

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

Minutes of the 454th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10th & 11th December, 2008.

The 454th Meeting of the Commission was held on 10th & 11th December, 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. Mrs.Rita Menon	Member
5. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
6. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
7. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai **	Member
8. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
9. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen	Member
10. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
11. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member
12. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE attended the meeting as Special Invitee only on 10th December, 2008.

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

* Attended the meeting only on 10th December, 2008.

** Attended the meeting only on 11th December 2008.

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

SECTION-1

1.01 (a) To confirm the minutes of the 453rd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 6th November, 2008.

The minutes were confirmed. There was detailed discussion on the “UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulation, 2009” (which was approved by the Commission on 6th November, 2008) in the light of the comments from the Members and the MHRD. Based on the discussion, the above Regulation was modified and approved as per APPENDIX-I. This may be sent to MHRD for concurrence and notification.

Prof. J A K Tareen, Member mentioned about the case of Shri Govindaiah Godavarthi, Lecturer in English, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad wherein the approval for exemption was given for UG courses. The same may be read for PG courses.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

1.01 (b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 453rd Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 6th November, 2008.

This was noted.

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

(i) To report the decision of the Chairman regarding One Time Special Development assistance of Rs.6.00 crore to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Education and Research Institute, Belur Math (Deemed to be University) for the financial year 2008-09.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman in providing a special developmental assistance of Rs. 6.00 crores to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Education and Research Institute, Belur Math (Deemed to be University) during the financial year 2008-

09. The Commission further decided that the Institute may be advised that this assistance may not be used for self- financing courses.

Action: JS(DU)

- (ii) To report the matter regarding establishment of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Chairs in some universities.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC in approving establishment of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Chairs in the following Universities:

- (1) Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi*
- (2) Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad*
- (3) Kashmir University, Srinagar*
- (4) Calicut University, Calicut*
- (5) Calcutta University, Kolkata*
- (6) Marathawada University, Aurangabad*

Action: JS(CU)

1.02 (b) To receive the items for information.

- (i) To report the MoU signed between India and Norway on 18th June, 2008.

This was noted.

Action: JS(IC)

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

This was noted. The Commission urged that the office may speedily process the pending proposals during the month of December, 2008 and send utilization certificate to the Ministry of Human Resource Development immediately so that the balance amount payable to UGC by MHRD for the 3rd quarter could be received well before 31st December, 2008.

Action: F.A./All Bureau Heads

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SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To consider the report of UGC Expert Committee to prepare Action Plan on “Academic and Administrative Reforms”.

The Commission approved the report of the UGC Expert Committee appointed to prepare the action plan on “Academic and Administrative Reforms”. The Commission further authorized the Chairman, UGC to prepare a draft guidelines on the above issue and circulate the same to the Universities/Institutions under intimation to the Commission.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

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

- 3.01** To consider the directions received from Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development on the matter of accreditation of the Institutions Deemed to be Universities and Institutions applying for Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the communication received from MHRD, Govt. of India and accordingly incorporated the same in “UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulation, 2009” which is given at APPENDIX-I.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

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

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

The Commission considered the Report of the Review Committee which visited the “Centre with Potential for Excellence in Himalayan Studies” at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla and approved the recommendations.

Action: JS(PS/NS/PE)

- 4.02** To consider the report of the Review Committee for the Centre with Potential for Excellence in Bio-Medical Sciences (CEBS) at Punjab University Chandigarh.

The Commission considered the Report of the Review Committee which visited the “Centre with Potential for Excellence in Bio-Medical Sciences (CEBS)” at Punjab University, Chandigarh and approved the recommendations.

Action: JS(PS/NS/PE)

- 4.03** To consider enhancing the number of Junior Research Fellowships (JRF) under the NET Scheme.

The Commission considered the question of enhancing the number of Junior Research Fellowships (JRF) under the NET Scheme and approved the revision in the number of JRF as per the details given below:

UGC NET Fellowship - Revised from 500 to 1000 Nos.

CSIR UGC NET Fellowship - Revised from 300 to 600 Nos.

The above increases are for each NET/CSIR Examinations.

Action: JS(NET/SA)

SECTION-5**(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)****5.01**

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.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Park Academy of Global Higher Education and Research, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, report of the AICTE Expert Committee and its advice and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 to Park Academy of Global Higher Education and Research, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, subject to a review after three years.

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.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Chh. Shahu Institute of Education & Research, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, report of the AICTE Expert Committee and its advice and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 to Chh. Shahu Institute of Education & Research, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, subject to a review after five years.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 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.

The Commission discussed in detail and decided to constitute a Sub-Committee of the Commission consisting of Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen, Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Prof. Achyutananda Samanta, Dr.(Mrs.) Shashi Rai with one or two Experts and Dr.(Ms) N.A. Kazmi, AS, UGC as Member Secretary to work out a revised Regulation in the light of the discussion and a revised Regulation may be brought before the Commission at its next meeting.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 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.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of National Insurance Academy, Pune, Maharashtra, report of the AICTE Expert Committee, AICTE advice and compliance submitted by the Institute and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 to National Insurance Academy, Pune, Maharashtra, subject to the condition that this being private Institute may not be allowed to use the word 'National' and be reviewed after five years.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

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

The Commission considered the above issue and approved that the Delhi Colleges may be allowed to start aided new courses from the current academic year.

Action: JS (DC)

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

The Commission considered the issue of UGC financial support to Law Universities during the XI Plan Period and noted that these Universities were established by the Acts of respective State Legislatures, which are public institutions in character to serve public cause. The Commission, therefore, decided that the developmental grants to these Law Universities may be released subject to the condition that they follow (i) UGC norms for selection and appointment of teachers including reservation policy of their respective State Governments (ii) audit of their accounts by appropriate Government agencies and (iii) the fee structure applicable to other Public Institutions.

All the Universities may be asked to submit information on above points for the last three years to enable the Commission to take final decision. If need be, the Chairman may get the same examined by an Expert Committee to be appointed by him.

Action: JS(XI Plan)

5.07: To consider the compliance submitted by Akruti 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.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Akruti Citygold Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra, report of the AICTE Expert Committee, AICTE advice, compliance submitted by the Institute and the presentation made by it before the Commission on 19th June 2008 and decided not to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 to Akruti Citygold Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.08 To consider Five (05) reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status in respect of **04 four colleges i.e. (1) Career College, Govindpura, BHEL, Bhopal-462023 (MP) affiliated to Barkatullah University, Bhopal, (2) Siddaganga Institute of Technology, B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103 (Karnatak) affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum (3) Udaya Nath College of Science & Technology, At- Prachi-Jnanapitha, Po-Adaspur, Dist- Cuttack, Orissa Pin- 754011 affiliated to Utkal University, Bhubneswar and (4) Govt. Geetanjali Girls College, Berasia Road, Bhopal- 402038 affiliated to Barkatullah University, Bhopal and Extension of Autonomous Status in respect of **1 one college i.e. (1) Maharaja Purna Chandra (Autonomous College) Takhatpur, Baripada, Mayurbhanj-757003 (Orissa) affiliated to North Orissa University, Mayurbhanj, Orissa falling in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Karnatak, and Orissa respectively.****

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

S.NO.	Name of the College	Autonomy tenure approved by the Commission
1.	Career College, Govindpura, BHEL, Bhopal-462023 (MP)	2009-2010 to 2014-2015
2.	Siddaganga Institute of Technology, B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103 (Karnatak)	2009-2010 to 2014-2015
3.	Udaya Nath College of Science & Technology, At- Prachi-Jnanapitha, Po-Adaspur, Dist- Cuttack, Orissa	2009-2010 to 2014-2015
4.	Govt. Geetanjali Girls College, Berasia Road, Bhopal-402038	2009-2010 to 2014-2015
EXTENSION		
1	Maharaja Purna Chandra (Autonomous College) Takhatpur, Baripada, Mayurbhanj-757003 (Orissa)	2004-05 to 2010-11 including ex-post facto approval.

Action : JS(CPP-I/AC)

5.09

Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC which visited Balaji Vidyapeeth regarding the proposal to start off-campus centre “Shri Sathya Sai Medical College and Research Institute” at Ammapetai, Nellikupam Village, Tiriopurur-Guduvancherry Main Road, Chengalpetu Taluk, Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu by Balaji Vidyapeeth, deemed university, Puducherry.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Balaji Vidyapeeth, Deemed to be University, Puducherry, to start off-campus centre “Shri Sathya Sai Medical College and Research Institute” at Ammapetai, Nellikupam Village, Tiriopurur-Guduvancherry Main Road, Chengalpetu Taluk, Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development to start off-campus centre “Shri Sathya Sai Medical College and Research Institute” at Ammapetai, Nellikupam Village, Tiriopurur-Guduvancherry Main Road, Chengalpetu Taluk, Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu from the current academic year subject to annual review for three years and subsequently after five years.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.10 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), New Delhi for conferment of Deemed to be University status (De-novo category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), New Delhi and presentation made by the Institute and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under De-Novo category under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, subject to annual review for a period of five years.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.11 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Parul Trust in the name and style of Parul University, for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-nevo category.

The Commission considered the presentation made by the Institute and decided that the office may in the first instance obtain the necessary reasons from the State Govt. of Gujarat for refusing to give its approval for the Institute to become Deemed to be University. The State Govts. may be advised to communicate speaking orders indicating reasons for refusing or approving the Institution within 15 days.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.12 To consider the –

- (i) Revision of scales of pay of employees of the autonomous organizations, statutory bodies, etc., set-up by and funded / controlled by the Central Government - guidelines regarding.
- (ii) Clarification with regard to revised scale of pay for certain categories of posts (like Assistant Registrar / Assistant Controller of Examination / Assistant Finance Officer, Deputy Registrar / Deputy Controller of Examination / Deputy Finance Officer, Registrar / Controller of

Examination / Finance Officer) which were earlier covered under Pay Review Committee (Teaching) – regarding.

The Commission considered the Revision of scale of pay for the posts of Assistant Registrar / Assistant Controller of Examination / Assistant Finance Officer, Deputy Registrar / Deputy Controller of Examination / Deputy Finance Officer, Registrar / Controller of Examination / Finance Officer and decided that parity in the pay scales of teachers and these academic administrative posts may be considered for continuation in this revision and also the recommendations may be sent to MHRD with a request to maintain parity in the scale of pay with the teachers, as was done earlier.

Action: JS(PS)

5.13

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Koneru Lakshmaiah College of Engineering, Green Fields, Vaddeswaram, Andhra Pradesh for conferment of Deemed to be University status in the name of Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation, Green Fields, Vaddeswaram, Andhra Pradesh, report of the AICTE Expert Committee and its advice and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 to Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation, Green Fields, Vaddeswaram, Andhra Pradesh, subject to a review after five years.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.14

To consider Comprehensive Agenda Item on Autonomous Colleges taking into account the various items and decisions that were taken by the Commission on earlier occasions.

The Commission appreciated the comprehensive agenda item on Autonomous Colleges and had a great deal of discussion. Arising out of the discussion, the Commission finally decided that the following actions may be taken:

- (1) The Chairman, UGC may write a comprehensive letter to all the Vice-Chancellors and Education Secretaries bringing out the need for having more autonomous colleges in the country and also to treat the existing autonomous colleges differently compared to other colleges.*
- (2) The usual apprehension as faced by the Colleges like stoppage of Govt. aid, pension etc. may be clarified in the above letter. The above letter may be put on UGC website and a Press Release be issued.*
- (3) All the Regional Offices may be asked to take a pro-active role in promoting autonomous colleges in their region by organizing a separate meeting for the purpose.*

Action: JS(CPP-I/AC)

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.
- (i) A Status note on autonomous colleges indicating the total proposals pending, visits approved by the Chairman and not conducted, approved autonomous colleges, period of autonomy, extension granted, pending requests for extension etc. respectively.

This was noted.

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

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on 27th January 2009.

- 6.04 To consider the order received from Ministry of Human Resource Development on the basis of final report of the Committee (Dr. B.L. Mungekar) regarding exemption from NET qualifications for minimum qualifications for appointment and Career Advancement of Teachers in Universities and affiliated colleges.

The Commission considered the direction received from MHRD regarding exemption from NET examination for minimum qualification for appointment of teachers. The Members expressed the view that many of the universities have advertised various teaching positions and are in the process of making selections. The Commission and the Ministry of HRD have been giving relaxation in the past all cases for the existing candidates who have successfully completed M.Phil/Ph.D and were eligible for exemption as per the existing norms. The Commission had, therefore, recommended exemption from NET for such candidates as recommended by the Mungekar Committee upto June 2009 for M.Phil candidates and June 2011 for Ph.D candidates. Such a decision would be in conformity with the past decisions of the Government.

The Members also mentioned that the research scholars already enrolled for M.Phil/Ph.D would be covered for exemption provided they complete the same by the above stipulated period.

The Members desired that their views may be conveyed to the Government for reconsideration. However, in view of the directions from the Government, the

Commission approved that the following two Regulations may be sent to MHRD for publishing in the Gazette:

- (i) UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of Ph.D. Degree), Regulations, 2008 (APPENDIX-II).*
- (ii) UGC (Minimum Qualifications required for the appointment and career advancement of Teachers in Universities and Institutions affiliated to it – 3rd amendment), Regulations, 2008 (APPENDIX-III)*

Action: JS(NET) / JS (PS) / JS (CPP-II)

Any other item:

Recorded separately.

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman

Appendices are not enclosed.