Jiwaji University, Gwalior Govt. Kamla Raja Girls Post Graduate College, Gwalior(M.P)</i>	<i>2006-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>

The Commission also approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for conferring fresh autonomous status to Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for PG Studies, Puducherry as per details given below :-

<i>Name of the college/university to which affiliated</i>	<i>Date of visits</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee</i>
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Pondicherry University, Puducherry

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| <i>1. Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for P.G. Studies, Lawspet, Puducherry-605008</i> | <i>21-09-2007</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
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Action:JS(AC)

- 5.08: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Bijapur Liberal District Educational (BLDE) Association, Bijapur, Karnataka for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 in the name and style of BLDE University comprising of Sri B.M.Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Bijapur, Karnataka.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and agreed to recommend to MHRD for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Sri B.M. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre as to be nomenclatured “BLDE University” Bijapur, Karnataka initially for a period of 5 years.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

5.09: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education, Kumaracoil, Thuckalay, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education, Kumaracoil, Thuckalay, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and decided that the issue may be referred to AICTE to resolve the differences in the AICTE report and the recommendations of the UGC Committee.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

5.10: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee which visited Siksha “O” Anusandhan, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa for the approval of Institute of Medical Sciences & SUM Hospital as off-campus Centre under the ambit of Siksha “O” Anusandhan, deemed to be university.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to MHRD for including the Institute of Medical Sciences & SUM Hospital as an off-campus Centre under the ambit of Siksha “O” Anusandhan, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa (Deemed University) subject to the following conditions :-

- (1) Medical College shall not admit any student without obtaining prior approval of the Medical Council of India.*
- (2) The University shall adhere to the guidelines and instructions issued by the UGC and Medical Council of India from time to time to Deemed to be Universities.*

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.11: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for **Extension of Autonomous Status (one)/ Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status (one)** in total 2 (two) Colleges falling in the States of Tamilnadu affiliated to University of Madras and Anna University respectively.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee that visited the following autonomous colleges for extension of autonomy and approved the recommendations of the Committee as indicated below :-

<i>Name of the college/university to which affiliated</i>	<i>Autonomy valid upto</i>	<i>Period of ex-post facto approval</i>	<i>Approval for further Extension and continuation of Autonomous status from the academic years</i>
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University of Madras

1 <i>Ethiraj College for Women, 70, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore Chennai-600008</i>	2002-2003	2003-2004 to 2006-2007	2007-2008 to 2012-2013
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The Commission also approved the recommendations of the Visiting Committee with regard to conferment of fresh autonomous status to Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College, Vattamalaipalayam, NGGO Colony, Coimbatore(T.N) for a period from 2007-08 to 2012-13.

Name of the college/university to which affiliated Period recommended by the Committee

Anna University

1. <i>Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College, Vattamalaipalayam, NGGO Colony, Coimbatore(T.N)</i>	2007-2008 to 2012-2013
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Action:JS(AC)

- 5.12: To consider the matter relating to exemption from registration of a separate society to manage the affairs of Sri Devaraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research, Tamaka, Kolar , Karnataka, a deemed to be a university

The Commission considered the matter regarding exemption from registration of a separate society to manage the affairs of Sri Devaraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research, Tamaka, Kolar , Karnataka, (a deemed to be a university) and agreed to recommend to MHRD accordingly.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

- 5.13: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of Balaji Vidyapeeth, Pillayarkuppam, Pondicherry for deemed to be university status under de-novo category.

The Commission considered the report of the Committee constituted to consider the proposal of Balaji Vidyapeeth, Pillayarkuppam, Pondicherry for conferment of deemed to be university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and agreed to recommend to MHRD that Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, may be awarded the deemed university status subject to receiving no objection certificate from its parent university.

The Commission further decided that Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences and Bharathiar College of Engineering & Technology, Kariakal may not be included under deemed university status.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

- 5.14: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysore in the name and style of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeswara University (JSSU), Mysore, Karnataka for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysore in the name and style of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeswara University (JSSU), Mysore, Karnataka comprising of JSS Medical College, Mysore, JSS Dental College, Mysore, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysore and JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty and agreed to recommend to MHRD for the award of deemed university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 for a period of 5 years with a periodic review at the end of each year.

Action:JS(CPP-I)

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 items).

- (1) A status note regarding review of autonomous colleges.

It was noted.

- (2) A status note regarding release of autonomy grant to the autonomous colleges.

It was noted.

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- (3) A status note regarding introduction of PG autonomy in AP autonomous colleges in the light of the recommendations of the seminar organized by SERO, Hyderabad.

It was noted.

Action: JS (AC)

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

The Commission decided that a meeting of the Commission may be organized in December, 2007 to consider the Eleventh Plan guidelines of various schemes and a regular meeting of the Commission in the first week of January, 2008. The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to finalize the dates and communicate to the members.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 6.04: To consider the issue for exemption from attending Refresher Courses for teachers who are superannuating within next three years.

The Commission considered the issue for exemption from attending Refresher Courses for teachers/Assistant Librarian/College Librarian/Assistant Director of Physical Education/College Director of Physical Education for placement/promotion under Career Advancement Scheme who are superannuating within next three years and approved that they may be exempted from attending refresher courses as provided earlier.

Action: JS (PS)

- 6.05: To consider the recommendation of the third Finance Committee regarding filling up non-teaching vacant posts in Delhi Colleges.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the third Finance Committee regarding filling up non-teaching vacant posts in Delhi Colleges and decided to lift the ban imposed on Delhi Colleges where the ratio of teaching to non-teaching staff is less than 1.00:0.50 to 0.75, as prescribed by the UGC on the recommendation of Expenditure Reforms Commission.

Action: JS (DC)

- 6.06: To consider the issue regarding NCTE-UGC Collaboration for Refresher Courses in Teacher Education Programme.

The Commission considered the issue of NCTE-UGC Collaboration for Refresher Courses in Teacher Education Programme and agreed that NCTE may design a time-bound three weeks duration refresher course to be implemented by a joint venture with Academic Staff Colleges for teacher education programme.

Action: JS (ASC)

- 6.07: To consider the report of Joint Cadre Review Committee (JCRC) on Library Service Cadre.

The Commission considered the report of Joint Cadre Review Committee (JCRC) on Library Science Cadre as amended by the UGC Sub-Committee and decided that the report may be forwarded to MHRD for its concurrence.

Action: JS (CU)

- 6.08: To consider the report of the Review Committee for its visit to the Centre of Excellence in Polymer Science at Karnataka University

The Commission considered the report of the Review Committee that visited the “Centre with Potential of Excellence in polymer science” at Karnataka University and agreed to the recommendations of the Committee for discontinuation of assistance to the “Centre with Potential of Excellence in Polymer Science” at Karnataka University.

Action: JS (NS/PE)

- 6.09: To consider the proposal for initiating the Action Plan for implementing the XI Plan policies and strategies.

The Commission appreciated the identification of various Action Plans and authorized the Chairman, UGC to nominate the Commission Members and other experts in various Action Plans for implementing the XI Plan policies and strategies.

Action: JS (Plan)

- 6.10: To consider the request of Prof. S.I. Husnain Chairman, Governing Board, Consortium for Education Communication (CEC) for providing him a consolidated honorarium.

The Commission did not agree to the request of Prof. S.I. Husnain, Chairman, Governing Board, Consortium for Education Communication (CEC), as the proposal is against the provisions of the MoA of CEC.

Action: JS (IUC)

6.11: To consider the revision of fellowship to Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) and Research Associate.

The Commission agreed to the revision in JRF/SRF/RA as per the details given below.

Existing Rate of Fellowship approved by the Commission on 25.8.2006.

Revised rate of fellowships approved w.e.f. 1.4.2007

S.NO.	NAME OF THE SCHEME	SLOTS OF JRF PER ANNUM	EXISTING RATES AS ON 01.09.2006	
A	JRF in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences	1500	@Rs.10,000-12,000 (JRF) (SRF)	@Rs.12,400-14,000
B	JRF in Engineering & Technology	50	@Rs.10,000-13,000 (JRF) (SRF)	@Rs.14,000-15,000
C	JRF to Foreign Nationals	20	@Rs.10,000-12,000 (JRF) (SRF)	@Rs.12,000-14,000
	RA to Foreign National	<u>7</u>	@ Rs.16,000	No change
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Action: JS (SA)

ANY OTHER ITEM

(1) (a) *The Commission decided that suitable secretarial and contingent expenditure may be provided to the Members of the Commission.*

(b) *The Commission members may be paid "J" Class whenever they attend the meetings of the Commission and other Expert Committees.*

Director (Admn.)

- (2) *The Regulations relating to admission, fee structure, common entrance examination etc., may be speedily completed and brought before the Commission well before the academic year 2008-09.*

JS(CPP-I)

- (3) *The existing upper cap relating to X Plan merged schemes of Development grant may be removed. The universities may be allowed to reappropriate the unspent balance of the merged scheme to the General Development grant. Universities should be given powers to re-appropriate funds from one head to another.*

JS(XI Plan)

- (4) *Meeting of State and Central Universities may be organized centrally or regional level to find ways and means of incurring expenditure expeditiously and sending the utilization certificates to the UGC.*

JS(XI Plan)

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman