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

Minutes of the 425th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 8th December, 2005.

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai | Chairman |
| 2. | Sh. Sudeep Banerjee | Member |
| 3. | Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Suranjan Das | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam | Member |

Dr. Adarsh Kishore, Prof. Sureshwar Sharma, Dr. P.N. Tandon, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu and Prof. S.K. Thorat, Members of the Commission could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE invited as special invitee could not attend the meeting.

Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary (HE) and Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Advisor, MHRD attended the meeting as special invitees.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Mool Chand Sharma

Additional Secretaries

Dr. T.R. Kem

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Joint Secretary (Finance)

Dr. C. S. Meena

The Chairman informed the Commission that Prof. Mool Chand Sharma, Professor of Law at Delhi University and Director of National Law Institute University, Bhopal, has joined as the Secretary of the Commission with effect from 1st December, 2005. The Commission welcomed him and wished him good luck in his new assignment. Prof. Sharma expressed his gratefulness for bestowing confidence in him and assured that he would try to come up to the expectations of the Commission.

1.01(a)(i): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 29th June, 2005.

The minutes of the 423rd meeting of the UGC held on 29th June, 2005 were examined and confirmed.

1.01(a)(ii): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 23rd September, 2005.

The minutes of the 424th meeting of the UGC held on 23rd September, 2005 were examined and confirmed with the following observations:

- i) Leave of absence is granted to Prof. Suranjan Das.*
- ii) The words “infringement on the autonomy of the Commission” contained in the Resolution may be deleted.*

Action: Director (Admn.)

1.01(a)(iii): To receive the minutes of the Special Urgent meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 18th November, 2005.

The minutes of the Special Urgent Meeting of the Commission held on 18th November, 2005 were examined and confirmed with the remarks that

observations under item No. 4 may be deleted and this be examined administratively.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 1.01(b)(i): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June, 2005.

It was examined and noted accordingly.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 1.01(b)(ii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September, 2005.

It was examined and noted accordingly.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 1.01(b)(iii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the Special Urgent meeting held on 18th November, 2005

It was examined and noted accordingly. Regarding the various scholarship schemes to students, the Chairman reported that a Bank Smart Card System is being explored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, UGC and CBSE for monthly distribution of scholarships. This will be implemented as a pilot scheme for one year with due deliberations with various banks.

The Minority Cell will be implemented after receiving inputs and suggestions from the ministry of Human Resource Development /Minority

Cell in the Government limiting the financial commitments within the already provided plan allocation.

Action: AS (II)

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

- (i): *To report the appointment of Dr. Praveen Chaddha, as the Director of UGC-DAE Consortium for Scientific Research, Indore*

It was informed by Joint Secretary (HE), MHRD that there are instructions issued by the Government that the cases for appointment of Chief Executive Officer of centrally funded organizations needs to be submitted to the Appointment Committee of Cabinet for approval. The Chairman was authorized to examine all such cases including the present one in the light of Government's instructions and a revised item be brought before the Commission.

Action: JS (IUC)

- (ii): To report the change of the name of IUC-DAEF, Indore to UGC-DAE Consortium for Scientific Research.

This was examined and approved.

Action: JS(IUC)

- (iii): To report the change of the name of Nuclear Science Centre to Inter University Accelerator Centre (IUAC).

This was examined and approved.

Action: JS(IUC)

- (iv): To report the new system of providing grants to Inflibnet, Ahmedabad under Infonet Scheme for onward transfer to ERNET India.

The members observed that the proposal is not in line with the UGC Act and the provisions of the MoA of inflibnet. Hence, the Chairman was authorized to get the whole issue examined in the light of observations of the Commission and bring the revised item before the Commission. Till then, further action on these lines be kept in abeyance.

Action: JS (IUC)

- (v) Ratification of action taken in drafting of the guidelines, “Training and development of academic administrators of higher education institutions in the country”.

This was withdrawn for re-examination.

Action: JS (NS/PE)

- 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.

This was examined and noted. The Commission further decided that the utilization of grants be reviewed by the Committee of Commission Members at the earliest possible as decided in the last meeting of the Commission.

Action: FA

SECTION-2
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01: To consider the Self-Financing universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 2005.
(Deferred Item No.7.02 of 29th June , 2005 Meeting)

The Commission authorized the Chairman to get this draft Bill examined with the help of a committee consisting of Members of the Commission, Joint Secretary (HE), MHRD, UGC officials and other experts.

Action: JS(CPP)\

- 2.02: To consider the UGC (Submission of Theses and Dissertations in Electronic Format) Regulations, 2005.
(Deferred Item No. 7.03 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission noted with concern that these Regulations have been placed on the UGC website as well as printed and circulated to the universities and colleges without the approval of the Commission, which is highly irregular. The Chairman was requested to get it examined with the help of an expert committee and it may be removed from the UGC website immediately.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 2.03: To consider Specification of Degrees under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission decided that this may first be referred to the respective councils for their comments.

Action: JS (CPP)

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

- 3.01: To consider reference received from PMO – Finance Minister’s Budget Speech regarding extending the scheme of coaching classes to private coaching institutes having a track record of showing the results in competitive examinations.
(Deferred Item No.7.14 of 29th June, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission decided that as per the provisions of UGC Act, 1956 no grant can be sanctioned to private coaching centres by the UGC. The Government may be informed accordingly.

Action: JS (CPP)

SECTION –4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

- 4.01: To consider the new scheme for knowledge Connectivity under PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) programme to be offered by the Rural Colleges.
(Deferred Item No.4.01 of 18th November, 2005 Special Urgent Meeting)

The Commission decided that the whole issue may be re-examined in the light of initiatives such as Community Colleges and the UGC may explore the possibility of associating National Council for Rural Institute in working out this programme.

Action: JS (CPP)

4.02: To consider the establishment of New Academic Staff Colleges.
(Deferred Item No.4.02 of 18th November, 2005 Special Urgent Meeting)

- (i) *The Commission approved the establishment of Academic Staff College at Jammu University, Jammu as per norms of the scheme.*
- (ii) *The Chairman may constitute an Expert Committee for the proposals received from North-eastern Region and other States. The Commission may give special consideration to the proposals received from new States created recently. The recommendations of the expert Committees may be placed before the Commission.*

Action: JS (ASC)

4.03: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the UGC to assess the proposals of Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi and University of Calcutta for organising Seminars on Gandhian Studies.
(Deferred Item No.7.07 of 29th June, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission approved the proposals of Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi and University of Calcutta for organizing Seminars on Gandhian Studies with a financial assistance of Rs.2.50 and 3.00 lakhs respectively as recommended by the Expert Committees. The Commission further decided to review its earlier decision to provide a grant of Rs.3.00 lakhs each to the four universities for organizing Seminars under the scheme of Epoch making Social Thinkers and approved the financial assistance as recommended by the Expert Committees. The Commission also decided to authorize the Chairman to approve such proposals for National Seminars and Conferences with a maximum ceiling of Rs.5.00 lakh each.

Action: AS (II)

- 4.04: To consider the issue of holding National conference on “Promotion of Inclusive Education with focus on H.E. Opportunities for SC/ST”.
(Deferred Item No.7.09 of 29th June, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission approved the holding of the National Conference by UGC on “Promotion of Inclusive Education with focus on Higher Education Opportunities for SC/ST” with a financial assistance of Rs.15.00 lakh. The Members of the Commission may also be invited for this conference.

Action: AS (II)

- 4.05: To consider the reports of 13 departments which were not found fit for UGC support under Special Assistance Programme by the Final Review Committees.
(Deferred Item No. 4.01 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission decided that the reports of the final Review Committee may be sent to the concerned universities for their comments in the first instance.

Action: JS(SAP)

- 4.06: To consider the recommendations of the Review Committee to review the performance of the Academic Staff Colleges.
(Deferred Item No. 4.02 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission authorized the Chairman to re-examine the whole issue in the light of discussion and bring a fresh item in its next meeting.

Action: JS (ASC)

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

- 5.01: To consider the revision of Xth Plan UGC Guidelines-Junior Research Fellowship in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences.
(Deferred Item No.5.01 of 18th November, 2005 Special Urgent Meeting)

The Commission approved the minor revision suggested for the X Plan guidelines of Junior Research Fellowship in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Action: JS (SA)

- 5.02: To consider the guidelines formulated by Expert Committee to identify New Schemes for the benefit of SC and ST candidates i.e. (i) Research Associateship for SC/ST candidates and (ii) Post Graduate Scholarships for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates.
(Deferred Item No.5.02 of 18th November, 2005 Special Urgent Meeting)

The Commission approved the guidelines for the two new schemes for the benefit of SC/ST candidates – (i) Research Associateship for SC/ST candidates and (ii) Post Graduate Scholarships for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates. The Commission further decided that these schemes be operated within the already existing financial allocations.

Action: JS (SA)

5.03: To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on “University with Potential for Excellence” (UPE) at its meeting held on **3rd to 5th August, 2005** to select five universities, as envisaged in the X Plan document.

(Deferred Item No.5.03 of 18th November, 2005 Special Urgent Meeting)

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee on “University with Potential for Excellence” and approved the following four universities under the scheme:

- (i) *North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong*
- (ii) *University of Calcutta, Kolkata*
- (iii) *University of Mumbai, Mumbai*
- (iv) *Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai*

The Commission desired that the parameters for identification of universities under the scheme may be reviewed after detailed discussions for future.

Action: JS (NS/PE)

5.04: To consider the approval for framing of guidelines on the scheme of ‘Professional Courses for Women’ in Universities and Colleges.

(Deferred Item No.5.03 of 29th June, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission approved the guidelines for the scheme of ‘Professional Courses for Women’ in Universities and Colleges

Action: JD (NFE)

5.05: To consider the revised Guidelines for considering proposals for declaring an institution as Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

(Deferred Item No.7.03 of 29th June, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission decided to circulate the draft guidelines for considering proposals for declaring an institution as Deemed to be University in the Conference of Deemed to be Universities being organized by Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Action: JS (CPP)

5.06: To consider the proposal of Integral University, Lucknow, U.P. for declaring the university eligible to receive central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

(Deferred Item No. 6.12 of 29th June, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission decided that this issue may be examined with the help of an Expert Committee to be appointed by the Chairman.

5.07: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonere, Raigad (Maharashtra) on 30th June and 1st July, 2005 to evaluate its proposal for declaring the university eligible to receive Central Financial Assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.

(Deferred Item No. 5.01 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for declaring Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonere, Raigad (Maharashtra) fit to receive Central Financial Assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 5.08: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited National Law University, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) on 6th & 7th July, 2005 to evaluate its proposal for declaring the university eligible to receive Central Financial Assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.
(Deferred Item No. 5.02 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission noted that out of the four members of the Expert Committee, there is not even a single expert in law. The Commission decided to have opinion from a second committee consisting of law experts.

Action: JS(CPP)

- 5.09: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the five new Colleges of Andhra Pradesh State affiliated to Andhra University, Acharya Nagarjuna University and Osmania University respectively.
(Deferred Item No. 5.03 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Visiting Committee and approved conferment of autonomous status to the following four colleges for the period mentioned against each:

Name of the college/university to which affiliated	Period
(Andhra University) Maharaja's College Vijayanagaram – 535 002	2005-06 to 2010-2011

(Acharya Nagarjuna University) Noble College, Machilipatnam-521001.	2005-06 to 2010-2011
St. Joseph's College of Education for Women, Sambasivapet, Guntur-521 001.	2005-06 to 2010-2011
(Osmania University) St. Ann's College of Education, S.D. Road, Secunderabad-500003.	2005-06 to 2010-2011

- 5.10: To consider the proposal of Fakir Mohan University, Vyas Nagar, Balasore, Orissa for declaring it eligible to receive central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.
(Deferred Item No. 7.04 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for declaring Fakir Mohan University, Vyas Nagar, Balasore, Orissa fit to receive Central Financial Assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 5.11: To consider the proposal of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR – Advanced Institute of Science Training) (CSIR – AIST) for conferment of Deemed to be University Status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.
(Deferred Item No. 7.05 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Chairman was authorized to constitute a three-member Committee of Commission Members to examine this proposal.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 5.12: To consider the proposal of LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur for conferment of Deemed to be University Status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

(Deferred Item No. 7.06 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. No Plan or Non-plan grant would be provided to this Institute by the Commission.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 5.13: To consider the proposal of National Institute of Foundry and Forge Technology, Ranchi for conferment of Deemed to be University Status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed not to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to National Institute of Foundry and Forge Technology, Ranchi under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 5.14: To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committee for the extension of autonomous status in respect of four Colleges of Chhattisgarh State affiliated to Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Visiting Committee and approved conferment of autonomous status to the following four colleges affiliated to Guru Ghasidas University for the period of autonomy mentioned against each:

Name of the College	Period
Government P.G. College, Ambikapur	1992-1993 to 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 to 2010-2011
K. Government Arts & Science College, Raigarh	1992-1993 to 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 to 2010-2011
Government Girls P.G. College, Bilaspur	1993-1994 to 2004-2005 to 2005-2006 to 2010-2011
Government (Auto) P.G. College, Bilaspur	1992-1993 to 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 to 2010-2011

- 5.15: To consider the issue regarding fitness of Private un-aided/Self Financing Institutions/Colleges for receiving Central assistance in terms of Rules framed under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission decided that this may be examined with the help of an Expert Committee to be appointed by the Chairman.

Action: JS (CPP)

**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.

There was no item.

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

The Commission decided to hold its next meeting on 11th January, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. in the UGC office, New Delhi.

Action: Director (Admn.)

6.04: To consider the Comprehensive Development of Higher Education-Cluster of Colleges: their Administrative Structure, Financial Assistance and other incentives.

(Deferred Item No.6.04 of 18th November, 2005 Special Urgent Meeting)

The Commission decided that an expert committee constituted by the Chairman, will identify clusters, the participating colleges in the clusters and workout the financial allocations of each cluster and the schemes under which this can be extended. These activities have to be limited to the existing financial allocations in the present plan and to be treated under the existing quality and excellence areas, and not as new separate schemes.

Action: AS (I)

6.05: To consider the 150 Years of Higher Education in Indian Sub-Continent-Commemoration Activities by Universities/Colleges.

(Deferred Item No.6.05 of 18th November, 2005 Special Urgent Meeting)

(i) *The Commission approved the proposal for Commemoration of 150 Years of Higher Education in Indian Sub-Continent by the universities/colleges across the country.*

(ii) *It was informed by the representatives of MHRD that the Government has already constituted a National Organizing Committee with UGC Chairman as Member for Commemoration of 150 years of Higher Education in Indian Sub-Continent. The UGC may prepare a calendar of events with details of logistics and organization giving focus on participation of all regions. Attempts may also be made to get support of these activities from industry and other sectors.*

Action: JS (CPP)

6.06: To consider the request of Vice-Chancellor, Awadesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa for opening of NET-Centre at Awadesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa.

(i) *The Commission agreed to open NET Centre at Awadesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa provided sufficient number of candidates are enrolled in the Centre.*

(ii) *The Commission authorized the Chairman to consider and decide all such requests in future.*

Action: JS (NET)

- 6.07: To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committees for the Awards (i) UGC National Swami Pranavananda Saraswati Awards (ii) UGC National Hari Om Ashram Trust Awards and (iii) UGC National Veda Vyas Sanskrit Awards.
(Deferred Item No.6.07 of 18th November, 2005 Special Urgent Meeting)

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committees for UGC National Swami Pranavananda Saraswati Awards, UGC National Hari Om Ashram Trust Awards and UGC National Veda Vyas Sanskrit Awards and approved the recommendations as under:

I. UGC National Hari Hom Ashram Trust Award

Sir C.V. Raman Award: Physical Sciences	Prof. D.D. Sharma Indian Institute of Science Bangalore – 560 012.
Homi J. Bhabha Award for Applied Sciences	Prof. N. Balakrishnan Indian Institute of Science Bangalore – 560 012. And Prof. Sankar Kr. Nath Indian Institute of Tech. Kharagpur, Kharagpur – 721 302

Meghanand Saha Award in Theoretical Sciences	Prof. Rahul Pandit Indian Institute of Science Bangalore – 56 012. And Prof. Maithali Sharan Indian Institute of Technology New Delhi
Jagdish Chandra Bose Award for Life Science	Prof. Vinod Kochupillai A.I.I.M.S., New Delhi And Prof. Mathur R.N. Murthy Indian Institute of Science Bangalore – 560 012.
Outstanding Social Scientists/ Scientists for Interaction Between Science and Society	Prof. Ajit Kembhavi IUCAA, Post Bag-4 Ganeshkhind, Pune – 411 007.

II. UGC National Swami Pranavananda Saraswati Awards

Education	Prof. M.Anandkrishan Former Vice-Chancellor, Anna University Molours Institute of Development Studies 79, Second Main Road Gandhi Nagaram, Chennai – 600 020. And Prof. Amrik Singh Former Secretary, A.I.U. 2/26, Sarvapriya Vihar New Delhi – 110 016.
Economics	Dr. Vishwanath Pandit Prasanthi Nilayam – 515 134 Distt. Anantapur (A.P.) And Dr. Dilip M. Nachane Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Gen. A.K. Vaidya Marg, Goregaon East, Mumbai – 400 065

Environmental Science and Ecology	Prof. S. Sukumar Director, Centre for Ecological Sciences Indian Institute of Science C.V. Raman Avenue Bangalore – 560 012.
Political Science	Prof. K. Seshadari C. Rajeshwar Rao Foundation for Social Progress, Kondapur, Hyderabad – 500 092. And Prof. C.A. Perumal # 4, H. Cross Street Seethamma Extension, Teynampet Chennai – 600 018
Sociology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Anand Chakrawarti Delhi School of Economics University of Delhi Delhi – 110 007 2. Prof. Aneeta A. Minocha* Department of Sociology Delhi School of Economics University of Delhi Delhi – 110 007. <p>*If Prof. Anand Chakrawarti refuses.</p>

III. UGC National Veda Vyas Sanskrit Award-	Dr. (Mrs.) Kamal Anand Aditi Mahavidyalaya University of Delhi Auchandi Road, Bawana Delhi – 110 039
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Action: JS (NET/SA)

- 6.08: To consider the specific scheme prepared by the Expert Committee to reward and recognize meritorious teachers who do not have M.Phil. or Ph.D.

(Deferred Item No. 7.05 of 29th June, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee to reward and recognize meritorious teachers who do not have M.Phil. or Ph.D. and decided to recommend the same to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for its consideration.

Action: JS (PS)

- 6.09: To consider the recommendations of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India on 23rd March, 2005 to discuss the guidelines prepared for bringing the reforms and transparency in the functioning of affiliating and accrediting institutions.

(Deferred Item No. 6.04 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission decided that a comprehensive database may be created and authorized the Chairman to take steps for bringing reforms and transparency in the functioning of UGC, IUCs, Universities and Colleges.

Action: JS (NIC)

- 6.10: To consider the specific request received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers in respect of Maharashtra State cases and other than Maharashtra State held at University of Mumbai, Mumbai on 11th and 12th April, 2005.
(Deferred Item No. 6.05 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

It was informed by the representatives of Ministry of Human Resource Development that the Government has appointed a committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. B.L. Mungekar to consider the issue regarding NET as eligibility condition for appointment of Lecturers. The Commission decided that this issue may be kept in abeyance till the report is received from the Committee appointed by the Government.

Action: JS (PS)

- 6.11: To consider the proposal to enhance the Audit Fee in respect of Delhi Colleges and also reimburse service tax on audit fee being paid by Delhi Colleges to Chartered Accountants.
(Deferred Item No. 6.06 of 23rd September, 2005 Meeting)

The Commission approved the recommendations of Gnanam Committee to enhance the Audit Fee from Rs.1500 to Rs.3000 per annum in respect of Delhi Colleges and to include service tax on Audit Fee being paid by Delhi Colleges as an approved item of expenditure.

Action: JS(DC)

- 6.12: To consider the revised guidelines of SET (State Eligibility Test) earlier known as SLET (State Level Eligibility Test) accredited by NET UGC.

The Commission considered and approved the revised guidelines of State Eligibility Test accredited by UGC as under:

- (i) The nomenclature used for State Level Tests would be known as State Eligibility Test (SET).*
- (ii) If accreditation of any State agency is withdrawn, fresh request would be considered after a minimum period of two years.*
- (iii) The State Agency may constitute a Coordination/Implementation Committee if they so desire.*
- (iv) The result of SET would be declared with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendations of the Steering Committee of SLET if there is no dispute in the Moderation Committee. The presence of UGC representatives in the Moderation Committee is mandatory. In case the SET is being organized by an agency other than the university, the UGC would authorize one of the Vice-Chancellors of the concerned State for approval of the recommendations of the Moderation Committee.*

Action: JS (NET)

**SECTION-7
(SUPPLEMENTARY)**

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

There was no item.

7.02: To consider the question of relaxation in upper age limit to persons with disabilities in admissions.

The Commission agreed to provide relaxation in upper age limit to persons with disabilities in admissions to various courses.

Any other item

- (i) *The Commission further decided that the requirement of facilities for physically handicapped as per the instructions issued by the Central Government from time to time may be provided a san in-built mechanism in all UGC schemes.*

Action : JS (CPP)

- (ii) *The Commission decided that the Directors of all Inter University Centres may be requested to make presentation before the Commission starting with presentation by NAAC and INFLIBNET in its next meeting. The members of the expert committee appointed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for reviewing the Inter University Centres may also be invited during these presentations. The Commission further decided that an annual review of all Inter University Centres may be done by the Commission.*

The CAG may be requested to conduct audit of all the Inter University Centres.

Action: JS (IUC)

- (iii) *The Commission emphasized the urgent need of strengthening the Regional Offices of the UGC and making them more effective and functional. It was also noted that the officers promoted against the vacancies of Regional Offices are continuing in the*

Headquarter against norms approved by the Commission. The Commission decided that all officers promoted against the Regional Office posts may be sent to the Regional Offices immediately and these officers would not be considered for promotion to the next post until they complete a tenure of three years in the Regional Offices outside Delhi. The Commission authorized the Chairman to take immediate action for strengthening of Regional Offices, making them more decentralised and also by providing them the necessary personnel as well as infrastructural support.

Arrangements need to be created for providing Senior Supervisory positions at the Joint Secretary level to head the Regional Centre either by work arrangement or deputation for specific periods. The need for strengthening and reviving the NRCB and CRO (where there are no full-time senior officers at all) was particularly emphasized and the Commission authorized the Chairman to attend to these issues immediately and report to the Commission.

Action: Director (Admn.)

(iv) *The Commission decided to constitute Finance Committee for the University Grants Commission as under:*

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| 1. | <i>Chairman, UGC</i> | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | <i>Vice-Chairman, UGC</i> | <i>Vice-Chairman</i> |
| 3. | <i>Two Members of the Commission to be nominated by the Chairman</i> | <i>Members</i> |
| 4. | <i>Secretary, UGC</i> | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | <i>FA., MHRD</i> | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | <i>JS (HE), MHRD</i> | <i>Member</i> |

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| 7. | <i>FA, UGC</i> | <i>Convenor</i> |
| 8. | <i>Two Financial Expert to be nominated
by the Chairman</i> | <i>Special
Invitees</i> |

In addition to other duties of the Finance Committee, it may evolve financial manual for the UGC within a period of one year.

Action: FA

(MOOLCHAND SHARMA)
Secretary

(V.N.RAJASEKHARAN PILLAI)
Chairman