

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

Minutes of the 453rd Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 6th November, 2008.

The 453rd Meeting of the Commission was held on 6th November, 2008 in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairperson
3. Shri R.P. Agrawal	Member
4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
6. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
7. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
8. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen	Member
9. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
10. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member
11. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

Mrs. Rita Menon, Member could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to her.

Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary (HE), MHRD attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE invited as special invitee could not attend the meeting.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R. K. Chauhan

Additional Secretary

Dr.(Ms) N.A. Kazmi

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Joint Secretary (Finance)

Dr. C.S. Meena

The Chairman extended a very warm welcome to Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu on his joining the Commission as its Member for second term.

SECTION-1

1.01 (a) To confirm the minutes of the 452nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 7th & 8th October, 2008.

The minutes of the 452nd meeting of the UGC held on 7th & 8th October, 2008 were examined and confirmed with the following modifications:

i) Item No.1.01(a)

The Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman, UGC for appointment of Prof. H.A. Ranganath as Director, NAAC, Bangalore for a period of five years w.e.f. the date of his joining i.e. 18th August 2008, based on the recommendations of the Search Committee.

ii) Item No. 2.01

The following modifications were approved in Appendix-I.

Sl.No. 4, 6, 9 & 10 – The correct name may be read as Bharti Vidyapeeth University, Pune.

Sl.No. 6 – The minimum duration of the BASLP course is 4 years instead of 2 years.

Sl.No. 14 – The specified degree may be read as B.Des instead of BOD.

Sl.No. 17 - It was brought to the notice that there is some litigation relating to proposed degree of CFA. It was decided that before notifying the new nomenclature, a clarification may be obtained from the university along with an undertaking to the effect that there is no court order against the University from conferring this specific degree and this specified degree be notified thereafter.

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Sl.No.28 - Instead of M.Sc. (Medical Pharma) it may be indicated that M.Sc. (Medical Pharmacology).

Sl.No. 33– The minimum duration of the MBA (Pharma.Tech) course is 5 years integrated instead of 5 years.

Sl.No. 34 The minimum duration of the MBA (Tech.) course is 5 years integrated instead of 5 years.

Sl.No. 36 – The minimum duration of the MJMC course is 2 years instead of 2 Semesters.

Sl.No 39 – The minimum duration of the MPH course is 2 years instead of 3 Semesters.

The Commission decided that the Standing Committee should work out a strategy in respect of those Universities which have not yet brought to the notice of the Commission about the new degrees they are offering, as the students will be put to difficulty at a later stage due to non-inclusion of their degrees under Section 22 of UGC Act 1956.

Item No.6.01

The Office Memorandum dated 6.10.2008 received from MHRD may be made applicable in respect of IUCs also apart from other Institutions indicated in the minutes.

1.01 (b)

To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 452nd Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 7th & 8th October, 2008.

This was noted.

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

- (i) To report the decision of the Commission regarding implementation of enhancement rate of PG Scholarship to GATE Qualified Students admitted in M.E/M.Tech./M.Pharm. from Rs.5,000/- p.m. to Rs.8,000/-p.m. under Engineering & Technology w.e.f. 01.04.2008 No. enhancement has been made towards contingency.

The Commission approved the decision taken by MHRD with regard to revision of Assistantship/Scholarship/Fellowship in respect of M.E./M.Tech./M.Design GATE qualified students from Rs.5,000/- p.m. to Rs.8,000/- p.m. The Commission further decided that this revision may be made applicable w.e.f. 1.4.2008 onwards.

Action : JS (SA-III)

1.02 (a) (ii) To report the XI Plan UGC Guidelines of the Scheme “Overcoming damages caused by Natural Calamities/Disasters under the General Plan Grant for Universities and Colleges”.

The Commission approved the amendment made in the XI Plan Guidelines in respect of (i) UGC Guidelines for General Development Grant Assistance to Central/Deemed and State Universities during XI Plan and (ii) UGC Guidelines for General Development Assistance to Colleges during XI Plan so as to include the scheme of “Assistance for overcoming damages caused by Natural Calamities/Disasters”. The Commission further decided that this scheme be introduced on sharing basis between UGC and the State Govt. in the ratio of 75% and 25% respectively.

Action : JS XI Plan

1.02 (b) To receive the Items of information.

There was no item.

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

This was noted. The Commission decided that the allocation for construction of Women's Hostel for the year 2008-09 may be enhanced to Rs.300 crores. The Commission authorized the Chairman to re-appropriate the Budget for this purpose from any Head.

Action : F.A./JS (CPP-II)

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

There was no Item under this Section.

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

There was no Item under this Section.

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

4.01 To consider the action points on the review report of the UGC Women's Studies Departments/Centres.

The Commission decided to constitute a Committee and authorized the Chairman, UGC to constitute a Committee of the Commission Members to study the recommendations and give a report which may be placed before the Commission at its next meeting.

Action : JD(WS)

4.02 To consider the guidelines for setting up for EMMRC Media Centre/affiliated Media Centres.

The Commission approved the UGC Guidelines for setting up of EMMRC Media Centres during XI Plan.

Action : JS (XI Plan) / JS(IUC)

4.03 To consider the report of the Review Committee for the Centre with Potential for Excellence Himalayan Studies at Himachal Pradesh University Shimla.

This was deferred.

4.04 To consider the Action taken Report of UGC to ensure the implementation of the reservation Policy and to fill up the backlog vacancies for SCs/STs in Universities and Colleges.

The Commission examined the issues in detail and decided that the centrally funded Institutions (Central Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Delhi, Allahabad & BHU Colleges) may be requested to take following immediate actions :

- (i) *The Reservation Policy for SC/ST circulated by the Commission in 2006 be adopted, if not done earlier, immediately. No further Non-Plan grant to the Institutions be released till such time this Policy is adopted.*
- (ii) *All the Institutions which are deficient in the prescribed percentage of reservation be asked to fill the backlog of reservation in teaching and non-teaching posts within 6 months. The advertisement for the backlog vacancies be issued immediately and a compliance report alongwith the copy of the advertisement be sent to the Commission within one month. A portion of grant will be withheld until a status for full implementation of Reservation Policy is received from the respective Institution. In this regard, the commitment given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to SC/ST Parliamentary Forum again be brought to the notice of the Universities and Colleges.*
- (iii) *A copy of these orders be also sent to the State Universities for similar action.*
- (iv) *The implementation of reservation by Institutions be got monitored with the help of Committees to be constituted by the Chairman, UGC.*

- (v) *National Commission for SC/ST may be apprised of the steps being taken by the UGC.*
- (vi) *Similar steps be taken for OBC and Physically Challenged persons.*

Action : JS(SC/ST)/ JS(CU/DU) / JS (SU)/ JS (CPP-II)

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

- 5.01 To consider the letter received from Dr. (Mrs.) Vidya Yervedekar, Member, UGC.

The Commission decided that the information sent by Dr.(Mrs.) Vidya Yervedekar, Member UGC alongwith the facts be sent to MHRD.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

- 5.02 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of Chh. Shahu Institute of Education & Research, Kolhapur, Maharashtra for conferment of Deemed to be University Status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

- 5.03 To consider the UGC draft Regulations for Admission and Fee Structure in Professional Programmes of study in self Financing deemed to be universities.

This was deferred.

- 5.04 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of National Insurance Academy, Pune, Maharashtra for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

5.05 To consider the compliance submitted by Akruiti Citygold Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra in respect of the deficiencies pointed out by the UGC Expert Committee and AICTE Expert Committee for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

This was deferred.

5.06 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC which visited Yenepoya Medical College, Yenepoya Nursing College and Yenepoya Physiotherapy College, Mangalore for bringing them under the ambit of Yenepoya University (Deemed to be University).

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Yenepoya Medical College, Yenepoya Nursing College and Yenepoya Physiotherapy College, Mangalore for bringing them under the ambit of Yenepoya University (Deemed to be University) and agreed to recommend to the MHRD for bringing these Institutions under the ambit of Yenepoya University (Deemed to be University) subject to annual review for three years and subsequently after five years.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

5.07 To consider the matter to permit the Delhi Colleges to start new courses during 2007-08.

This was deferred.

5.08 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Deemed University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh to start off-campus at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Gandhi Institute of Technology

and Management (GITAM), Deemed University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh to start off-campus at Hyderabad, report of the AICTE Expert Committee and its advice and agreed to recommend to the MHRD to start off-campus at Hyderabad from the academic year 2009-2010 subject to annual review for three years and subsequently after five years.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

5.09

To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **10 colleges i.e. (1) National P.G. College, 2 Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow (2) Pt. L.M.S. Govt. P.G. College, Rishikesh, Dehradun(Uttrakhand) (3) NMAM Institute of Technology, NITTE, Udupi-574110, (4) PDA College of Engineering, Aiwani-E-Shahi Road, Gulbarga-585102, (5) R.V. College of Engineering, Bangalore-560059 (6) Jamshedpur Women's College, Jamshedpur-831037, (7) The Graduate School College for Women, Sakchi, Jamshedpur-831001, (8) Ranchi College, Ranchi (9) Marwari College, Ranchi (10) Govt. College of Engineering, Amravati (Maharashtra) and Extension of Autonomous Status in respect of **6 colleges i.e. (1) Women's Christian College, Chennai-600006 (2) Stella Maris College, Chennai-600086 (TN), (3) N.K. Thirumalachariar National College of Education for Women, Chennai (4) A. Veeriyar Vandayar Memorial Sri Pushpam College (Autonomous) Poondi-613503, Thanjavur District, Tamilnadu (5) Govt. (Autonomous) Girls P.G. College of Excellence, Sagar-470002 (MP) and (6) Ambah P.G. College, Ambah (MP)** falling in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Karnatak, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu and Madhya Pradesh affiliated to (1) Lucknow University, Lucknow, (2) H.N.B.Garhwal University, Srinagar (Uttrakhand) (3) Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum, (4) Ranchi University, Ranchi, (5) Sant Gade Baba Amravati University, Amravati (6) University of**

Madras, Chennai, (7) Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli (8) Dr. H.S. Gaur University, Sagar and (9) Jiwaji University Gwalior respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed for conferment of fresh autonomous status to ten colleges and extension of autonomous status to six colleges as under:

S. NO.	Name of the College	Autonomy tenure approved by the Commission
FRESH AUTONOMOUS STATUS		
1.	<i>National P.G. College, 2, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow, UP</i>	<i>2009-2010 to 2014-2015</i>
2.	<i>Pt.LMS Govt. PG College, Rishikesh District Dehradun (Uttarakhand)</i>	<i>2008-2009 to 2013-2014</i>
3.	<i>NMAM Institute of Technology, Nitte, Dupi</i>	<i>2009-2010 to 2014-2015</i>
4.	<i>PDA College of Engineering, Gulbarga</i>	<i>2009-2010 to 2014-2015</i>
5.	<i>R.V. College of Engineering Bangalore</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>
6.	<i>Jamshedpur Women's College, Jamshedpur</i>	<i>2008-2009 to 2013-2014</i>
7.	<i>The Graduate School College for Women, Sakchi, Jamshedpur</i>	<i>Not recommended</i>
8.	<i>Ranchi College, Ranchi</i>	<i>2009-2010 to 2014-2015</i>
9.	<i>Marwari College, Ranchi</i>	<i>2009-2010 to 2014-2015</i>
10.	<i>College of Engineering, Amravati</i>	<i>2008-2009 to 2013-2014</i>

EXTENSION OF AUTONOMY		
1	<i>Women's Christian College, Chennai</i>	<i>2002-03 to 2007-2008 ex-post facto approval & further extension 2008-09 to 2013-14.</i>
2	<i>Stella Maris College, Chennai</i>	<i>2002-03 to 2007-08 ex-post-facto approval & further extension 2008-09 to 2013-14.</i>
3	<i>N.K. Thirumalachariar National College of Education for Women Chennai</i>	<i>2003-04 to 2007-08 ex-post facto approval & further extension from 2008-09 to 2013-2014.</i>
4	<i>A Veeriyar Vandayar Memorial Sri Pushpam College (Autonomous) Poondi, Thanjavur District, TN</i>	<i>2003-2004 to 2007-2008 ex-post-facto approval & further extension from 2008-09 to 2013-14.</i>
5	<i>Govt. (Autonomous)Girls PG College of Excellence, Sagar</i>	<i>2007-2008 ex-post-facto approval & further extension from 2008-09 to 2013-14.</i>
6	<i>Ambah Postgraduate College, Ambah, MP</i>	<i>2007-2008 ex-post-facto approval & further extension from 2008-09 to 2013-14.</i>

Action : JS(CPP-I/AC)

- 5.10 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Park Academy of Global Higher Education and Research, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

- 5.11 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Deemed University, Loni, Tal-Rahata, Dt. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra for inclusion of School of Bioscience Management, Chincholi, Tal – Sinner, Dt. Nashik, Maharashtra under its ambit.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Deemed University, Loni, Tal-Rahata, Dt. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, report of the AICTE Expert Committee and its advice and agreed to recommend to the MHRD for inclusion of School of Bioscience Management, Chincholi, Tal-Sinner, Dt. Nashik Maharashtra under its ambit from the year 2006-2007 subject to annual review for three years and subsequently after five years.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

- 5.12 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the UGC to consider the proposal of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan for the inclusion of its campuses at Bhopal and Mumbai within the ambit of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed University) as its constituent units.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed University), New Delhi for inclusion of its Off-campus at Mumbai and Bhopal, the compliance/clarification submitted by the Deemed University and the request of the MHRD and agreed to recommend to

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MHRD for inclusion of its campuses at Bhopal and Mumbai under the ambit of the Deemed University subject to annual review for three years and subsequently after five years.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

5.13 To consider the procedure for submission of utilization certificates against Grants-in-aid by Universities /College/Institutions.

The Commission examined the proposal and agreed for adoption of provision of GFR for furnishing utilization certificate against grants-in-aid as under :

The Utilization Certificate to the effect that the Grant has been utilized for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned shall be furnished to the University Grants Commission for all schemes as under :

- (i) For non-recurring grants : The Utilization Certificate should be submitted within twelve months of the closure of the financial year.*
- (ii) Recurring grant : Immediately after close of financial year the provisional utilization certificate may be furnished. Release of grants in excess of 75% of total sanctioned amount would be released only after submission of Annual Audited accounts and Utilization Certification of the grants in the preceding year.*

Action : JS (Finance)

5.14 To consider issue regarding UGC financial support to Law Universities during XI Plan Period.

This was deferred.

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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 date of the meeting of the Commission will be held on 10th and 11th December 2008.

Action : Director (Admn.)

Any other Item :-

(i) *The Commission considered the comments received from the MHRD and AICTE on the UGC [Institutions Deemed to be Universities] Regulations, 2008 and approved the Regulations after taking into account these comments as per APPENDIX-A. The Commission further decided that these Regulations be sent to MHRD for concurrence.*

Action : JS (CPP-I)

(ii) *To consider conferment of autonomy to Post Graduate colleges in Andhra Pradesh*

It was pointed out that the Universities in Andhra Pradesh have allowed the Autonomous Colleges in their jurisdiction to enjoy the autonomy only at the UG level and not at the PG level. This is the only state in India where the

Autonomous Colleges enjoy autonomy only at the UG level. The Commission desired that the Secretary, UGC may write to the Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities in Andhra Pradesh and also to the Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad pointing out the need to extension of autonomy at PG level also.

The Commission was also informed that Universities in Madhya Pradesh have implemented semester system for all its colleges. Even those Autonomous Colleges following a rigorous semester system have been asked by the Universities to fall in line with the semester system proposed by the Universities for the non-autonomous colleges. This comes in the way of innovation by the autonomous colleges. The Commission decided that the Secretary, UGC may write a suitable letter to all the Vice-Chancellors of Universities in Madhya Pradesh.

It was further observed that a few Universities in the country are also awarding autonomous status on their own without referring the matter to UGC. Education being a concurrent subject in the Constitution of India, the States have the powers to legislate on such subject in conformity with UGC guidelines. Though it is a welcome step to award autonomy to as many colleges as possible, the Universities need to have coordination with UGC.

The Commission further decided that a comprehensive agenda item on Autonomous Colleges be put up at the next meeting of the Commission taking into account the various items and decisions that were taken by the Commission on earlier occasions.

Action : JS (AC)

- (iii) *The Commission desired that a uniform format for on-the-spot inspection to asses the status of construction of Women's Hostel under special scheme for construction of Women's Hostel. Dr. Shashi Rai, Member was requested to prepare a common format for the purpose.*

Action : JS (RO)

- (iv) *The Commission noted that the UGC Act 1956 was last amended in 1985 and many of the provisions of the Act need revision. The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to constitute a Committee to examine the issue relating to amendments in UGC Act.*

Action : JS (CPP-II)

- (v) *The Commission expressed its concern for the exorbitant prices charged by various Institutions for the prospectus for admission to various course. The Commission was of the view that a student should be facilitated to appear in lesser number of examinations for admission to the courses. At present they have to waste lot of time and money in entrance examinations for admission. The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to constitute a Committee to examine this issue in detail.*

Action : JS (CPP-II)

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman