

CONFIDENTIAL

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

**MINUTES OF THE 460TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS
COMMISSION HELD ON 22ND June, 2009.**

The 460th Meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd June, 2009 in which the following were present:-

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| 1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Ved Prakash | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran | Member |
| 4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam | Member |
| 5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu | Member |
| 6. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan | Member |
| 7. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta | Member |

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Prof. Xavier Alphonse S.J., Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen and Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Members could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE, who was invited to attend as a Special Invitee, could not attend.

Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary, MHRD and Shri V. Umashankar, Director, MHRD also participated as Special Invitees.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R. K. Chauhan

Additional Secretaries

Dr. N.A. Kazmi

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Financial Adviser

Shri A.K. Dogra

SECTION-1

- 1.01 (a)** To confirm the minutes of the 458th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **19th May, 2009**.

The minutes of the 458th meeting of the Commission held on 19th May, 2009 were confirmed subject to the following modification:

Item No.5.12:

The Commission is in agreement with the recommendations of the Expert Committee which visited Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bangalore for conferment of autonomous status. However, as the college would be completing 10 years of its existence only in 2011, therefore, the Commission decided that the proposal for conferment of autonomy to this College after conducting another inspection may be brought before the Commission in the year 2011 and the University and the College may be informed accordingly.

Action: AS-II

- 1.01 (b) (i)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 458th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **19th May, 2009**.

This was noted.

- 1.01 (b) (ii)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 459th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **4th June, 2009**.

This was noted.

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

- (i) To report the decision taken by the UGC Standing Committee on SC/ST for the welfare of SC's/ST's at its 1st & 2nd meeting held on 24th June, 2008 and 20th January, 2009 in the UGC main office and in the office of the Planning Commission respectively.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC on the recommendations of the Standing Committee on SC/ST made at its meetings held on 24th June, 2008 and 20th January, 2009.

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.

There was no item.

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider the draft Regulations for Admission and Fee structure for Deemed to be Universities.

The Commission considered the UGC (Fee structure in Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2009 and UGC (Admission in Professional Programmes of Study at Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2009 and approved the same with the modification that there may be supernumerary quota for NRI and POI as per Government instructions alongwith 15% quota for the Management. The Commission further decided that these Regulations may be sent to MHRD for concurrence.

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The Commission further considered the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee which looked into the management of entrance examination conducted by the universities for admission to various courses and price of application-cum-prospectus of the universities and decided that the following ceiling may be fixed for the cost of the application-cum-prospectus :

- (1) Rs.300/- for General Candidates*
- (2) Rs.150/- for SC/ST Candidates*

It was further decided that MHRD may be requested to impress upon IITs and IIMs to reduce the price of the application-cum-prospectus issued by them for entrance examination, as it is considered to be on the high side.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

SECTION-3

(REFERECNE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

- 3.01** To consider the action taken on the instructions of Minister of Human Resource Development contained in the MHRD letter No. F. 9-26/2009 – U.3 (A) dated 4th June, 2009 regarding review of process of approval and functioning of deemed to be universities.

The Commission considered the letter dated 4th June, 2009 received from the MHRD and decided as follows:

- (i) The Chairman, UGC was authorized to constitute Expert Committees to review the existing deemed to be universities and their off-campus centres, approved by UGC/MHRD.*
- (ii) Proformae for collecting the information from deemed to be universities and to be used by Expert Committee for report writing and terms of reference of the Committee as given in Annexures-I to III have been approved.*

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- (iii) *All fresh proposals for grant of deemed to be university status including the proposals of new departments/institutions/off campus/off shore campus and proposals for ex-post-approval pending with the UGC may be put on hold till the review of all the existing deemed universities is completed and a report is submitted to the MHRD.*
- (iv) *The time frame of three months given by the MHRD for completion of review of all the deemed to be Universities was considered to be inadequate in view of the fact that there are about 127 deemed to be Universities and the review would involve numerous experts in various disciplines. However, every effort will be made to complete the review as expeditiously as possible. This may be brought to the notice of the Ministry of HRD.*

Action: JS(CPP-I)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

4.01

To consider the question of release of grant under SAP to those Universities/Institution, who are not receiving Non-Plan/Plan grant from the UGC.

The Commission noted that the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad were being funded by the UGC both for Plan and Non-Plan. Subsequently the Ministry decided to fund these two Institutions directly. However, these Institutions have continued to get assistance from the Commission for Special Assistance Programme which is an important quality programme. The Commission further noted that manifold increase in the XI Plan is only for the new initiatives and there has been only nominal increase for the on-going activities. At present, the Commission is supporting 17 SAP Departments at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and 5 Departments at Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad. The Commission

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decided that the Ministry of Human Resource Development may be requested to provide additional Budget for these Departments from its technical education Budget so that other general educational Institutions could be supported by the Commission adequately.

Action: JS(SAP)

- 4.02** To consider the facility for extension of tenure of Research Award under the scheme of Post Doctoral Research Award during XI Plan (2007-2012).

The Commission approved the changes suggested in the XI Plan guidelines relating to Post Doctoral Research Award scheme and agreed for extension of tenure of Research Awardees for one year only on the recommendation of the subject experts.

Action: JS(SAP)

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to look into the matter related to sting operation by Times Now News Channel and related reports in various newspapers regarding demanding Capitation Fee / Donation from prospective students/parents for securing admission to MBBS programme by the officials of Sri Ramchandra Medical College & Research Institute, Deemed University, Chennai and Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research, Deemed University, Chennai.

(i) The Commission considered the Fact Finding Committee's report in respect of Sri Ramchandra Medical College & Research Institute, Deemed University, Chennai and Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research, Deemed University, Chennai and accepted the findings of the Committee. The Commission further decided that a copy of the report may be forwarded to the MHRD

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in response to their letter dated 11th June, 2009. The Commission further decided that the MHRD may take suitable action against these institutions as per the show cause notice dated 4th June, 2009.

- (ii) The Commission further noted that the Central Vigilance Commission has also sent a communication dated 11th June, 2009 which was referred to the Fact Finding Committee by the Chairman, UGC for making on-the-spot investigation. The Commission decided that the Central Vigilance Commission may be informed as follows:*

 - (a) The MHRD has already issued a show cause notice dated 4th June, 2009 to Sri Ramchandra Medical College & Research Institute, Chennai and Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research, Chennai.*
 - (b) The Chairman, UGC had appointed a Fact Finding Committee on 8th June, 2009 to enquire into these allegations and submit a report. Since Ministry has issued a show cause notice to these two institutions, the Ministry will initiate necessary action based on the Fact Finding Committee Report. However, the Report of the Fact Finding Committee may be sent to Central Vigilance Commission along with the decision as at (i) above.*
 - (c) As regards other suggestions of CVC, the remedial measures and recommendations suggested by the Fact Finding Committee will be undertaken. Besides, the Commission has already taken the following steps to curb such incidents in the Deemed to be Universities :*

 - (1) Approved UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2009 and sent to MHRD for concurrence and notification.*

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(2) The Commission has also approved the following Regulations at its meeting held on 22nd June, 2009 and the same are being sent to the Ministry of HRD for concurrence :

- (i) UGC (Fee structure in Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2009.*
- (ii) UGC (Admission in Professional Programmes of Study at Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2009.*
- (d) The Commission is of the opinion that if all these Regulations are made operational after concurrence by the Government of India, the possibility of occurrence of such cases may be eliminated.*

Action: JS(CPP-I)/CVO

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.

The presentation of five Bureau planned was postponed to the next meeting.

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 24th July, 2009 at Delhi.

Any Other Item :

After the conclusion of the agenda, the Chairman informed the Members that two of our Members, Prof. D.S. Chauhan and Prof. J.A.K Tareen are completing their term today. The Commission placed on record its appreciation for their valuable services that they have rendered during their tenure as Members.

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman