

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

**MINUTES OF THE 458TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 19TH May, 2009.**

The 458th Meeting of the Commission was held on 19th May, 2009 in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Ved Prakash	Vice Chairman
3. Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran	Member
4. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
5. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
6. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

Shri R.P. Agrawal; Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam; Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu; Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen and Prof. D. Singh Chauhan could not attend the meeting.

Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary, MHRD attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE who was invited to attend as a Special Invitee could not attend.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R. K. Chauhan*

Additional Secretary

Dr. N.A. Kazmi

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Financial Adviser

Shri A.K. Dogra

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

SECTION-1

- 1.01 (a) To confirm the minutes of the 457th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24th March, 2009.

The minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 24th March, 2009 were confirmed.

- 1.01 (b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 457th of the University Grants Commission held on 24th March, 2009.

The action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 24th March, 2009 were noted.

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

- (i) To report the Establishment of New Academic Staff Colleges.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman in establishing Academic Staff Colleges in the following Universities:

1. *Mizoram University, Aizawl*
2. *Kannur University, Kannur (Kerala)*
3. *Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar*
4. *Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati (MS)*
5. *North Bengal University, Darjeeling (West Bengal)*
6. *BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, Sonipat (Haryana)*
7. *Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar (Gujarat)*
8. *Punjabi University, Patiala (Punjab)*
9. *Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur (Chhatisgarh)*

Action: JS(ASC)

The Commission further desired that MHRD may be requested to expedite the decision regarding providing the benefit of UGC Schemes, including UGC funded Refresher Courses, to teachers of self-financing Deemed to be Universities and self-financing colleges.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

- (ii) To report the funding pattern, to release UGC grant to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah (Deemed to be University) on the basis of the decision of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC in approving the recommendations of UGC-MHRD Joint Committee in releasing Rs.48.73 crores to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah (Deemed to be University) in annual instalment of Rs. 5 crore or more depending on the availability of funds with the UGC from MHRD and the utilisation thereof by the university during the remaining period of XI Plan and in the entire XII Plan.

Action: JS (DU/JS (XI Plan))

- (iii) To Report the final allocation of Central Universities as per recommendations of the Moderation Committee.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC in allocating XI Plan funds to Central Universities totaling Rs.309899.32 lakhs. However, it was felt that the amount allocated to the new Central Universities and 14 World Class Universities, is not adequate and needs to be enhanced. The matter be taken up with MHRD for additional allocation.

Action: JS(CU)

- (iv) To report the decision taken on issue of admitting the expenditure incurred by the Universities regarding Repair & Renovation of buildings without taking prior approval of their Plan & Estimates.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC.

Action: JS(SU)

The Commission resolved that the existing procedures for building construction/renovation/repair be simplified in the case of the State Universities as has already been done for Central Universities. The Chairman was authorized to modify the guidelines of the scheme at par with Central Universities. The matter of simplification of the existing procedure in the case of colleges be taken up at a later stage in consultation with the Heads of Regional Offices.

Action: JS(XI Plan)

- (v) To report action taken by the Chairman of UGC vide his orders dated 05-05-2009 on the File No..42-3/2007 (SU-II) under the Scheme of Instrumentation Maintenance Facility (IMF) during XIth Plan period.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC in making the Scheme of Instrumentation Maintenance Facility (IMF) eligible during the XI Plan period in respect of those universities which have availed the assistance during X Plan period also.

It was desired that in future the Universities may be asked to opt for Annual Maintenance Contracts as it would be more economical. The Chairman was authorized to constitute a Committee for this purpose.

Action: JS(SU/XI Plan)

- (vi) To report the funding pattern to release UGC grant to Indian Law Institute, New Delhi (Deemed to be University) on the basis of the decision of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Commission approved the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC in releasing Rs.3.00 crores per annum to Indian Law Institute, New Delhi during the remaining period of XI Plan and in the entire XII Plan period depending upon the availability of funds and utilization of grants by the Institute. The Commission further desired that an Academic Staff College

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exclusively for law teachers be set up in ILI in consultation with the Chancellor and the Director of the Institute.

Action: JS(DU)

- (vii) To ratify the decision taken by Chairman, UGC regarding curtailment of scope of work in the construction of New UGC Headquarters Complex at JNU Campus.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman on the Ministry of HRD's letter No. 8-28/2007-U1 dated 23.03.2009 in revising the components of the proposed building and noted the approval of the M/HRD for the same as under:

- (a) Academic and Administrative complex area of 16,551 sq.m. instead of 23,775.75 sq.m. as originally proposed.*
- (b) Guest House block of 20 rooms instead of 120 rooms as originally proposed.*
- (c) Driver Dormitory as originally proposed.*
- (d) 8 flats for Group D residences instead of 16 flats as originally proposed.*
- (e) Deletion of Offices' residences and the Sports & Cultural Centre.*
- (f) Proportionate external development and provision of ancillary services for the revised area.*

The construction of these additional buildings may be considered in the second phase after completion of first phase.

Action: Director (Admn.)

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

There was no item.

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

The release of grant during the year 2008-09 was noted with appreciation.

Action: FA

It was further desired that the UGC should consider providing funds for renovation and repair of old buildings of colleges which are more than 150 years old.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

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

- 2.01** To consider the UGC Regulation on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009.

The Commission considered and approved the UGC Regulation on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009 with modifications as at ANNEXURE-I.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

- 2.02** To consider the UGC (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2009.

The Commission considered the UGC (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2009 and approved the same for publishing in the Gazette. The Commission decided that all institutions granted affiliation up to the date of notification of these Regulations be asked to meet all the requirements of the Regulations, 2009 within six months from the date of publication of the Regulations in the Gazette of India.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 2.03** To report the status on the progress of finalization of the report of Joint Cadre Review Committee (JCRC) on uniform staffing pattern of the non-teaching staff of the Central Universities, UGC maintained Deemed to be Universities and Delhi Colleges.

The Commission approved the report of the Joint Cadre Review Committee on Uniform Staffing Pattern on non-teaching staff of Central Universities, UGC maintained Deemed to be Universities and Delhi Colleges in respect of the following fifteen identified services/cadre structures:

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- (i) *Administrative/Ministerial Services*
- (ii) *Secretarial Services*
- (iii) *Transport Services*
- (iv) *Guest House/Hostel/Canteen Services*
- (v) *School Teachers*
- (vi) *Security Services*
- (vii) *Sanitation Services*
- (viii) *Official Language Cell*
- (ix) *Photography/Repography Services*
- (x) *Music Services*
- (xi) *Sports/Games Services*
- (xii) *Horticulture/Garden Services*
- (xiii) *Agricultural/Veterinary Services*
- (xiv) *Religious Services*
- (xv) *Research/Statistical Services*

This may be referred to MHRD for concurrence. The MHRD may also incorporate the revised scales of pay as per 6th Central Pay Commission for which a separate proposal is under consideration of the Ministry. The Commission also resolved for extension of time for one year up to 30th June, 2010 for completion of the Report of JCRC in respect of the remaining 8 identified services/cadre structures.

Action: JS(CU/JCRC)

2.04

To consider the matter relating to pay and allowances of non-teaching employees of Tripura University on conversion into a Central University as per Central Government norms in view of the different posts / positions, pay structure(s) between the Central Government and State Government and to suggest guidelines / modalities for fixation of the pay of the non-teaching employees as per Central Government norms.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee relating to pay and allowances of non-teaching employees of Tripura University and resolved to refer it to Ministry of HRD for concurrence.

Action: JS(CU/JCRC)

- 2.05** To consider the revision of scale of pay for the post of Assistant Engineer in the pay scale of Rs.8000-275-13500 (pre-revised-5th CPC) from Rs.6500-200-10500 (pre-revised-5th CPC) in Central Universities/ UGC maintained Deemed to be Universities.

The Commission approved the revision of scale of pay for the post of Assistant Engineer in the pay scale of Rs.8000-275-13500 (pre-revised 5th CPC) from Rs.6500-200-10500 (pre-revised – 5th CPC) in Central Universities/UGC maintained Deemed to be Universities and resolved that it may be referred to MHRD for its concurrence.

Action: JS (CU/JCRC)

- 2.06** To consider the pay protection to the Lecturers of Medical faculty joining after completion of Senior Residency in Medical Colleges attached with Central Universities.

The Commission resolved that the matter may be examined with reference to norms followed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and also the factual position of such cases in other two Central University, Delhi University(UCMS) and Aligarh Muslim University. .

Action: JS(CU/JCRC)

- 2.07** To consider the UGC (Minimum Standards and procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.d Degree) Regulations 2009.

The Commission considered the UGC (Minimum Standards and procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2009 and approved the same as at ANNEXURE-II.

Action: JS(PS)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

4.01 To consider the XI Plan Guidelines for the scheme of E-Content Development.

The Commission considered the XI Plan Guidelines for the scheme of E-Content Development and approved the same.

Action: JS(XI Plan)/JS(CU/DU/DC/IUC)

4.02 To consider the XI Plan UGC Guidelines for UGC INFONET Connectivity Programme.

The Commission considered the XI Plan UGC Guidelines for UGC INFONET Connectivity Programme and approved the same.

Action: JS(XI Plan)/JS(CU/DU/DC/IUC)

4.03. To consider and take a specific decision on the issue of anomalies in the pay scale of Junior Engineers of IUAC, New Delhi so that a counter affidavit could be prepared and filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

The Commission considered the issue of anomalies in the pay scale of Junior Engineers of IUAC, New Delhi and resolved that BARC, Mumbai and IUAC, New Delhi are not identical institutions. Therefore, the Commission could not agree for higher pay scales to the Junior Engineers of IUAC.

Action: JS(IUC/MC)

4.04 To consider the issue of new Promotional Policy for the staff of Consortium of Educational Communication (CEC).

The Commission considered the issue of new Promotional Policy for the staff of the CEC as per the decision taken in the meeting chaired by the Hon'ble HRM on 1st May, 2009, communicated by the MHRD vide letter No. F.5-33/2003-U.1 dated 14th

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May, 2009. It was decided that the Chairman be authorized to constitute a Committee to formulate a promotional policy in line with the decision taken in HRM's meeting that provides adequate promotional chances for career advancement to technical and academic staff of the CEC. Further, it was decided that the promotional policy prepared for the staff of CEC may also be extended for the two remaining IUCs, namely NAAC and IFLIBNET. The final Promotional Policy may be sent to MHRD for concurrence.

Action: JS (IUC)

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for inclusion of college of Engineering (within the campus of the Christ University, Deemed University, Bangalore) under the ambit of Christ University, Deemed University, Bangalore, Karnataka.

This was deferred.

- 5.02** To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Deemed University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

This was deferred.

- 5.03** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for on the spot verification of the infrastructural facilities available with Rajarajeswari Dental College & Hospital, Mysore Road, Bangalore (Karnataka) for conferment of deemed to be university status.

This was deferred.

- 5.04 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Deemed University, Mumbai, Maharashtra to start off-campus at Bangalore, Karnataka.

This was deferred.

- 5.05 To consider three (03) reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **03 three colleges i.e. (1) M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, MSR Nagar, MSRIT Post, Bangalore-560054 affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum (2) Pioneer Institute of Professional Studies, Mahalaxmi Nagar, Indore-452010(MP) affiliated to Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, (3) V.V.Vanniaperumal College for Women, Virudhunagar-626001(TN) affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai** falling in the States of Karnatak, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamilnadu, respectively.

This was deferred.

- 5.06 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status in the name of 'Shri Venkateswara Educational and Health University' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

- 5.07 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of PGP Group of Institutions, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status (De-novo category) in the name of 'PGP University' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

A power point presentation was made by the representatives of the Institute. It was resolved that a decision in the matter would be taken in the next meeting of the Commission.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.08 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Maharashtra Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (MIMSR), Latur, Maharashtra for conferment of Deemed to be University status in the name of 'MAEER'S MIT World Peace University' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

5.09 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Deemed University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu to start Faculty of Engineering in the main campus.

This was deferred.

5.10 To consider the compliance report submitted by Apollo Hospitals Educational Trust in respect of the suggestions of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Apollo College of Nursing, Chennai, Tamil Nadu to consider Deemed University status in the name of 'Apollo University of Health Sciences' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

5.11 To consider six (06) reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **03 three colleges i.e. (1) S.D.M. College of Engineering and Technology, Dhavalagiri, Dharwad-580002 affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum (2) Kodaikanal Christian College, Kodaikanal-624104(TN) affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, (3) Ispat College, Rourkela-769003(Orissa) Extension of Autonomous Status** in respect of **3(three) colleges i.e. (1) Fatima College, Mary Land, Madurai-6250108 (TN) affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai(TN), (2) Sri Krushna Chandra Gajapati(Autonomous) College,**

Paralakhemundi-761200, District Gajapati(Orissa) and (3) Khallikote (Autonomous) College, Berhampur-760001, Ganjam, Orissa affiliated to Berhampur University, Orissa falling in the States of Karnatak, Tamilnadu, and Orissa respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee for extending the autonomous status in respect of three colleges and approved the tenure of autonomy as given in the following table:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Autonomy tenure approved by the Commission</i>
1.	<i>Fatima College, Mary Land, Madurai-625018 (TN)</i>	<i>2008-2009 to 2013-2014 including ex-post-facto approval for the year 2007-2008.</i>
2.	<i>Sri Krushna Chandra Gajapati (Autonomous) College, Paralakhemundi-761200 District Gajapati (Orissa)</i>	<i>2008-2009 to 2013-2014 including ex-post-facto approval for the year 2007-2008.</i>
3.	<i>Khallikote (Autonomous) College, Berhampur-760 001, Ganjam, Orissa</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>

The conferment of fresh autonomous status to three colleges was deferred to be considered in the next meeting of the Commission.

Action: Director (Admn.)

5.12

To re-consider report of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **Nithee Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bangalore** falling in the State of Karnatak affiliated to, Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum respectively.

This was deferred.

5.13

To consider the changes to be made in the XI Plan Guidelines relating to “Autonomous Colleges Scheme” with regard to the extension of the tenure of autonomy.

The Commission considered the suggestions received from various autonomous colleges and decided that the following changes may be introduced in respect of the Review Committees:

That instead of Joint Committee, only a Review Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC with a few experts may visit the colleges to review the working of the autonomous college as under:

- (1) 3 Experts out of which one shall be the Chairman.*
- (2) One Nominee of the Affiliating University*
- (3) Member Secretary*

The UGC Review Committee may visit the college in between 5th and 6th year of autonomy. The University may send its own Review Committee consisting of its members, State Government nominee at least once during the tenure of the autonomy.

The Commission further reviewed the present procedure for fresh proposals and resolved that an Expert Committee may be constituted for all fresh cases with representation of University and State Government nominees. The existing procedure of Screening Committee may be scrapped and the Chairman may constitute Expert Committee for on the spot inspection for consideration of each proposal.

Action: Director (Admn.)/JS(XI Plan)

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.

There was 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 4th June, 2009.

6.04: To consider the need of development of on-line computerized Management Information System on Higher Education and approval for System Design.

The Commission, in principle, approved the proposal for development of on-line computerized Management Information System on Higher Education. It was further decided that a power point presentation may be made at the next meeting of the Commission.

Action: JS(I&S)

6.05: To consider the specific requests received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers.

The Commission considered the specific requests received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers and approved the recommendations of the Exemption Committee for the same.

Action: JS(PS)

**(R.K. CHAUHAN)
SECRETARY**

**(SUKHADEO THORAT)
CHAIRMAN**