New Delhi, the 17th June 1987

To

The Education Secretaries of all the States/U.Ts.

Subject: Revision of Pay scales of Teachers in Universities and colleges and other measures for maintenance of standards in Higher Education.

Sir,

I am directed to day that in fulfillment of the constitutional responsibility for coordination, determination and maintenance of standards in higher education, the Central Government and the University Grants Commission have taken from time to time several measures. As a part of these efforts the Central Government have revised the pay scales of teachers in Universities and colleges in order o attract and retain talent in the teaching profession. The National Policy on Education-1986 envisages efforts to reach the desirable objective of uniform emoluments, service condition and grievance removal mechanism for teachers throughout the country. The policy also visualizes the creation of an open, participative and data-based system of teacher evaluation. It also suggests reorganization of methods of recruitment, introduction of programme of teacher orientation and continuing education, filling up of posts in Universities and colleges on the basis of merit etc.

2. Following the appointment of the Fourth Pay Commission for Central Government employees, the University Grants Commission had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor. R.C.Mehrotra, Professor Emeritus, University of Rajasthan, to examine the present structure of emoluments and conditions of service of University and College teachers, taking into account the total pocket of benefits such as
superannuation, medical and housing facilities etc. and to make recommendations on them having regard to the necessity of attracting and retaining talented persons in the teaching profession and providing professional advancement opportunities to them. The Committee had submitted its report to the University Grants Commission in May 1986. The UGC considered the recommendation contained in the report, made certain observations on them and requested the Government of India to consider implementation of the report. A copy of the report was forwarded to the State Governments vide this Ministry's letter No. F.1-19/86-U-I dated February 10, 1987.

3. The Government of India have carefully examined the various recommendations contained in the report and the observations of the UGC and have decided to implement a scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers in Universities and Colleges w.e.f. January 1, 1986. A copy of the scheme is attached (Appendix).

4. The scheme is being implemented in the Central Universities and other institutions fully financed by the Central Government. The Government of India have also decided to assist the State Governments, who wish to adopt the implementation of the scheme of revision of pay scales, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Central Government will provide assistance to the state Government to the extent of 80% of the additional expenditure involved in giving effect to the revision of scales of pay.

2. The Central Assistance to the extent indicated above will be available for the period January 1, 1986 to March 31, 1990.

3. The State Governments will meet the remaining 20% of the expenditure from their own resources and will not pass on the liability or any portion thereof to the Universities or the management of private colleges.

4. The State Governments will take over the entire responsibility for maintaining the revised scales of pay w.e.f. April 1, 1990.

5. Central Assistance will be restricted to the revision of pay scales of the posts which were in existence on January 1, 1986.

5. The State Governments, after taking local conditions into consideration, may also decide in their discretion to introduce scales of pay different from those mentioned in the scheme, and may give effect to the revised scales of pay from January 1, 1986 or a later date. In such cases, the details of the modifications proposed either to the scales of pay, or the date from which the scheme is to be implemented, should be furnished to the Government of India for its approval and, subject to the approval being accorded to the modifications, Central assistance on the same terms and conditions as indicated above will be available to the State Governments for implementation of the scheme with such modifications, provided that the modified scales of pay are not higher than those approved under the scheme.
6. The payment of Central assistance for implementation of the scheme is also subject to the condition that the entire scheme of revision of pay scales, together with all the conditions attached to it is implemented by the state Governments as a composite schemes without any modification except to the date of implementation and the scales of pay as indicated above. In addition, it shall be necessary for the Universities and management of colleges to make necessary changes in their statutes, ordinance4s rules, regulations. etc. to incorporate the provisions of this scheme.

7. The detailed proposal for implementation of the scheme on the lines indicated above may kindly be formulated immediately and sent to the Department of Education in the Ministry of Human Resource Development for examination so that Central assistance to the extent indicated above can be sanctioned for its implementation.

8. The proposal for revision of pay scales of Librarians and Directors of Physical Educations still under consideration and a separate communication will follow.

9. Anomalies, if any, in the implementation of the scheme may be brought to the notice of Department of Education in the Ministry of Human Resources Development for clarification.

10. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully

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APPENDIX

To the letter No. F. I-21/87-U-I dt. 17.6.87 regarding the Scheme of Revision of Pay Scales of Teachers in Universities and Colleges – 1986 and other Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education.

Coverage

1. This scheme applies to teachers in all Universities (excluding Agricultural Universities), and Colleges (excluding Agricultural, Medical and Veterinary Science Colleges) admitted to the privileges of the Universities unless they specifically exercise an option in writing to remain out of this scheme as provided in para 19 hereafter.

Explanation

(i) This Scheme will apply to teachers in the Faculties of Agriculture, Medicine and Veterinary Science in the Central Universities.

(ii) The Scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers in technical institutions (including Engineering Colleges and other Institutions offering courses only in Technical Education) Will be communicated separately.

Date of Effect

2. The revised scales of pay will be effective from January 1, 1986.

Pay Scales:

3. The revised scales of pay effective from 1-1-1986 are given in Annexure I

4. The revised scales of pay are inclusive of the basic pay, the dearness pay, the dearness allowance, additional dearness allowance, and the interim relief, if any, admissible to teachers as on 1-1-1986.

5. The revised scale of pay of Tutors and Demonstrators is for the existing incumbents of these positions in the Universities and Colleges. There shall be no fresh recruitment to this category.

6. The Principals of Colleges may be placed in the scales of pay of Readers or Professor on the basis of criteria to be laid down by the State Governments.

7. Recruitment to the posts of lecturers, Readers and Professors in Universities and Colleges shall be on the basis of merit through all India advertisement and selection.

8. The minimum qualification required for appointment to the posts of lecturers, Readers and Professors will be those prescribed by the U.G.C.
from time to time. Generally, the minimum qualifications for appointment to the post of lecturer shall be Master’s degree in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade, and good academic record.

Explanation

(i) M. Phil and Ph.d in the relevant subject may be prescribed in appropriate case, as described qualification for recruitment to the posts of Lecturer in College and Universities respectively.

(ii) The minimum qualifications should not be relaxed even in respect of candidates who have research degrees like M.Phil/Ph.D.

9. Only those candidates who, besides fulfilling the minimum academic qualifications prescribed for the post of Lecturer, have qualified in a comprehensive test, to be specially conducted for the purpose, will be eligible for appointment as Lecturers. The detailed schemes for conducting the test including its design, content and administration will be worked out and communicated by the U.G.C.

10. A Lecturer in a college or a University who does not obtain an M.Phil/Ph.D degree as the case may be, or does not have to his/her credit research work or equivalent standard shall not be entitled to draw the annual increments beyond the stage of Rs. 3400 in the scale of pay of Rs. 2200-4000.

Explanation

The U.G.C. will review the facilities available for M.Phil/Ph.D in each discipline and will grant appropriate relaxation, either permanently or for specified period, from the fulfillment of this requirement. The operation of this para will remain suspended until such notifications are issued by the U.G.C.

11. Every Lecturer will be eligible for placement in senior scale of Rs. 3000-5000 if he/she has:

(a) Completed 8 years of service after regular appointment or has reached a basic pay of Rs. 2800/-, whichever is earlier:
(b) Obtained a M.Phil or Ph.D degree as the case may be, or has to his/her credit research work of equivalent standard:
(c) Attended two refresher courses/summer institution each of at least four week’s duration and
(d) Consistently satisfactory performance reports.
12. The requirement of participation in two refresher courses/summer institutes would be suitably relaxed till arrangements for Courses/Institutions are made. The requirement of M.Phil./Ph.D will not apply in the case of Lecturers who were appointed prior to the implementation of the 1973 revision.

**Explanation**

(i) All Lecturers in the existing scale of Rs. 7-1600 who have completed 5 years of service on 1-1-1986, will be eligible for placement in the scale of Rs. 3000-5000 in accordance with the provision in paras 11 and 12. The benefit of the relaxation mentioned in the explanation under para 10 will also be available to them.

(ii) A regular and systematic appraisal of the performance of teachers should become operational from the academic year 1988-89. Till then, the existing screening mechanisms/selection procedure will apply for placement in the Senior Scales. There will be no relaxation in any case from the requirement of consistently satisfactory performance appraisal for placement in the Senior Scale beyond 1989-90.

13. Every lecturer in the senior scale will be eligible for placement in a Selection Grade of Rs. 3700-5300 if he/she has:

(a) Completed 12 years of service in the senior scale or has reached a basic pay of Rs. 4375/- whichever is earlier;
(b) Attended two refresher courses summer institutes after placement in the senior scale; and
(c) Consistently satisfactory performance appraisal reports.

14. Placement in the Selection Grade will be through a process of selection by a Selection Committee to be set up under the Statutes of the University concerned or other similar Committees set up by the appointing authorities with the guidelines to be laid down by the UGC.

15. Lecturers in the existing Selection Grade of Rs. 1200-1900 in Colleges will be eligible for placement at the appropriate stage in the revised Selection Grade of Rs. 3700-5300 in accordance with the pay fixation formula under this scheme. The relaxation envisaged in the scale of lecturer for placement in the Senior Scale in respect of participation in refresher course/summer institutes as well as performance appraisal will also apply to placement in the Selection Grade.

16. Readers who have completed 8 years of service, and have given good account of themselves in teaching/research extension, will be eligible for placement in the Senior Scale of Rs. 4500-5700. Placement in this grade will be on the basis of selection by Selection Committee constituted under the relevant Statutes of the Universities or other similar Committees set up by the appointing authorities, in accordance with the guidelines to be laid down by the UGC.

17. The senior scale for Readers will be restricted to one-third of the total strength of Readers in a University, or College where such posts are sanctioned. In the case of
State Government College, one-third of the strength of Readers is to be determined on the basis of the total number of posts sanctioned for all such colleges.

18. The scheme of career advancement mentioned in para 11 to 17 above will apply to all teachers appointed on or after the date of implementation of this scheme. It will also apply to all existing incumbents except those who specifically opt in favour of the Merit promotion Scheme introduced by the University Grants Commission in 1983.

19. The existing teachers in Universities and Colleges where the Merit Promotion Schemes formulated by the UGC in 1983 or any other similar scheme are in operation will have an option to continue to be governed by the provisions of these schemes provided that they exercise that option in writing prior to their pay fixation under this scheme, they will also be entitled to the designations envisaged for various categories of teachers in these schemes, but the scales of pay will be as follows:

(i) Lecturer - Rs. 2200-4000
(ii) Readers/Lecturer (Selection Grade) - Rs. 3000-5000
(iii) Professor - Rs. 4500-5700

20. In order to provide an incentive for high quality and original work by teachers, the number of positions of Professors and Readers in the Universities and Colleges will be revised from time to time by the agencies who sanction their maintenance expenditure.

21. Posts of Readers and Professors will be instituted in suitable and deserving colleges. The UGC would evolve suitable criterion for identifying colleges where such posts could be instituted and communicate them in due course.

22. The criteria and mechanism for selection and appointment to the positions of professor of Eminence will be worked out in consultation with the University Grants Commission and communicated later.

Continuing education appraisal of performance

23. Participation at regular intervals in appropriately designed refresher courses/summer institutes envisaged as an integral part of the professional development of teachers. The University Grants Commission, the Indira Gandhi National Open University, the State Governments and other appreciate agencies will be advised to take steps to introduce programmes of continuing education for this purpose. As explained above, pending the organisation of such programmes on the quality and scale required for giving effect to the implementation of the measures envisaged in this scheme relaxation from the requirement of participation in such programmes for specific period, and for specific categories of posts, will be granted.

24. Regular and systematic appraisal of performance of teachers is to be an essential element in the management of education and this has been taken into account in the design for the career development of teachers. The UGC has been requested to formulate the guidelines for the evaluation of performance of teachers, taken into
account the statements contained in the National Policy on Education – 1986 and
the programme of Action for its implementation so that a regular system of
evaluation – open, participative and data- based becomes operational from 1988-
89.

Other Conditions of Service

Probation

25. The period of probation of teacher shall not normally exceed a period of 24
months. A lecturer appointed on probation should be confirmed only after he/she
has completed an appropriate short-term orientation programme and his/her
performance appraisal reports are satisfactory. The UGC should make
arrangements to ensure that facilities are available for organising orientation
programmes to cover all Lecturers appointed in and after 1988-89

Superannuation and re-employment

26. The age of superannuation for teachers should be 60 years and there after no
extension in service should be given. However, it will be open to a University or
College to re-employ a superannuated teacher according to the existing guidelines
framed by the UGC upto the age of 65 years.

Grievance Redressal Mechanism

27. Appropriate mechanise for the redressal of teachers’ grievance will be established
in all Universities and Colleges, in respect of which guidelines will be issued
separately.

Code of Professional Ethics

28. National level associations of teachers should prepare a Code of Professional
Ethics for teachers in consultation with the UGC all concerned should see to the
observance of the code.

Allowance

29. The revised scale of pay on 1-1-1986 is inclusive of the dearness pay and dearness
allowance admissible on that date. Any dearness allowance that might become due
after that date will have to be sanctioned by the agencies which are meeting the
maintenance expenditure of the concerned Universities and Colleges.

Pay fixation formula

30. The pay of teachers in the revised scale on 1-1-1986 will be fixed in accordance
with the formula recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission while revising pay
scales of the Control Government employees. The details of the pay fixation
formula are given in Annexure II.
Dearness Allowance and other benefits.

31. Teachers in the Central Universities and institutions financed by the Central Government are sanctioned dearness allowance at the rates applicable to Central Government employees drawing corresponding pay. They are also sanctioned other benefits like House Rent Allowance, House Building Advance, medical facilities, retirement benefits, leave travel concession, group insurance, etc., on the pattern of similar benefits available to corresponding categories of Central Government employees. The State Governments may consider providing comparable benefits in the light of the statement made in the National Policy on Education-1986.
## ANNEXURE I

### SCALES OF PAY

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ANNEXURE II

Formula for fixation of pay in the revised scales

I. Pay in the revised scales should be fixed under this scheme only after-
   (a) every teacher has had an opportunity to decide whether he/she will opt for the earlier scheme (para 10-19); and
   (b) the University or College concerned has made necessary changes in their statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, etc. to incorporate the provisions of this scheme.

II. The pay of teachers in Universities and Colleges may be fixed in the revised scales of pay in the following manner:-
   (i) An amount representing 20% of basic pay in the “existing scale shall be added to the existing emoluments.”
   (ii) After the existing emoluments have been so increased, the pay shall be fixed in the revised scale at the stage next above the amount thus computed; Provided that;
        (a) If the minimum of the revised scale is more than the amount so arrived at, the pay shall be fixed at the minimum of the revised scale
        (b) If the amount so arrived at is more than the maximum of the revised scale, the pay shall be fixed at the maximum of that scale.

Explanation

(i) The “existing emoluments” of a teacher on 1.1.1986 shall include:
   (a) basic pay
   (b) dearness pay, additional dearness allowance and ad-hoc dearness allowance, if any:
   (c) Interim relief, if any

(ii) For the purpose of adding 20% to the existing emoluments,
   (a) the basic pay shall be the pay on 1.1.1986 in the 1973 UGC scales;
   (b) when a portion of the total emoluments has been merged with the 1973 UGC scales prior to 1.1.1986 the basic pay may be reckoned notionally in the 1973 UGC scales for the purpose of fixation of pay; and
   (c) where the 1973 UGC scales have not been implemented, the actual basic pay, provided that the basic pay in this case does not exceed the notionally arrived at basic pay if 1973 UGC scales had been given.

NOTE: Where in the fixation of pay under clause (ii) the pay of a teacher drawing pay at more than five consecutive stages in an existing scale gets bunched, that is to say, gets fixed in the revised scale at the same stage, the pay in the revised scale of such of the teachers who are drawing pay beyond the first five consecutive stages in the
existing scale shall be stepped up to the stage where such bunching occurs, as under
by the grant of increment(s) in the revised scale in the following manner, namely:-

(a) for teachers drawing pay from the 6th upto the 10th stage in the existing scale by
one increment.
(b) For teachers drawing pay from the 11th upto the 15th stage in the existing scale, if
there is bunching beyond the 10th stage-by two increments.
(c) For teachers drawing pay from the 16th upto 20th stage in the existing scale, if
there is bunching beyond the 15th stage-by three increments.

If by stepping up of the pay as above, the pay of a teacher gets fixed at a stage in the
revised scale which is higher than the stages in the revised scale at which the pay of a
teacher who was drawing pay at the next higher stage or stages in the same existing
scale is fixed, the pay of the latter shall also be stepped up only to the extent by which
it falls short of that of the former.

III. The next increment of a teacher whose pay has been fixed in the
revised scale in accordance with Rule II shall be granted on the date he
would have drawn his increment, had he continued in the existing
scale:

Provided that in cases where the pay of a teacher is stepped up in terms of the Note
under Rule II, the next increment shall be granted on the completion of qualifying
service of 12 months from the date of stepping up of the pay in the revised scale.

Provided further that in the case of persons who had been drawing maximum of the
existing scale for more than a year as on 1.1.1986, the next increment in the revised
scale shall be allowed on 1.1.1986.

IV. A few illustrations indicating the manner in which the pay of teachers
should be fixed under Rule I are given below:-

Illustration 1.
1. Existing scale of pay Rs. 700-40-1100-50-1600
2. Proposed scale of pay Rs. 2200-75-2800-EB-100-4000
3. Existing basic pay Rs. 700
4. DA/ADA on 1.1.1986 Rs. 1053
5. Two installments of interim relief Rs. 140
6. Existing emoluments Rs. 1893
7. Add 20% of basic pay Rs. 140
Pay to be fixed in revised scale = Rs. 2200

Illustration 2
1. Existing scale of pay Rs. 700-1600
2. Proposed scale of pay Rs. 2200-4000
3. Existing basic pay Rs. 980
4. DP/ADA on 1.1.1986 Rs. 1428
5. Two installments of Interim relief Rs. 168
6. Existing emoluments Rs. 2576
7. Add 20% of basic pay Rs. 188
Pay to be fixed in the revised scale = Rs. 2800

**Illustration 3**
1. Existing scale of pay   Rs. 1200-1900
2. Proposed scale of pay   Rs. 3700-125-4700-150-5300
3. Existing basic pay     Rs. 1480
4. DP/ADA on 1.1.1986     Rs. 1450
5. Two installments of interim relief  Rs. 218
6. Existing emoluments   Rs. 3148
7. Add 20% of basic pay   Rs. 296

Pay to be fixed in the revised scale = Rs. 3700

**Illustration 4**
1. Existing scale of pay   Rs. 1500-2500
2. Proposed scale of pay   Rs. 4500-150-5700-200-7300
3. Existing basic pay     Rs. 2500
4. DP/ADA on 1.1.1986     Rs. 2325
5. Two installments of interim relief  Rs. 350
6. Existing emoluments   Rs. 5175
7. Add 20% of basic pay   Rs. 500

Pay to be fixed in the revised scale = Rs. 5700

Note: The amounts of DP/ADA and interim relief mentioned in the above illustrations are those applicable to Central Government employees. The corresponding actual amount admissible in each state on this account will have to be taken into account in computing the total existing emoluments and fixing the pay in the revised scale at the appropriate stage.

A copy of the Government of India Circular No. F.1-21/87-U.I. dated 22nd July, 1988 to Education Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories regarding Revision of Pay Scales of Teachers in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education.