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

Minutes of the 429<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006.

The following were present:-

1.	Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2.	Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairman
3.	Shri Sudeep Banerjee	Member
4.	Prof. Suranjan Das	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, Member of the Commission and Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE invited as special invitee could not attend the meeting.

Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Advisor, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

**Additional Secretaries**

Dr. T.R. Kem  
Dr. R.K. Chauhan

**Financial Advisor**

Sh. S.K. Singh

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.

*The minutes of the 428<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.6.2006 were examined and confirmed with the following modifications:*

*Leave of absence requested by Prof. Suranjan Das, Member was noted and granted.*

*Under Any Other Item*

*Sub Item (i) may be read as under:*

- 1) *The Commission desired that Regional Offices may be strengthened on priority basis. Joint Secretaries may be posted in the Regional Offices immediately. The possibility of deputation from Universities/ Colleges to the posts sanctioned for Regional Offices may be examined 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, various aspects of financial delegation, infrastructural facilities and other issues relating to Regional Offices on priority.*

*Action : AS-I/AS-II*

*The following may be added to sub item no. (ii)*

*The Commission agreed to enhance allocation for special scheme for Women's Hostel in Metropolitan Cities upto Rs. 2 crores for each institution and Chairman was authorized to*

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*re-appropriate budget for making provision of at least Rs. 100 Crores for this scheme.*

*Action: JS (CPP-II)*

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.

*It will be placed in the next meeting of the Commission.*

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

*There was no item.*

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

- (i) To receive and note the directions issued by the Government of India on the role and powers of UGC and AICTE vis-à-vis Institute Deemed to be University for information.

*This was noted.*

- (ii) Report of the Delegation which visited Malaysia and Singapore.

*This was noted.*

#### **SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

There is no item in this section.

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

- 3.01: To note the directions issued by the Government of India on the role and powers of UGC and AICTE vis-à-vis Institute Deemed to be University for information.

*This was withdrawn. The issue was noted by the Commission under item No. 1.02b(i).*

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

There is no item in this section.

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

- 5.01: To consider the Report of the Fact Finding Committee in respect of unauthorized distance education programmes and related activities of Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, a Deemed to be University.

*The Commission after detailed deliberations, authorized the Chairman to constitute a Committee of Commission Members to consider this issue and give its recommendation at the earliest possible. The Committee may also look into the monitoring mechanism for deemed to be universities so as to arrest recurrence of such incidents in future.*

**Action: JS (CPP-I)**

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- 5.02: To consider the request of Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences (Deemed University), Coimbatore, Tamilnadu for increase in the seats for B.Tech (Bio-Technology) Programme from 60-120.

*This was examined and the Commission agreed for increase in intake for B.Tech (Bio-Technology) Programme of Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences (Deemed to be University, Coimbatore ) from 60 to 120 as was recommended initially by the Expert committee.*

**Action: JS (CPP-I)**

## 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 that it's next meeting may be held at Hyderabad. Chairman was authorized to fix the date and time of the meeting.*

**Action: Dir.(Admn.)**

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## SECTION-7 (SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

*There was no item.*

7.02: To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committee for the extension of autonomous status in respect of three Colleges of Tamilnadu State affiliated to Bharathidasan University. Tiruchirappalli.

1) *The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to give ex-post facto approval for continuation of autonomous status to the following three colleges affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, for the period from 2002-2003 to 2005-2006.*

i) *Holy Cross College, Tiruchirapalli*

ii) *EVR Periyar College, Tiruchirapalli*

iii) *Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy College, Tiruchirapalli*

2) *The Commission further approved extension of autonomous status to the above three Colleges for a period of 6 years from 2006-07 to 2011-12.*

3) *The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for setting up joint Committee consisting of two representatives each from the affiliating University and the concerned State Government and three representatives from the UGC out of which, one shall be the Convener of the Committee*

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*to examine the proposal of the Colleges for extension of autonomous status after completion of first and subsequent tenures of autonomy. It was also resolved that the Vice Chancellor may nominate on the Board of Studies of the Autonomous Colleges out of the panel of experts suggested by the College or on his own.*

*The guidelines of the scheme be modified accordingly.*

**Action: JS (AC)**

- 7.03: To consider the setting up of an Arab Cultural Centre by Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi.

*This was noted.*

**Action: DS(CU)**

- 7.04: To consider the proposal of Hindustan College of Engineering, Kancheepuram (TN) 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 along with the compliance report and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Hindustan College of Engineering, Kancheepuram (TN) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 after obtaining the views of AICTE in the matter. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.*

**Action: JS (CPP-I)**

7.05: To consider the introduction of e-governance in the office of University Grants Commission.

*The Commission in its last meeting considered the proposal for e-governance in the office of the University Grants Commission including its Regional Offices and the Universities, Colleges and other educational institutions and decided that the proposal submitted by NISG may be examined with the help of an Expert Committee to be appointed by the Chairman. The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert committee appointed by the Chairman. The Financial Adviser was asked, in the light of the recommendations of the Expert Committee, whether the work relating to e-governance could be given to NISG on single quotation basis. The Financial Adviser stated that for award of consultancy work credential of the organization and transparency should be taken into account. He further informed the Commission that he has verified from Department of Industrial Policy Promotion and Department of Revenue, who have awarded the work for e-governance to NISG. The Ministry of Industrial Policy Promotion had allowed work to NISG on single source basis. Based on these facts, matter with respect to norms of Central Government for award of such work was deliberated by Commission and Commission was satisfied with the work being allocated to NISG. The issue relating to cost was also discussed. The Commission enquired whether the work could be considered for award for a total cost of about Rs. 50 lakhs as suggested by the Expert Committee. The Financial Adviser informed that he has discussed with the NISG the possibility of reducing the stated amount and informed that they are of the view that the quality would suffer in case the cost is reduced to Rs. 50 lakhs. He further informed the view of NISG that they would not be able to do quality work if the*



*amount is below Rs. 65 lakhs. In view of the above facts, the Commission agreed to award the work to NISG at Rs. 65 lakhs*

*Action: Dir.(Admn.)*

7.06: To consider report of the UGC delegation participated in the NAFSA 2006 Conference held at Montreal 21-26<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 and consider the recommendations of the UGC Delegation.

- 1) *The Commission noted the report of the UGC delegation which participated in the NAFSA-2006 conference held at Montreal, Canada from 21-26 May, 2006.*
- 2) *The Commission approved UGC participation in NAFSA-2007 to be held on May 27 to June 1, 2007 at MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, USA. The UGC may initiate action for booking of space for Indian stall in the above Conference, where, at least 5 to 6 Universities and Colleges may have their exhibition. The Chairman was authorized to constitute delegation and also to identify Universities and Colleges for the above exhibitions in NAFSA-2007.*

*Action: JS (NIC)*

7.07: To consider the proposal of National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi 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 to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration*

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*(NIEPA), New Delhi under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.*

**Action: JS (CPP-I)**

- 7.08 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted to visit Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sakunthala R & D Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) for conferring deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*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 Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sakunthala R & D Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 after obtaining the views of AICTE in the matter. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.*

**Action: JS (CPP-I)**

- 7.09 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted to visit Ponnaiyah Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology, Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu) for conferring Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956

*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 Ponnaiyah Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology, Thanjavur*

*(Tamil Nadu) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 after obtaining the view of AICTE in the matter. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.*

**Action: JS (CPP-I)**

- 7.10 To consider the report of the Committee constituted to consider the inclusion of Dental College, Nursing College and Physiotherapy College under the ambit of Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune (Deemed to be University).

*The Commission examined the report and approved the recommendations of the expert Committee for inclusion of Dr. D.Y. Patil Dental College and Hospital, Pimpri, Pune, Padamshree Dr. D.Y. Patil College of Nursing, Pimpri, Pune and Padamshree Dr. D.Y. Patil College of Physiotherapy, Pimpri, Pune under the ambit of Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth,( Deemed to be University). Other observations of the Committee may be communicated to the above Vidyapeeth for compliance.*

**Action: JS (CPP-I)**

## **ANY OTHER ITEM**

- i) *The Chairman apprised the Commission that one of the staff cars has been condemned and the second is being condemned after following the procedure and as such, the Commission need to replace these two Cars for use of Chairman and Vice Chairman. The existing Cars with the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be used as staff car for general duty. The Commission, therefore, resolved to purchase two new latest model Cars from the approved list*

**Action: Dir. (Admn.)**

- ii) *The Chairman informed the Commission that Prof. Mool Chand Sharma, Secretary, has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Commission and he has taken over with effect from 23.6.2006 forenoon. The Commission congratulated Prof. Sharma and welcomed his appointment as Vice Chairman, UGC. The Commission also placed on record appreciation for his services as Secretary, UGC. Prof. Sharma expressed his deep commitment to serving the cause of higher education and goals of UGC.*

**( SUKHADEO THORAT )**  
**Chairman**