

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

**MINUTES OF THE 494<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2013.**

The 494<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr.H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Sh. Ashok Thakur	Member
4. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal	Member
5. Prof.Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain	Member
6. Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath	Member
7. Dr. Indu Shahani	Member
8. Prof. Yogendra Yadav	Member
9. Prof. V. S. Chauhan	Member
10. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy	Member
11. Prof. M.M.Ansari	Member

Prof Achyutananda Samanta who could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation was granted leave of absence.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Dr. Akhilesh Gupta

**Financial Adviser**

Shri Upamanyu Basu

**Director**

Shri Vikram Sahay

## 2

At the outset, Chairman, UGC welcomed Prof. H. Devaraj, Vice Chairman, UGC and Shri Vikram Sahay, Director (Admin.) who have recently joined. While welcoming the members of the Commission, the Chairman briefed the members with important developments which had taken place in the recent past. He mentioned that significant progress has taken place in the fraudulent cheque matter and that effective coordination by UGC administration and prompt intervention by the Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of HRD have helped making good progress in the matter. The Chairman informed that the entire amount which was fraudulently encashed by the ex-Principal, Patel Memorial College, Rajpura, has been recovered with interest from him.

Chairman, UGC mentioned that Hon'ble Prime Minister has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest for the UGC Diamond Jubilee Celebrations being organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2013. The UGC is taking all necessary steps for the successful organization of the event. He also informed that the DRDO has agreed to construct the new UGC building in JNU Campus, New Delhi. While elaborating on the e-governance measures undertaken in UGC, Chairman mentioned that a fact sheet on each University funded by the UGC has been developed and posted on the UGC's website to keep the vital information in public domain. On the administrative front biometric attendance system has been brought in force from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 which has led to improvement in both punctuality and regularity. The UGC has also held interviews and meetings of the DPC for filling up of vacant posts of Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries, and steps are under way for filling up the posts of Education Officers and LDCs.

The Commission Members have placed on record their appreciation for the recent three publications brought out by the UGC as also the excellent work done by the Administration as enumerated by the Chairman.

# 3

## AGENDA

### SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 493<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013**.

**The Minutes of the 493<sup>rd</sup> meeting were confirmed. It was decided that from the next meeting, a separate Agenda item should be included titled “Matters arising out of Minutes of the last Meeting”.**

- 1.01 (b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 493<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **10 May, 2013**.

**Noted.**

- 1.02(a)** To ratify the action taken on certain matter

- (i) To report the issue regarding to transfer an amount of Rs.7.00 Lakh per paper (each Pls) to Host Institute of the Principal Investigator through INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar.

**Approved**

**Action: Director (Admin.)**

- (ii) Commemoration of Diamond Jubilee of the University Grants Commission.

**The Commission approved the decision to take forward the suggestions given by the Hasnain Committee on Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and further steps taken by the UGC office. With regard to instituting of various awards, it was decided that the Awards Committee under the chairmanship of Prof Hasnain may take up the agenda and suggest guidelines and procedure for the**

## 4

purpose, which would be discussed in the next meeting of the Commission.

**Action: Director (Admin.)**

- (iii) To ratify the matter regarding the accreditation of Andhra Pradesh SET, Karnataka SET, West Bengal SET and North-Eastern SET to the Commission.

**Approved**

**Action: DS(NET)**

- (iv) To report the inclusion of 152 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.04.2013 to 30.06.2013 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Approved.**

**Action: JS (CPP I)**

- (v) To ratify the decision taken to approve the creation of new non-teaching positions in newly established Central Universities under XII Plan on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee.

**Approved**

**Action: JS (CU)**

- (vi) To ratify the decision regarding the Continuation of the scheme of Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusion Policy.

**Approved**

**Action: JS (SCT/OBC)**

## 5

- (vii) To Ratify Rules, Terms & Conditions and Tripartite MoA on Faculty Recharge Programme

**Approved**

**Action: JS (BSR)**

- (viii) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committees' meetings held w.e.f. 04.02.2013 to 08.02.2013 for establishment of Study Centres under the scheme of Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India during XIIth Plan.

**Approved. The Commission decided that after XII plan, the disbursement of funds for setting up Study Centres may be included as part of Block Grants to Universities. Vice-Chairman, UGC decided to undertake a review with regard to the eligibility of around 450 applicant institutions.**

**Action: JS (NFE)**

- (ix) To report the status of Distance Education program and (a) ratification of the decision taken with regard to the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted for processing all pending applications with the erstwhile DEC; (b) approval for Constitution of a Committee for taking decisions on distance education programs; (c) ratification for Deemed Deputation of officials of the erstwhile DEC and filling of posts on deputation basis.

**The Commission ratified the decision taken with regard to the recommendations of the Expert Committee as proposed under item (a).**

**The proposal of constitution of a Committee for taking decision on distance education programs as proposed under item (b) was approved. However, it was suggested that the decision taken by the Committee may be brought to the Commission for ratification.**

## 6

With regard to item (c), the Commission decided that the present arrangement may continue for the next three months; a request may be made to Secretary (HE), Ministry of HRD to convene a meeting with Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and Chairman, UGC to address the various personnel issues, after which appropriate steps may be taken for creation and filling up of posts in UGC to deal with the additional work pertaining to Open and Distance Learning (ODL).

**Action: Director (Admn.)**

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

- (i) National Innovation Scholarships- this is the subject matter of an assurance for which an immediate reply is to be given.

**It was decided that clarification/additional information may be obtained from the Ministry of HRD.**

**Action: JS (SA III)**

- (ii) Setting up the national portal for student entitlement and prevent unfair practices as per the direction of the Cabinet.

**It was decided to provide the updated information on the matter to the Ministry of HRD.**

**Action: Director (Admn.)**

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

**Approved. It was decided that in the next meeting IFD may provide information with regard to (i) unspent balance; (ii) increase in legal expenses over last year; (iii) refund to Ministry of Rural Development, and advised that expenditure heads titled 'Women's Studies' and 'Capacity building for women managers in higher education' may be merged.**

**Action: FA**

# 7

## SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To consider the requests received from Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad and Registrar, Goa University to grant exemption from NET to cases which are similar to those cases which were granted exemption in the State of Maharashtra by the Commission.  
*(Deferred Item No.2.03 of 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 meeting)*

**Approved.** It was decided that all such cases where faculty appointment were made by colleges prior to 2000 with prior approval of the affiliating University may be considered for similar exemption. The Commission authorized Chairman to take these decisions on behalf of the Commission which can be brought to the Commission subsequently for ratification.

**Action: JS (PS)**

- 2.02** To consider the draft notification on Specification of Degrees under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956.

**Approved**

**Action: JS (CPP II)**

- 2.03** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee on the issue of allowing students to pursue two or more degrees simultaneously on regular/distance/private/online/part time basis.

**Approved.**

**Action: JS (CPP II)**

- 2.04** To consider the final UGC [Minimum Standards of Instructions for the Grant of the Masters Degree through Formal Education] (First Amendment) Regulations, 2013.

**Approved**

**Action: JS (CPP II)**

## 8

**2.05** To consider the issue of grants to self financing colleges

**It was decided that Grants should not be given by UGC to any self-financed institution, even though such institutions are included under section 12B of the UGC Act. Further, it was also decided that wherever first installment has been given to such an institution, the subsequent installments should not be disbursed. The Commission however reiterated its earlier decision of providing assistance to teacher centric and student centric schemes to all 12B institutions.**

**Action: JS (CPP I)**

**2.06** To consider the Amendment in the UGC Regulations on “Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation” of all Higher Educational Institutions Regulations, 2012.

**Approved. However, the amendment should read as “‘Assessment and Accreditation Agency’ means any agency such as the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, the National Board of Accreditation, or the National Accreditation Board, or any agency recognized by the University Grants Commission, or any agency established by an Act of Parliament to carry out accreditation.’**

**Action: JS (IUC)**



**\_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 the Report of the Review Committee which visited the Centre with Potential for Excellence in Laser & Opto-electronics Sciences at Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala.

**Approved**

**Action: JS (NS/PE)**

- 4.02**
1. To approve the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan Guidelines of Major Research Projects in Science & Humanities subjects.
  2. To approve the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan Guidelines of Minor Research Projects in Science & Humanities subjects.

**While approving the Guidelines, the Commission decided that Minor Research Projects should be restricted to colleges only.**

**Action: JS (MRP)**

- 4.03** To consider the Guidelines for the UGC Chairs in Universities during the XII Plan (2012-17).

**It was decided that the guidelines for the UGC chairs be re-visited.**

**Action: JS (NS/PE)**

# 10

- 4.04** To consider XII Plan Guidelines for Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE)/ Universities of Excellence (UE).

**The Commission approved the revision of the Guidelines for the XII plan with the following modifications : (a) The UPE, if declared eligible for the second phase, may be termed as “University of Excellence” from Phase II onwards (after 5 years of existence); (b) The ceiling of assistance for an UPE would be Rs 60 crore in Phase I, Rs 60 crore in Phase II and Rs 100 crore in Phase III. The Commission also decided that State private Universities and Deemed to be Universities covered under section 12B of the UGC Act may also be considered for grant of status of ‘University with Potential for Excellence’ and ‘University of Excellence’, provided they fulfill the various conditions under the Scheme; however, no financial assistance under the Scheme would be made available to them.**

**Action: JS (NS/PE)**

- 4.05** To consider the matter regarding setting up of an Inter-University Centre for Teacher Education.

**The Commission accorded in-principle approval for setting up of the Inter-University Centre in Teacher Education, and decided to refer the matter to the Ministry.**

**Action : JS (IUC)**

- 4.06** To consider the matter regarding Testing Agency for Outsourcing of NET.

**Deferred**

- 4.07** To consider the impact of programmes launched under BSR and reconstitution of the Empowered Committee.

**Approved. The Commission placed on record its appreciation for the outstanding services rendered by the Empowered Committee and decided that the present Empowered Committee may continue till a new Committee is constituted.**

**Action: JS (BSR)**

- 4.08** To consider XII Plan Guidelines on “Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE) / Institutions of Excellence (IE)”.

**The Commission approved the revision of the Guidelines for the XII plan with the following modifications : (a) The CPE, if declared eligible for the second phase, may be termed as “College of Excellence” from Phase II onwards (after 5 years of existence); (b) The ceiling of assistance for a CPE would be Rs 1.5 crore in Phase I, Rs 1.5 crore in Phase II and Rs 2.0 crore in Phase III. The Commission also decided that self-financing colleges covered under sections 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act may also be considered for grant of status of ‘College with Potential for Excellence’ and ‘College of Excellence’, provided they fulfill the various conditions under the Scheme; however, no financial assistance under the Scheme would be made available to them.**

**Action: JS (NS/PE)**

- 4.09** To consider the recommendations of Standing Committee on Academic Staff Colleges in Universities.

**Approved**

**Action: JS (ASC)**

# 12

- 4.10** To consider implementation of the Ministry's scheme of Community Colleges.

**Approved, with a cap of Rs 1 crore per college, overall cap of Rs 100 crore for the Scheme, and review/evaluation may be reported to the Commission. MHRD may be requested to provide funds for implementing the Scheme.**

**Action : FA**

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

- 5.01** To consider the compliance report submitted by Integral University, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the 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.

**Approved**

**Action : JS (CPP I)**

- 5.02** To consider the compliance report submitted by Mewar University (Private University), Chittorgarh (Rajasthan) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the Private University on 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 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.

**Approved**

**Action : JS (CPP I)**

# 13

- 5.03** To consider the compliance report submitted by Nirma University of Science & Technology (Private University), Ahmedabad (Gujarat) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the 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.

**Approved**

**Action : JS (CPP I)**

- 5.04** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited **Rayalseema University (State University), Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh)** on 31<sup>st</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2013 to consider inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Letter may be sent to the University to comply with the observations of the UGC Expert Committee**

**Action : JS (CPP I)**

- 5.05** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Amity University, Uttar Pradesh located at NOIDA, Dt. Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh to verify the compliance submitted by the University in respect of the deficiencies/suggestions made by the earlier UGC Expert Committee and also to conduct inspection as per the recommendations of the Inspection Committee.

**University may be asked to remove the deficiencies pointed out by the UGC Expert Committee.**

**Action : JS (CPP I)**

- 5.06** To consider the issue regarding admission of students under NRI Quota in excess of 15% by Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), (Deemed to be University) during the year 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 in its two constituent units – Kasturba Medical College, Manipal and Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore. (***Deferred Item No.5.04 of 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 meeting***)

**Legal Advice from a Senior Counsel may be taken with regard to the action that can be taken by the UGC**

**Action : JS (CPP I)**

- 5.07** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee to consider the proposal received from Jodhpur National University (Private University), Jodhpur (Rajasthan) for recognition under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956 to become eligible to receive central assistance.

**Not approved**

**Action : JS (CPP I)**

- 5.08** To decide further course of action in the matter of Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala (Punjab) in the context of order dated 11.07.2013 passed by Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP No. 5987 of 2012 and Civil Misc. No. 4928 of 2013.

**The decision of the High Court may be appealed against in the Apex Court.**

**Action : JS (CPP I)**

**(AKHILESH GUPTA)  
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)  
CHAIRMAN**