

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

**MINUTES OF THE 475<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2011.**

The 475<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 in which the following were present:-

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| 1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat             | Chairman      |
| 2. Prof. Ved Prakash                 | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran        | Member        |
| 4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam | Member        |
| 5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu         | Member        |
| 6. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.       | Member        |
| 7. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar              | Member        |
| 8. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta        | Member        |

Mrs. Vibha Puri Das, Secretary, MHRD could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to her.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Dr. N.A. Kazmi

**Additional Secretaries**

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Dr. P. Prakash

**Financial Adviser**

Shri A.K. Dogra

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### SECTION-1

**1.01 (a)** To confirm the minutes of the 474<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

*The minutes of the 474<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 were confirmed.*

*Action: AS(I)/Director(Admn.)*

**1.01 (b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 474<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

*The action taken on the minutes of the 474<sup>th</sup> meeting were noted.*

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

(i) To approve the action taken by Hon'ble Chairman, UGC regarding sanction of grants under the scheme of Additional Grants to Colleges—first installment 90% instead of 75% & 10% balance / final installment after receipt of U.C. for full allocated amount.

*The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC for sanctioning 90% of the allocated grant instead of 75% under the scheme of Additional Grants to Colleges. The Commission further decided that the balance 10% of the grant may be released only on receipt of utilization certificate for total allocated grant.*

*Action: JS (XI Plan)*

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

**(no item)**

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

**(no item)**

**1.04** To approve the Annual Report for the year 2009-2010.

*The Commission approved the Annual Report for the year 2009-2010 in principle. It was decided that proof reading of the Annual Report needs to be done and the figures relating to the number of colleges at page 19 need to be reconciled with the figures given in words elsewhere in the report.*

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*The Commission further decided that some pictures may also be added. The Commission Members were requested to send their comments, if any, within a week which could be incorporated before the Annual Report is submitted to the M/HRD.*

*It was also decided that since the last date for submission of the report is over, UGC should write to M/HRD requesting for condoning the delay.*

*Action: JS (Annual Report)*

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

**2.01** To consider the Report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted to look into the complaints/allegations leveled against the various functionaries of the Visva Bharati, Santiniketan including the Vice-Chancellor in view of complaints received in the University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development in regard to the affairs of that University.

*The Commission considered the Report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted to look into the complaints/allegations leveled against the various functionaries of Visva Bharati, Santiniketan and the letter No.F.9-3/2007(CU) dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 and approved the Report of the Fact Finding Committee along with the comments of the UGC on each of the findings and decided that it may be forwarded to MHRD for taking further necessary action.*

*Action: JS(CU)*

**2.02** To consider the issues arising out of the minutes of the Standing Committee on "UGC (Minimum Standards for award of M. Phil/Ph.D) Regulations 2009" held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at UGC Office, Delhi.

*The Commission considered the issues arising out of the minutes of the Standing Committee on "UGC (Minimum Standards for award of M.Phil/Ph.D) Regulations 2009" held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and decided that the issue may be revisited again. The Commission further decided that a status note relating to the issue of Open Universities offering Ph.D. degree through distance mode*

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*may be placed before the Commission after taking legal opinion and taking into consideration the provisions under UGC (Minimum Standards for award of M. Phil/Ph.D.) Regulations 2009.*

*Action: JS(PS)*

- 2.03** To consider and approve the (Ist amendment) Regulations 2011 to UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measure for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education 2010.

*The Commission considered the first amendment to the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010 and the approved the same.*

*Action: JS(Pay Scale)*

### SECTION-3

**(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**(no item)**

### SECTION-4

**(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)**

- 4.01** To consider the recommendations of Expert UNDER DISCUSSION Committee visited National Institute of Social Work & Social Science (NISWASS) Bhubaneshwar, Orissa for Establishment of New Media Centre.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee which visited National Institute of Social Work & Social Sciences (NISWASS) Bhubaneshwar, Orissa for establishment of a new media centre and approved the recommendations of the Committee.*

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*The Commission further decided that one of the EMMRCs which is doing good work may be identified from amongst the Central Government maintained institutions and given the earmarked funding to prepare a road map for the effective functioning of the UGC maintained media centres during the remaining period of XI Plan and during XII Plan.*

*Action: AS-II*

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

**5.01** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Chitkara University, Solan (Himachal Pradesh) (Private University) to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

*The Commission approved the Report of the UGC Expert Committee, which visited Chitkara University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh (Private University) and decided that a compliance report may be called for from the University. It was also decided that henceforth the bureau concerned should provide a status note of the private university under consideration with reference to the provisions contained in the UGC “Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities” Regulations, 2003, while placing such matters before the Commission. The Commission further decided that in future all reports of the Expert Committee should contain the above mentioned status report along with the other details.*

*It was also decided that henceforth compliance report submitted by a private university may also be placed before the Commission for consideration/information.*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

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**5.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Eternal University, Baru Sahib, Distt - Sirmour, (Himachal Pradesh) (Private University) to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

*The Commission approved the report of the UGC Expert Committee, which visited Eternal University, Baru Sahib, Distt - Sirmour, (Himachal Pradesh) (Private University) and decided that a compliance report may be called for from the University. It was also decided that henceforth the bureau concerned should provide a status note of the private university under consideration with reference to the provisions contained in the UGC “Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities” Regulations, 2003, while placing such matters before the Commission. The Commission further decided that in future all reports of the Expert Committee should contain the above mentioned status report along with the other details.*

*It was also decided that henceforth compliance report submitted by a private university may also be placed before the Commission for consideration/information.*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

**5.03** To consider the report of the Expert Committee for inclusion of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot (Punjab) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee for inclusion of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Punjab under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 and decided to defer this item. It was decided that the status of the university, i.e. whether it is a State maintained University or Private self financing University may be clearly brought before the Commission. It was further decided that clarity may be brought with regard to the provisions in the UGC Act, 1956 on the decision of the Commission to extend financial assistance to State Universities and aided colleges which are included under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

- 5.04 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Deemed to be University, Mumbai, Maharashtra to start off-campus in Guwahati, Assam.

*The Commission approved the Expert Committee report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, (Deemed to be University), Mumbai recommending starting of an off-campus centre at Guwahati from the academic year 2011-2012 subject to annual review for three years and subsequently after five years. It was decided to send the recommendations of the Commission to M/HRD.*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

- 5.05 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited SWAMI VIVEKANAND SUBHARTI UNIVERSITY, MEERUT (U.P) (Private University) to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

*The Commission approved the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut (U.P.) (Private University) and decided that a compliance report may be called for from the University. It was also decided that henceforth the bureau concerned should provide a status note of the private university under consideration with reference to the provisions contained in the UGC "Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities" Regulations, 2003, while placing such matters before the Commission. The Commission further decided that in future all reports of the Expert Committee should contain the above mentioned status report along with the other details.*

*It was also decided that henceforth compliance report submitted by any private university may also be placed before the Commission for consideration/information.*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

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**5.06** To consider issue of releasing grants to Engineering, Medical, Nursing, Dental and Agricultural Colleges.

*The Commission considered the issue of releasing grants to Engineering Medical, Nursing, Dental and Agricultural Colleges and decided as under:*

- 1. A status note may be prepared on the financial support being received by such institutions from their respective councils.*
- 2. UGC may continue giving non-developmental grants under some schemes like major/minor research projects, travel grants, organization of seminar/symposia/workshop etc. to such institutions which are in receipt of grant-in-aid from the respective State Governments and are not self-financing.*

*Action: JS(CPP-II)*

### SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

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

*There was no item.*

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

(i) To review the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Empowered Committee for Basic Scientific Research in Indian Universities for XI Plan period.

*The status of implementation of the recommendations of the Empowered Committee for Basic Scientific Research in Indian Universities was noted.*

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

*The date for the next meeting of the Commission would be decided in consultation with the Chairman, UGC.*



**ANY OTHER ITEM**

*The Commission observed that Prof. S.K. Thorat, Chairman, UGC shall be completing his term on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 and placed on record the excellent service rendered by him during his tenure for the cause of higher education in general and UGC in particular.*

**(N.A. KAZMI)  
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)  
CHAIRMAN**