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**UNIVERSITYGRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 431st Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 25th September, 2006.

The following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairman
3. Shri Sudeep Banerjee	Member
4. Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
6. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
7. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
8. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
9. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member

Dr. Adarsh Kishore, Prof. Suranjan Das, Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen, Members and Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE (Special invitee) could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

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:

Secretary

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

Additional Secretary

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Financial Advisor

Sh. S.K. Singh

Before taking up the Agenda for discussion, the Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) gave a power point presentation on the functioning of NAAC and also its future plans. After the presentation, the Members made valuable suggestions to cover all institutions of higher education under the scheme of Accreditation of NAAC. It was agreed to review the indicators used in assessing the Institutions. The members suggested that the NAAC should focus more on core indicators of quality and then supplement them with additional indicators. The NAAC should also develop indicators for measuring excellence. The Director thanked the Members for their valuable suggestions and assured them for compliance of the suggestions and incorporating the same in its future plans.

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 25th August, 2006.

The minutes of the 430th meeting held on 25.8.2006 were examined and confirmed with the following modifications:

- i) *Leave of absence was granted to Dr.. Adarsh Kishore and Dr. Shivajirao Shripatirao Kadam, Members.*
- ii) *Item No. 4.01:*

The following may be deleted at the end of the resolution.

“for its consideration for taking a positive view.”

- iii) *Item No. 5.03:*

Prof. D.P. Chauhan may be read as Prof. D.S. Chauhan.

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1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 25th August, 2006.

The action taken on the minutes of 430th meeting held on 25.8.2006 was examined and noted accordingly.

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

- (i) To report the decision taken by Chairman, UGC accepting the recommendations of three member committee consisting of Chairman, UGC, Chairman, AICTE and Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development constituted by it for matters relating to Institutions Deemed to be Universities.

This was examined. The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC, accepting the recommendations of three member committee for matters relating to Institutions Deemed to be Universities.

- (ii) Extension of tenure as visiting faculty in respect of displaced Kashmiri Migrant Teachers.

This was examined The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC, allowing extension to Dr. (Mrs.) Aparna Sopori, a Kashmiri migrant teacher working as visiting faculty in IGNOU, till 31.3.2007.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

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.

1.04: To receive the plan fund position of the Commission for the year 2006-2007.

This was examined. The Commission after detailed discussion, agreed to the proposal of UGC with slight modification as under:-

i) *Central Universities – The Commission agreed for the proposal of instituting Research Fellowship for M.Phil and Ph.D scholars in Central Universities during 2006-2007. Number, amount and uniform guidelines of fellowship may be decided after having meeting with the Vice Chancellors of the Central Universities.*

Action: JS(CU)

ii) *State Universities – The Commission approved the savings of Rs. 70 crores to be used for repairs and renovations of buildings, strengthening of laboratories and libraries. The amount to be paid to State Universities may be decided based on normatic aspects such as total enrolment of students, number of faculty, status of accreditation and other quality parameters. The Chairman was authorized to finalise further details of the proposed scheme.*

Action: JS(SU)

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

There was no item in this section.

**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 recommendations of the expert Committee regarding New MOUs for 17 Educational Multimedia Centers.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved merger of the EMMRCs which have signed MOU in the Non Plan from 1.4.2007. For the remaining EMMRCs, the matter may be referred back to the Expert Committee to examine the modalities for bringing it under the administrative domain of CEC.

Action: JS(IUC/MC)

SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for **Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status** to five (5) new Colleges of Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu State affiliated to Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur (A.P.), Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai (T.N.) and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli (T.N.) respectively.

- 1) *The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to accord approval for conferment of autonomous status to the following colleges affiliated to Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur (A.P.), Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai (T.N.) and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli (T.N.) respectively*

<i>Name of the College/University to which affiliated</i>	<i>Period of the autonomy approved by the Commission.</i>
<u>1. Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur (A.P.)</u>	
<i>i) Koneru Lakshmaiah College of Engineering, Vaddeswaram, Guntur – 522 502</i>	<i>2006-2007 to 2011-2012</i>
<i>ii) V.R. Siddhartha Engineering College, Kannuru, Vijayawada – 520 007 (A.P.)</i>	<i>2006-2007 to 2011-2012</i>
<i>iii) Jagarlamudi Kuppuswamy Choudary College, Guntur – 522 506</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>

<p><u>Manonmaniam Sundaranar University,</u> <u>Tirunelveli (T.N.)</u></p> <p>i) <i>Sadakathullah Appa College,</i> <i>Rahamath Nagar, Tirunelveli – 627 011</i> <i>(T.N.)</i></p>	<p><i>2006-2007 to 2011-2012</i></p>
<p><u>Madurai Kamaraj University</u></p> <p>i) <i>Devanga Arts College,</i> <i>Aruppukottai (T.N.)</i></p>	<p><i>2006-2007 to 2011-2012</i></p>

Action: JS(AC)

5.02: To consider the UGC Review Committee Report in respect of Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research (Deemed University), Chennai.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved continuation of “Deemed University” status to Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research (BIHER), Chennai consisting of its three Institutions namely (i) Bharath Institute of Science and Technology, (ii) Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital and (iii) Sree Balaji Dental College and Hospital. A copy of the report may be sent to the Institute for further follow up action, if any.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.03: To consider the report of the Expert Committee which visited Dravidian University, Kuppam (A.P.) for assessing its proposal for inclusion under Section 12-B of UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee which visited Dravidian University, Kuppam (A.P.) and approved its inclusion under Section 12-B of UGC Act, 1956 for receiving central assistance.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

**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 would be held in last week of October, 2006 at Guwahati.

Action: JS(Meeting)

SECTION-7

(SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

Recorded Separately.

7.02: To consider the proposal of (i) Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur (Chattisgarh) (ii) Kumaun University, Nainital (iii) Manipur University, Imphal (iv) North Eastern Hill University, Shillong for establishment of new Academic Staff College.

This was examined. The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for establishment of Academic Staff Colleges in (i) Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur (Chattisgarh) (ii) Kumaun University, Nainital (iii) Manipur University, Imphal (iv) North Eastern Hill University, Shillong .

Action: JS(CPP-II)

7.03: To consider the matter regarding opening of departments of Hindi in Universities of non-Hindi speaking states.

This was examined. The Commission approved the proposal for opening of departments of Hindi in Universities of non-Hindi speaking areas with following financial assistance upto the end of the XI Plan:.

1.	<i>Professor</i>	-	<i>1</i>
2.	<i>Reader</i>	-	<i>1</i>
3.	<i>Lecturers</i>	-	<i>2</i>

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| 4. | <i>Books & Journals</i> | - | Rs. 50,000/- |
| 5. | <i>Others including</i> | - | |
| | <i>Seminars & Conferences</i> | | Rs. 50,000/- |

The existing Hindi departments in Universities of non Hindi speaking areas may be strengthened if there is any deficiency upto the financial assistance approved above. It was resolved to ask for additional funds from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India for this purpose.

Action: JS(Raj Bhasha))

- 7.04: To consider the revision of guidelines on special scheme for construction of Women's Hostels during X Plan Period.

This was examined. The Commission approved the revised guidelines for special scheme for construction of Women's Hostels during X Plan period. The Chairman was authorized to constitute a Standing Committee to centrally consider all proposals under the scheme in a time bound manner.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

- 7.05: To consider financial assistance to Central Universities to provide Fellowship to pursue M.Phil/Ph.D.

This was approved in principle. The Chairman was authorized to decide other modalities of the scheme in consultation with the Vice Chancellors of the Central Universities. The fellowship and other financial assistance could be different from the existing scheme. It was suggested that the number of fellowship generally should be decided in a manner such that it cover maximum number of non-fellowship holders subject to certain limit of fund. The Chairman may sort out these issues in the meeting of the Vice Chancellors of Central Universities and decide

specific quantum of assistance for this scheme out of the Plan grant provided to Central Universities.

Action: JS(CU)

7.06: To consider the matter regarding to organize D.S. Kothari National Conference on Higher Education–Emerging Issues and Policy Directions.

The Commission approved the proposal of organizing National Conference in memory of Prof. D.S. Kothari, former Chairman, UGC and the Chairman was authorized to decide further details and financial assistance for this purpose.

Action: JS(XI Plan)

7.07: To consider the proposal of Librarians of the college holding the equivalent position with teaching faculty may also be brought under the scheme of Travel Grant.

The Commission approved the proposal of providing financial assistance under Travel Grant scheme to College Librarians holding equivalent position with teaching faculty

Action: JS(TG)

7.08: To consider enhancement of quantum of financial assistance provided by the UGC to Universities and Colleges for the Schemes of Coaching Classes for Welfare of SC/ST & Minorities.

The Commission approved enhancement of financial assistance for Coaching Schemes as recommended by the SC/ST and Minorities Standing Committees.

Action: DS(SCT)

- 7.09: To consider the issues relating to the fixing of upper limit in respect of teaching staff in Delhi Colleges and relaxing the limit as per the direction of Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Commission approved removing upper limit from 85% and agreed to provide 100% in respect of teaching staff in Delhi Colleges. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India will be approached for additional funds require for this purpose.

Action: JS(DC)

- 7.10: To consider the report of the Expert Committee on Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research (BIHER), Deemed University, Chennai to consider its proposal to bring new Institutions under its ambit.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved that (1) Sri Lakshmi Narayana Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospitals, Pondicherry, (2) Sree Balaji College of Nursing, Chennai, (3) Sree Balaji College of Physiotherapy, Chennai may be brought under the ambit of Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai (Deemed University). The Commission further approved that Sri Lakshmi Narayana Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospitals, Pondicherry may also be treated as off-campus of Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai (Deemed University) as per UGC norms.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 7.11: To consider the Report of the UGC Committee regarding inclusion of ten Symbiosis institutions under the aegis of Symbiosis International Educational Centre (SIEC) Deemed to be University.

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Member, left the meeting at the time of consideration of this item.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved inclusion of the following institutes/centres under the ambit of Symbiosis International Educational Centre (SIEC) Deemed to be University.

- i) Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development (SCMHRD)*
- ii) Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SHB)*
- iii) Symbiosis Institute of Telecom Management (SITM)*
- iv) Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS)*
- v) Symbiosis Institute of Mass Communication (SIMC)*
- vi) Symbiosis Institute of Operations Management (SIOM)*
- vii) Symbiosis Institute for Information Technology (SCIT)*
- viii) Symbiosis Institute of Geo-informatics (SIG)*
- ix) Symbiosis Institute of Health Sciences (SIHS)*
- x) Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID)*

Action: JS(CPP-I)

ANY OTHER ITEM

The Commission considered the request of Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta, Kolkata for providing financial assistance for the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata which is under the ambit of the University. The Commission agreed to the request to provide financial assistance of Rs. 10 Crores as one time grant and authorized the Chairman to finalise details thereof.

Action: JS(SU)

(TILAK R. KEM)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman