

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

MINUTES OF THE 502ND MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION HELD ON 22ND JULY, 2014.

The 502nd Meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd July, 2014 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr. H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal	Member
4. Dr. Indu Shahani	Member
5. Prof. V. S. Chauhan	Member
6. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy	Member
7. Prof. M.M. Ansari	Member
8. Prof. Mohammad Miyan	Member
9. Dr. K.N. Shanti	Member
10. Mr. Patanjali (Patu) G. Keswani	Member

Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary (HE) MHRD and Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation and were granted leave of absence.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

Financial Advisor

Shri Upamanyu Basu

Director

Shri Vikram Sahay

After Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC welcomed all the Members, the agenda was taken up.

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 501st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th June, 2014.

The minutes were confirmed with the following observations :

- (i) Under Item No. 1.01 (a) regarding confirmation of the Minutes of the 500th meeting, Item 1.01 (b) of the minutes of the 500th meeting in which reference was made to Minutes of the Meeting convened by Additional Secretary (Expenditure) on 19th February, 2014, it was decided that instead of the word 'minutes' the word 'record' should be substituted.
- (ii) Under item No. 1.02 (b), the minutes should read as : 'Sanction Order in respect of financial assistance to colleges should specify that the grants should be utilized within the time period specified under the GFR. Further, the conditions precedent to release of grant should be explicitly mentioned in the sanction order, so that the time within which funds need to be utilized are adhered to by the Colleges, and further that the UGC should release funds well in time so that the colleges have sufficient time to utilize the same within the financial year in which grants are released.'" In this regard, letter dated 2nd July, 2014 issued by the UGC to the Regional Offices should be withdrawn and a revised letter be issued in accordance with the amended Minutes.

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

1.01 (b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 501st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th June, 2014.

Noted and approved with the observations that the consequential changes may be made in accordance with the observations under Agenda Item No. 1.01 (a)

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

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1.02(a)

To ratify the action taken on certain matter

- (i) To report the inclusion of 39 Colleges, as approved, under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.06.2014 to 30.06.2014 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Approved

[Action : DS (CPP I)]

- (ii) To report the decision for amendment in the XII Plan guidelines of the scheme "IQAC(Colleges)"

Approved

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

- (iii) To ratify action taken by the UGC in pursuance of the decision of the Commission taken in its meeting held on 13th June, 2014 on implementation of Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) by the University of Delhi and migration from FYUP to 3 Year Undergraduate Programme.

Approved

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

1.03

To receive a brief note on the changes made in the UGC schemes for releasing grant 2013-14.

Approved.

[Action : FA]

1.04

To consider the Annual Accounts of UGC for the year 2012-13.

Approved. It was decided that the FA would furnish additional information as requested for by Additional Secretary (Expenditure). In the next meeting, a broad categorization of the cases pending before various Courts may be presented before the Commission.

[Action : FA & Director (Admn.)]

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider and approve the draft of the UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D) Regulations, 2014.

It was decided that a Committee consisting of Prof. H. Devaraj, Dr V.S. Chauhan and Dr M. M. Ansari may examine the matter in its entirety and submit its recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

[Action : JS (PS)]

2.02 To consider the issue of granting extension of time limit for completion of building projects utilizing the XI Plan Grants sanctioned under General Development to Universities and Colleges from March, 2014 to March 2015.

The Commission approved the proposal to allow extension of time for completion of projects approved during the XI Plan, and allow institutions to utilize the unspent amount, out of the allocation made during the XI Plan for such projects, during the XII plan period for completion of the project.

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

2.03 To consider the report of the Sub-Committee constituted by the Commission to undertake assessment of the 41 Category 'C' Institutions Deemed to be Universities

The Commission was informed that the Sub-Committee had completed the hearing of all the 41 Institutions Deemed to be Universities; however, it was in the process of preparing its recommendations which was likely to take some more time. It was accordingly decided that a request may be made before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for further extension of two months time beyond 31st July, 2014 for submission of advice by the UGC to the Government of India.

[Action : DS (CPP I)]

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2.04 To consider the Role of UGC in the Policy Mechanism for Higher Education .

Deferred

[Action : JS (CPP II)]

2.05 To consider the draft UGC Notification on minimizing dissection and animal experimentation in Zoology/ Life Sciences and allied disciplines in Universities and other higher educational institutions.

The Commission approved the Notification with the observations that the provisions for Undergraduate should also be extended to Postgraduate programmes and that no animal from any species shall be dissected either by teachers or students for any purposes at these levels.

[Action : JS (CPP II)]

SECTION-4 (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

4.01 To approve the XII plan Guidelines for Post Doctoral Fellowship to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Candidates.

Approved.

[Action : DS (SA)]

4.02 To consider the issue of Awarding Authority for awarding Certificate/ Diploma to the students under the scheme of Community Colleges.

Approved.

[Action : JS (CC/B. Voc.)]

4.03 To consider amendments in the guidelines for Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas (CPEPA) for XII Plan Period (2012-2017).

Approved.

[Action : JS (NS/PE)]

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- 4.04** बारहवीं योजना की अवधि में केन्द्रीय/राज्य/मानित विश्वविद्यालयों में हिन्दी विभाग की स्थापना एवं उन्नयन हेतु विशेषज्ञ समिति द्वारा तैयार की गई दिग्दर्शिका आयोग के अनुमोदनार्थ.

Approved.

[Action : JS (Rajbhasaha)]

- 4.05** To consider the matter regarding outsourcing of NET to the Central Board of Secondary Education.

Approved.

[Action : DS (NET)]

- 4.06** To consider Expert Committee's Report on National Initiative for Fostering Social Responsibility in Higher Education and Guidelines for Establishment of Centre for Fostering Social Responsibility and Community Engagement in Universities during XII Plan (2012 - 2017).

Deferred. It may be discussed alongwith item No. 2.04 in the next meeting.

[Action : FA (XII Plan)]

- 4.07** To consider the guidelines for Construction of Women's Hostel for Central, State and Deemed Universities during the XII Plan Period.

Approved with the observations that the funds should be released in four instalments - 25%, 25%, 40% and 10%

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

- 4.08** To consider "Guidelines for the Scheme of Granting Special Heritage Status to Universities and Colleges" during XII Plan (2012 - 2017)

Approved.

[Action : FA (XII Plan)]

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- 4.09** To approve the 12th Plan Guidelines “Regional Centre for Knowledge Enhancement and Capacity Building” (RCKECB) & “Human Resource Development Centres” (HRDCs)

Approved with the observation that “Regional Centre for Knowledge Enhancement and Capacity Building” (RCKECB) should be renamed as ‘Regional Centre for Capacity Building’ (RCCB).

[Action : JS (ASC)]

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Symbiosis International (Deemed to be University), Pune (Maharashtra) to establish off-campus centre at Mamidally, District, Mahabubnagar Near Hyderabad, Telangana.

The Commission, while considering the report of the UGC Expert Committee, the AICTE Expert Committee, and the Bar Council of India, took into consideration the observations conveyed by the Ministry of HRD on the subject including the policy on Institutions Deemed to be Universities and their expansion, decided that the proposal of the Symbiosis International University (Deemed to be University), Pune for setting up an off-Campus in Hyderabad cannot be recommended. The UGC may inform the M/HRD accordingly.

[Action : DS (CPP I)]

- 5.02** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges in its 8th meeting held on 16.07.2014 for grant of Fresh and Extension of autonomous status to the colleges

Approved

[Action : JS (AC)]

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AGENDA

SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01: To consider the certain establishment matters of UGC

Recorded separately

It was decided that the next meeting of the Commission may be held on 20th August, 2014

**(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN**