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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

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Meeting:

Date : 11th December, 1986

Item No.6.04: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee which visited the ~~Dr. Avinashilingam~~ Home Science College for Women, Coimbatore to examine its proposals for conferment of deemed to be university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act.

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The Government of India, the then Ministry of Education had in October, 1984 forwarded a proposal to declare Avinashilingam Home Science College for Women, Coimbatore as an Institution deemed to be a University under Section (3) of the UGC Act for consideration of the Commission in accordance with the guidelines laid down for the purpose. The proposal was considered by the UGC Standing Committee on New Universities and University Postgraduate Centres at its meeting held on the 8th April, 1985. The Standing Committee recommended that the Government of Tamil Nadu may be requested to indicate whether they would be in a position to provide financial assistance for maintenance and development of Avinashilingam Home Science College for Women, Coimbatore, in case, the College is declared as an institution deemed to be a university under Section 3 of the UGC Act. Simultaneously, the College may be requested to indicate whether they would be prepared to meet the recurring and developmental liability of the College in case the State Government is not prepared to provide assistance. On receipt of

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a satisfactory reply from the State Government/College, the Chairman, UGC may constitute a Committee to examine the proposal. Dr. Avinash  
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The above recommendation of the Standing Committee has been accepted by the Commission at its meeting held on the 25th May, 1985 and the State Government and the College were addressed accordingly. above the  
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The Government of Tamil Nadu have since sent a reply that the proposal be accepted by the Government of India subject to the following remarks:- Based on  
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i) The State Government should be consulted while framing bye-laws for the establishment and administration of the deemed university and the approval of the Government obtained for such bye-laws. 1. Pro  
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ii) The State Government may pay Rs.25 lakhs per annum as grants to the deemed university. 2. Dr  
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It has also been stated by the Government of Tamil Nadu that the Syndicate of the Bharatiya University which was consulted has stated that it has no objection to the proposal for according the status of the deemed university subject to the condition that the interest of the employees presently working (both teaching and non-teaching) in the college should be safeguarded. The Management of the Institute may also form a Society to maintain the institution and while finalising the draft bye-laws, the Management of the institution may be requested to write to the Government of Tamil Nadu for approval. 3. Pr  
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The Committee visited the Sri Avinashilingam Home Science College for Women on the 25th, 26th and 27th August, 1986. A copy of the report of the Committee is enclosed (Appendix). The main observations of the committee may kindly be seen on pages 12-15 of the report.

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The Committee has made the following recommendations:

1. The name of the Institute be Sri Avinashilingam Institute of Higher Education for Women, thus reflecting the large number of disciplines already existing in the college in keeping with the future needs of our society.
2. Among the several modifications suggested in the constitution and bye-laws it is suggested that the Honorary Trustees should not be one of the authorities of the Institute of the University to avoid undermining of the powers of the decision making bodies of the deemed university.
3. The plans for future development should be more focused, realistic and should be evolved through discussions with the entire teaching community.
4. The physical facilities, curriculum, staff and financial estimates should be consonant with each other and should be reflected in the developmental plans.
5. While recognizing and appreciating the underlying philosophy of the Institution and its role in conducting

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community Service Programmes in the rural areas it is recommended that a proper balance be maintained between Service Programmes and academic programmes.

The financial estimates be suitably pruned in keeping with the budget of the previous five years and in consonance with a phased future growth and development plan:

- (a) The State Government be requested to meet the salaries of the teaching and non-teaching and administrative staff.
- (b) The managing society may ensure meeting atleast 10% of the total budgetary requirements.
- (c) The Central Government/UGC may provide the balance.

The additional recurring expenses may be suitably revised in keeping with a properly phased out programme of development of the Institute. The filling up of the various posts mentioned (i.e. Controller of Examinations, Director of Research, Director of Women's Studies etc.) be deferred until the need for such posts arises in the course of development and growth of the Institute.

The non-recurring developmental expenses be suitably cut and revised to reflect the realistic needs of the first five years of the Institute.

Notwithstanding the various observations made in the report the Committee recommends that the deemed university status be conferred upon the college.

It is further recommended that the funding authorities ensure that all the recommendations made above be implemented in the interests of maintaining academic standards and achieving excellence.

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In keeping with the basic philosophy of higher education for women and keeping in view the potential this Institution has in promoting the cause of women's education, the Committee strongly reiterates that the Institute be designated as an Institute Higher Education for Women.

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The matter is placed before the Commission for consideration.

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