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**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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Minutes of the 428<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat           | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri Sudeep Banerjee            | Member   |
| 3. | Prof. Sureshwar Sharma          | Member   |
| 4. | Dr. P.N. Tandon                 | Member   |
| 5. | Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam | Member   |
| 6. | Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu       | Member   |
| 7. | Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai           | Member   |
| 8. | Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.     | Member   |

Dr. Adarsh Kishore, Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore and Prof. Suranjan Das, Members of the Commission could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE attended the meeting as special invitee.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

**Secretary**

Prof. Mool Chand Sharma

**Additional Secretaries**

Dr. T.R. Kem

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

**Financial Advisor**

Sh. S.K. Singh

The Chairman apprised the Commission about his impressions regarding his visits to China and Saudi Arabia. He informed that during these visits, it was decided to have a joint seminar in Delhi on 'higher education in India & China – growth and equity' in December, 2006 and a similar joint seminar in China. The Chairman also informed the Commission about the delegation led by Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource development to Saudi Arabia where the Chairman, UGC, was one of the members. The discussions held in Saudi Arabia have been of great mutual interest for both the countries in the area of higher education. He also mentioned about a delegation which visited Canada for participation in NAFSA Conference. The detailed report of these visits would be submitted to the Commission in its next meeting.

The Chairman informed that three of our Members, Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore, Prof. Sureshwar Sharma and Dr. P.N. Tandon would be completing their term today. The Commission placed on record its appreciation for the significant contribution made by these Members during their tenure for development of Higher Education in the country. The Chairman hosted a dinner in the honour of the three outgoing Members.

## SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.

*The minutes of the 427<sup>th</sup> meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 were examined and confirmed with the following modifications under item no. 7.15.*

*Under the category Humanities and Social Sciences*

*(iii) "Research Scientists" be added.*

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1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.

*The action taken on the minutes of 427<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 was examined and noted accordingly.*

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

(i) To report the guidelines on the new scheme for Award of Post Doctoral Fellowship for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Candidates.

*This was examined. The Commission approved the proposal in principle and decided that the Chairmen, UGC and AICTE may jointly consider further improvement with additional financial incentives for SC and ST candidates, as a part of this fellowship. The Chairman was authorized to finalize the scheme.*

*Action: JS(SA)*

(ii) To report the guidelines on the new scheme for Award of Post Graduate Scholarships for Professional Courses for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Candidates.

*This was examined. The Commission approved the proposal in principle and decided that the Chairmen, UGC and AICTE may jointly consider further improvement with additional incentives for SC and ST candidates. "Medical and Agriculture" subjects may also be covered under the scheme. The Chairman was authorized to finalize the scheme.*

*Action: JS (SA)*

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- (iii) To report the guidelines on the new scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe Candidates, funded by Ministries of Tribal Affairs and Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi.

*This was examined and approved. The Commission decided that the selections for last year and this year may be conducted simultaneously. Based on the number of applicants the Planning Commission, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and Ministry of Tribal Affairs may be requested for additional allocation under the scheme.*

*Action: JS (SA)*

- (iv) To report the Studies Centres established in various Universities / Institutes / colleges – under the scheme of Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India during X Plan (2004-05 & 2005-06).

*This was noted. The Commission decided that the scheme may continue after its review at the end of the X Plan Period. The Commission further decided that the possibility of including the teaching of these Epoch Making Social Thinkers in the course curricula may be explored after review of the scheme.*

*Action : JD (NFE/JS(CPP-II))*

- (v) To report the Studies Centres established in various Universities / Institutes / Colleges – under the scheme of Women Studies during X Plan (2004-05 & 2005-06).

*This was noted. The Commission appreciated the efforts made for expansion of the scheme. The Commission decided that the*

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*provision relating to Human Resources of NFE Bureau under paragraph 6 of the guidelines may be deleted.*

*Action : JD (NFE)*

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

(i). Indo-Croatian Educational Exchange Programme.

*This was noted.*

*Action JS(IC)*

(ii). Indo-Sri Lankan Educational Exchange Programme.

*This was noted.*

*Action JS(IC)*

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

*This was noted. The Commission decided that the allocation and expenditure for North Eastern Region may be shown separately.*

*Action : FA*

1.04: To receive the Annual Accounts of the year 2005-2006.

*This was examined and approved.*

*Action : FA*

## SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

There was no item in this section.

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## SECTION-3

### (REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

There was no item in this section.

## SECTION -4

### (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

- 4.01: To consider the issue for extension of the date upto 31.12.2005 for participation in Orientation / Refresher Courses in respect of eligible Assistant Registrars for the purpose of promotion / placement under Career Advancement Scheme as agreed by the Commission in case of Teachers.

*This was examined. The Commission decided that this exemption may be extended upto the period 31-12-2006 both for Teachers and Assistant Registrars.*

*Action : AS-I/JS (PS)*

- 4.02: To consider the introduction of e-governance in the Office of University Grants Commission.

*The Commission examined the proposal submitted by NISG. The Chairman was authorized to constitute a Committee to study and consider the proposal as per the norms of Government and submit for approval of the Commission in the next meeting.*

*Action : JS(NIC)/Director (Admn.)*

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4.03: To consider the issue of providing Grants to ERNET through INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad.

*This was examined and approved. The Commission further decided that the services rendered by ERNET alone may not be sufficient to provide connectivity to all Universities and Colleges located in rural and backward areas. Dr. Shashi Rai, Member, UGC was requested to look into this issue in consultation with Chairman, UGC and give her recommendation at the earliest possible.*

*Action : JS (IUC)*

4.04: To consider the declaration of result of State Eligibility Test (SLET) agency by the respective Steering Committees.

*This was examined and approved. The Commission further decided that the scheme of NET and SLET including the Examination method and other related issues be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee to be appointed by the Chairman. Some Members of the earlier Committee may be associated in the proposed Committee for the purpose of continuity.*

*Action : JS (NET)*

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

5.01: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for Conferment of Autonomous Status to Twelve (12) New Colleges of Tamilnadu, and Andhra Pradesh States, affiliated to University of Madras, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Bharathidasan University and Sri Krishnadevaraya University respectively.

(i) *This was examined. The Commission decided that these cases may be reviewed with the help of a Review Committee to be appointed by*

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*the Chairman. It was further resolved that the Committee so constituted may submit its report to the Chairman, who was authorized to take a decision in the matter.*

- (ii) *The existing guidelines of this scheme for conferment of autonomous status may be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee. The Committee should take into account the teacher student ratio, observance of SC/ST reservation and NAAC/NBA accreditation.*

*Action: JS (AC)*

### 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 next meeting of the Commission would be held on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. in the UGC Headquarters, New Delhi.*

*Action : Director (Admn.)*



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- 6.04: To consider the change of per diem rates admissible to College Teachers / Vice-Chancellors & Commission Members for visits abroad for participation in International Conferences.

*It was decided that the Government of India norms for per diem and hotel accommodation may be followed for visits abroad for participation of Teachers/Vice Chancellors/Commission Members in International Conferences etc.*

*Action : AS-II*

### SECTION-7 (SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

*Recorded Separately.*

- 7.02: To consider the final version of the Draft Model Statutes for Educational Tribunal Act.

*The Commission examined the Model Statutes for Educational Tribunal Act and approved the same.*

*Action : JS (PS)*

- 7.03: To consider the report of the Visiting Committee for including North Orissa University, Mayurbhanj (Orissa) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make it eligible for Central Assistance.

*The Commission examined the report of Expert Committee and approved North Orissa University, Mayurbhanj (Orissa) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 fit to receive Central Assistance*

*Action : JS (CPP-I)*

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- 7.04: To consider exemption in the provision, to create a separate Society or Trust by the Institution seeking Deemed to be University status in the existing guidelines for Deemed to be Universities, in exceptional cases and on Individual Merit.

*The Commission decided that a Committee consisting of Chairman, UGC, Chairman, AICTE and the Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Dept. of Secondary & Higher Education) may look into the guidelines and other issues relating to Deemed to be Universities including this issue in the light of the suggestions made in the Conference of Deemed to be Universities.*

*Action : JS (CPP-I)*

- 7.05: To consider the report of the Visiting Committee for including West Bengal University of Technology, Kolkata under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make it eligible for receiving central assistance.

*The Commission examined the report of Expert Committee and approved including West Bengal University of Technology, Kolkata fit to receive Central Assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.*

*The suggestions of the Visiting Committee may be sent to the West Bengal University of Technology, Kolkata for compliance within one year. Subsequently, the same may be monitored with the help of an expert Committee*

*Action : JS (CPP-I)*

- 7.06: To consider a few changes in the Guidelines as recommended by the Standing Committee on 'Colleges with Potential for Excellence' (CPE).

*This was examined and approved.*

*Action : JS (CPE)*

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7.07: To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee to frame the guidelines under New Scheme.

*This was examined and approved.*

*Action : JS (NS)*

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

*This was examined. The Commission approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee for exemptions in qualifications for appointment of Lecturers.*

*Action : JS (PSES)*

7.09: To consider and approve the proposal for holding National Consultation on “New Reproductive Technologies and their Implications for Women in India” by Prof. Imrana Qadir at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

*The Commission examined the recommendation of Standing Committee on Women Studies and approved financial assistance of Rs.11.00 lakhs for holding of National Consultation on “New Reproductive Technologies and their Implications for Women in India”*

*Action : JD (NFE)*

7.10: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee to review the proposal of the SHOBHIT INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, MEERUT for conferment of Deemed to be University status under de novo category.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development*

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*for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Shobhit Institute of Engineering and Technology, Meerut under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of five years subject to yearly review with the help of an Expert Committee.*

*Action : JS (CPP-I)*

7.11: To consider second amendment in the UGC Regulations for minimum qualifications for appointment and career advancement of teachers in Universities & Colleges affiliated to it.

*This was examined. The Commission approved the second amendment in the UGC Regulations for minimum qualification for appointment and career advancement of teachers in Universities and Colleges by substituting the following paragraph:*

*“NET shall remain the compulsory requirement for appointment as Lecturer even for candidates having Ph.D. degree. However, the candidates who have completed M.Phil degree or have submitted Ph.D. thesis in the concerned subject upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1993 are exempted from appearing in the NET examination”*

*The above paragraph shall be substituted with the following:*

*“NET shall remain the compulsory requirement for appointment of Lecturer for those with postgraduate degree. However, the candidates having Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for PG and UG level teaching. The candidates having M.Phil degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for UG level teaching only.*

*Action : JS (PS)*

- 7.12: To consider communication received from Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Secondary & Higher Education requesting UGC not to release financial assistance under the Plan Funds for the Second Quarter without obtaining certification of each Central University to the effect that they have filled up every vacancy in respect of posts under direct recruitment/promotion by way of backlog reserved for SCs and STs.

*This was examined and approved. All the Central Universities and other UGC funded Institutions may be informed accordingly.*

**ANY OTHER ITEM**

- (i) *The Commission expressed its displeasure about the working of Regional Offices. The Commission desired that these may be strengthened on priority basis. Joint Secretaries may be posted in the Regional Offices immediately. In case existing Officers are not willing to go to the Regional Offices, the posts sanctioned for Regional Offices may be filled on deputation on priority. The Commission may also consider transferring of some more schemes to the Regional Offices and introduce decentralization in decision making. The Chairman was authorized to constitute a Committee to look into the staffing, financial delegation, infrastructural facilities and other issues relating to Regional Offices on priority.*

*Action : AS-I/AS-II*

- (ii) *The Commission approved enhancement of the allocation for special scheme for Women Hostel from existing Rs.25.00 lakhs to Rs.1.00 crore. The Universities and Colleges which have already received assistance under the scheme would also be eligible to apply for this scheme subject to the condition that they would be eligible for Rs. 1.00 crore minus their earlier grant received under the scheme. Extension of existing hostel is also permissible under the scheme. The Ministry of Human Resource Development may be approached for additional allocation under this scheme.*

*Action : JS (CPP-II)/AS-I*

- (iii) *The existing monitoring mechanism for various scheme needs to be strengthened. The UGC should undertake steps to help State Universities/Colleges to make use of the funds under this scheme by taking more proactive steps.*

*Action : JS (CPP-II)*

- (iv) *The Commission noted that there is disparity in the quality of the Research being conducted at the level of M.Phil and Ph.D. The Chairman was authorized to constitute a Committee to make recommendation for standardization of M.Phil and Ph.D programmes.*

*Action : JS (CPP-II)*

- (v) *The Commission emphasized the need for maintaining National Character of Central Universities. The Chairman was authorized to constitute an Expert Committee which may consider this issue in depth and give its recommendation.*

*Action : AS-I*

- (vi) *The Commission considered the request of Sri Jai Narain Rai Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur for ex-post facto approval of the Distance education programme started till the year 2005. The Commisison authorized the Chairman to do the needful through appropriate mechanism.*

*Action : JS (CPP-II)*

( MOOL CHAND SHARMA )  
Secretary

( SUKHADEO THORAT )  
Chairman