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

Minutes of the 417th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24th June, 2004.

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. Arun Nigavekar | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. V.N. Rajsekharan Pillai | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. | Shri S.C. Tripathi | Member |
| 4. | Prof. S.K. Joshi | Member |
| 5. | Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore | Member |
| 6. | Prof. Sureshwar Sharma | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Vasant Gadre | Member |
| 8. | Prof. Ashok Kumar Gupta | Member |
| 9. | Dr. G. Karunakaran Pillai | Member |
| 10. | Dr.(Ms.) Aruna Goel | Member |
| 11. | Dr. P.N. Tandon | Member |

Shri D. Swarup, Secretary (Expenditure) could not attend the meeting.

Dr. R. Natarajan, Chairman, AICTE and Shri V.K. Pipersenia, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as special invitees.

While dealing with Administrative agenda items, all the Non-Commission Members were requested to withdraw from the meeting.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Ved Prakash

Financial Advisor

Shri Pawan Agarwal

Additional Secretaries

Dr. T.R. Kem

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Director (Admn./Meetings)

Dr. P.S. Rajput

The Chairman, UGC welcomed Dr. R. Natarajan, Chairman, AICTE who was invited to attend the Commission meeting as a special invitee and hoped that with the cooperation between both the organizations i.e. AICTE and UGC, there will be a proper coordination culminating into qualitative improvement in higher education. Thereafter, the Chairman, UGC gave a brief introduction on Promotion of Indian Higher Education Abroad (PIHEAD) and informed the Commission that there will be two presentations; one on NAFSA and the other on the visit of delegation to Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia. Subsequently, Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Joint Secretary, UGC made a brief presentation on NAFSA and Shri Pawan Agarwal, Financial Adviser, UGC on the visit to Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia regarding Promotion of Indian Higher Education Abroad (PIHEAD).

The Chairman informed Commission Members that the response to NAFSA conference and the education fairs organized in African countries was overwhelming. The Chairman thanked Shri S.C. Tripathi, Secretary and Shri Ravi Mathur, Joint Secretary, MHRD; Indian Embassies; NAFSA; Chairman, AICTE in helping the UGC in successful participation/organization of both the events abroad. The Chairman, UGC also informed the Commission that the UGC has signed the MoU with Institute of International Education (IIE) which make available all the details about Indian Universities offering international education. After detailed discussions, the following issues emerged:

- 1. Identification of institutions/universities with good academic & physical infrastructure to meeting out the requirements of foreign students.*

2. *Creation of a cell for giving proper guidance to the foreign students coming for admission in India.*
3. *In addition to admission of foreign students in the courses at under-graduate and post-graduate level, the universities may explore the possibility of twinning programme with good foreign universities for Ph.D. students.*
4. *In case of foreign students, the quality of education should not be undermined.*
5. *The information prepared on Indian higher education helping to promote higher education may also be projected in other foreign languages such as Spanish, French, German etc.*
6. *Study India Programme (SIP) should be properly organized and UGC may play a vital role in this.*
7. *There should be interaction with ambassadors of foreign countries in Delhi as well as Educationists in order to learn about the problems faced by their students in India with a view to overcoming those inadequacies & to soliciting larger participation of foreign students.*
8. *Indian Universities may organize short term courses for foreign students with greater academic flexibility.*
9. *Working out the details for setting up campuses abroad.*

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th April, 2004.

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Action: Director (Admn.)

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April, 2004.

These were examined and noted.

Action: Director (Admn.)

1.02(a): To approve the action taken on certain matters.

- (i) To report the action taken on reservation for the children of Indians working in Gulf countries.

It was noted and approved.

Action: JS(NKJ)

- (ii) To report the Syllabi for the Courses (Certificate, Diploma & Advanced Diploma) in Watershed Technology/Management prepared by the Expert Committee.

It was noted and approved.

Action: JS(NKJ)

- (iii) To report finalization of guidelines of the schemes relating to welfare of SC/ST and minorities.

It was noted and approved.

Action: AS(II)

- (iv) Travel grant to college teachers / Vice-Chancellors & Commission Members to present research papers in International Conference abroad.

It was noted and approved.

Action: Director(Admn.)/DS(TG)

- (v) To approve action taken by the Chairman – Approval of the X Plan Guidelines on the Scheme of EPOCH Making Social Thinkers of India.

It was noted and approved.

Action: AS(II)

- (vi) Appointment of (i) Mrs. Shakuntala Joshi, W/o late Shri Dr. Vijay Prakash Joshi, Ex-SSA; (ii) Shri Ved Prakash S/o Late Shri S.S. Yadav, Ex-Assistant; (iii) Shri Tarun Kumar S/o Late Shri Babu Lal, Ex-Daftri; and (iv) Shri Sri Bhagwan, S/o Late Shri Hari Mohan, Ex-Peon as LDC on compassionate ground in relaxation to the recruitment procedure.

It was noted and approved.

Action: Director(Admn.)

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- (vii) To approve the action taken by the Chairman on the recommendations of the Committee for development of University education in rural areas through the implementation of PURA (Providing Urban facilities in Rural Areas) – scheme of knowledge connectivity.

It was noted and approved.

Action: AS(II)

- (viii) To approve the action taken by the Chairman regarding approval of X Plan guidelines for UGC scheme on Population Education.

It was noted and approved.

Action: AS(II)

- (ix) To report the action taken by the Chairman of approving under discussion the revised guidelines for the scheme of Coaching for (i) SC/ST and (ii) Minority Community candidates for National Education Testing (NET).

It was noted and approved.

Action: AS(II)

- (x) Action taken report regarding the approval of the Xth plan allocation of six IUCs.

It was noted and approved.

Action: JS(PP)

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 Commission noted the statement of receipt and expenditure both under non-plan and general plan for the year 2004-05 and also approved the BE for non-plan for the year 2004-05 at Rs.1315 crores. The Commission also noted the statement of receipt and expenditure (provisional) during the year 2003-04 both under non-plan and general plan.

Action: FA

1.04: To approve the Plan Budget Estimates for the year 2004-05.
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The Commission approved the plan budget estimates for the year 2004-05 for Rs.757.75 crores. It was further decided that possibilities of internal resource mobilization by the higher education institutions be explored. For this FA (MHRD) was requested to give specific suggestions.

Action: JS(PM)

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01: To consider reservation for persons with disabilities in the posts of Reader and Professor or equivalent posts and other concessions.

The Commission discussed about reservation for persons with disabilities and approved their reservation in the posts of Readers and Professors as per instructions of Department of Personnel and Training for persons with disabilities when filled by

direct recruitment irrespective of the level of the post in accordance with Section 33 of the Disability Act and the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training in this regard. However, it was also decided that the UGC will simultaneously seek clarification regarding the reservation in the post of Professor under direct recruitment.

Action: JS(PM)

**SECTION-3
(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

There was no agenda under this section.

**SECTION -4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)**

There was no agenda under this section.

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

There was no agenda under this section.

**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 13th August 2004 at 9.30 AM in the UGC Office, New Delhi.

Action: Director (Admn.)

6.04: To consider the report of the Visiting Committee for including National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University, Hyderabad under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act.

On the recommendations of the Visiting Committee, the Commission approved the inclusion of National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University, Hyderabad for its inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(PM)

SECTION -7 (SUPPLEMENTARY)

7.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately.

7.02: To consider the proposal of NAAC, Bangalore for the construction of own permanent building and campus development.

The Commission deliberated on the recommendations of 2-member Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC on the recommendation of the Commission to consider the proposal of NAAC, Bangalore for the construction of own permanent building and campus development and decided that 50% of the cost towards development of new campus be met by the UGC and balance 50% should come from

the NAAC corpus fund (i.e. out of the total cost of Rs.11.22 crores, UGC share shall be Rs.5.61 crores and matching share of NAAC shall be Rs.5.61 crores).

Action: JS(PP)

7.03: To consider the report of the Expert Committee regarding the conferment of autonomous status to a new College viz. Government College for Women, Pondicherry affiliated to Pondicherry University, Pondicherry and extension of autonomous status to existing autonomous College viz., S.V.T. College of Home Science, Mumbai, affiliated to SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the following college for the period indicated against its name:

| <i>College</i> | <i>Period of conferment of autonomous status</i> |
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| <i>Government College for Women, Pondicherry</i> | <i>From 2004-2005 to 2010-2011</i> |

The Commission also considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for extension of autonomous status to the following college for the period indicated against its name:

| <i>College</i> | <i>Period of extension</i> |
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| <i>SVT College of Home Science, Mumbai</i> | <i>Ex-post-facto approval from 2000-2001 to 2004-2005 and extension from 2005-2006 to 2010-2011</i> |

Action: JS(AKD)

7.04: To consider the report of the Expert Committee regarding the grant of autonomous status to the Colleges viz., 1) Dharanidhar College, Keonjhar, Orissa affiliated to North Orissa University, 2) Vikram Dev

College, Jeypore-764001 and 3) Govt. College, Phulbani affiliated to Berhampur University.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the following colleges for a period indicated against their names:

| S.No. | College | Period of conferment of autonomous status |
|--------------|---|--|
| 1. | <i>Dharanidhar College, Keonjhar (Orissa)</i> | <i>From 2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i> |
| 2. | <i>Vikram Dev College, Jeypore (Orissa)</i> | <i>From 2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i> |
| 3. | <i>Govt. College, Phulbani (Orissa)</i> | <i>From 2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i> |

Action: JS(AKD)

7.05: To consider draft Regulations for Admission and Fee Structure in Private Aided and Unaided Professional Educational Institutions, 2004.

The Commission discussed and deliberated and approved the draft regulations for admission and fee structure in private aided and unaided professional educational institutions, 2004 and further decided that these regulations for admission and fee structure in private aided and unaided professional educational institutions, 2004 be referred to MHRD for their concurrence.

Action: JS(PM)

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

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Exemption Committee taken on the specific request received from various universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers and accepted the recommendations given on

all the individual cases. The Commission did not agree with the recommendations of the Exemption Committee in respect of 191 teachers appointed as lecturer in various subjects at various colleges affiliated to Nagpur University, Nagpur. The Commission further decided that the UGC office may consider granting exemption from NET after receiving each case individually and the same rule be observed to give exemption from NET in respect of the teachers appointed by Pune University, Pune; Mumbai University, Mumbai; Shivaji University, Kolhapur; SRTM University, Nanded; Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar University, Aurangabad; North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon; Amravati University, Amravati and their affiliated colleges.

Action: JS(AKD)

7.07: To consider the revised guidelines for considering the proposals for declaring an Institution as Deemed to be university under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act. 1956.

This item was withdrawn to be placed in the next meeting.

Action: JS(PM)

(VED PRAKASH)
Secretary

(ARUN NIGAVEKAR)
Chairman