D.O. No. F.1-14/2006 (CPP-II)

Dear Sir,

In continuation of Chairman, UGC D.O. Letter No. F. 1-14/2006 (CPP-II) dated 1.11.2008 [copy enclosed] regarding special honorarium of Rs. 15,000/- P.M. to the teachers who have been awarded Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award or who are fellow of least two of the four Science Academies identified by the UGC, I am to say that the UGC at its meeting held on 27.1.2009 (Item No. 1.02 (a) (v)) has approved the Guidelines for providing special honorarium to the fellow of at least two of the following four Academies identified by the UGC:

1. National Academy of Science, Allahabad.
2. Indian Science Academy, Bangalore.
3. Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.

A teacher can avail only one of the honorarium and not more than one i.e. either from CSIR as Bhatnagar Awardee or UGC Scheme.

A copy of the guidelines is attached herewith.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(\[Dr. C.S. Meena\])

Encl: As above

The Vice-Chancellors,
All Universities

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Deprt. Of Hr. Education, MHRD, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary, Director General, CSIR, Anusandhan Bhawan, 2 Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110001.
3. DS to Chairman, UGC, New Delhi.
4. DS to Vice Chairman/PS to Secretary, UGC, New Delhi.
5. Publication Officer, New Delhi for posting on UGC Website.
6. UGC, New Delhi (Item No. 1.02 (a) v dt. 27.1.2009.
7. Guard File.
D.O. No. F.1-14/2006 (CPII)

Dear Vice-Chancellor,

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 4.12.2006 (copy enclosed) regarding special honorarium of Rs.15,000/- per month to the teachers who have been awarded Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award or who are fellow of at least two of the three Science Academies identified by the UGC.

As you may perhaps be aware that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, has taken over the scheme of UGC and announced for all institutions. A copy of letter D.O. No. DG/PS (144)/2008-162 dated 1.4.2008 received from the CSIR is enclosed.

In view of the scheme being implemented by the CSIR, the Commission has decided to withdraw its circular vide letter dated 4.12.2006, the scheme for providing special honorarium to the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awardees. However, the Commission in its meeting held on 18th & 19th June, 2008 approved the scheme of providing honorarium of Rs.15,000/- per month to the fellows of at least two of the following four academies:

(i) National Academy of Science, Allahabad
(ii) Indian Science Academy, Bangalore
(iii) Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi
(iv) Indian National Academy of Engineering, New Delhi.

The UGC scheme shall be operational only in respect of the Institution approved under Section 2(f) or 3 and 12(B) of the UGC Act. The Vice Chancellors and Pro-Vice Chancellors will also be eligible under the scheme.

A teacher can avail only one of the honorarium and not more than one i.e. either from CSIR as Bhatnagar Awardee or under UGC Scheme.

The guidelines containing the eligibility conditions and other operational modalities of the scheme are being finalized and shall be notified shortly.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sukhadeo Thorat)

Vice Chancellors of all Universities

Copy to:
1. All Bureau Heads
2. Deputy Secretary to Chairman, UGC, New Delhi
3. PS to VCM / PS to Secy., UGC, New Delhi
4. Guard File.
Dear Professor Thorat,

As you are aware, Scientific Advisory Committee to Prime Minister (SAC-PM) had recommended a special honorarium of Rs.15,000/- p.m. to all the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize winners till their superannuation. Though, UGC and some other institutions have already implemented this recommendation, SSB Awardees from some institutions have requested CSIR, the Awarding Agency, to implement the recommendations for all the SSB Awardees. I am happy to inform you that Governing Body of CSIR has now approved a special honorarium of Rs.15,000/- p.m. to all SSB Awardees currently serving in public funded organizations from January, 2008 onwards. I understand that institutions under UGC must have paid the honorarium upto the end of financial year, 2007-2008. I request you to kindly inform all institutions under UGC that this special honorarium will be paid to the SSB Awardees in addition to their salaries with effect from 1st April, 2008 by CSIR till they attain the age of 65 years. However, the aforementioned incentive shall be admissible so long as the recipient is working in the public funded organization.

Over the years, the SSB Prize has acquired the status of the most coveted award for recognizing merit in Indian Science. To maintain its preeminent position as the topmost prize of the country, it has also been decided to increase the prize money from Rs.2 lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs per awardee from the year 2008 onwards.

I am sure, these incentives will make the SSB Prize more attractive and motivate young researchers to excel in the areas of their research and contribute to countries economic growth.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Samir K Brahmachari]

Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat
Chairman
University Grants Commission
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
New Delhi-110002.
D.O.NO.F.1-14/2006(CPP-II)

4th December, 2006

Dear

In 1957, the Government of India instituted an award in the honour of late Dr. (Sir) Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, an eminent Scientist and founder Director of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. This is the most coveted national recognition for Young Indian Scientists and Engineers for their research and development work done in India. In addition, three National Science Academies have been set up in the past namely National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad in 1930, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore in 1934 and Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, in 1970. The main objectives of these academies are promotion of scientific knowledge in India including its practical application to promote all national welfare, coordination among scientific academies, societies, institutions and Government of India.

To honour the persons who have obtained Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize and are members of at-least 2 of the 3 Science Academies and to enable them to carry on with the pursuit of scientific research the Commission has approved ‘in principle’ to provide an additional honorarium of Rs.15,000/- per month.

This is for your information.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sukhadeo Thorat)

The Vice Chancellors of 169 Universities.
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

Guidelines for providing honorarium of Rs. 15,000/p.m. to the Teachers who are fellows of at least two of the four specified Science Academies.

Introduction:

1. Based on a suggestion by Scientific Advisory Committee of the Prime Minister, University Grants Commission vide its meeting held on 24 Oct. 2006 approved the proposal for providing honorarium of Rs. 15,000/- p.m. (Rupees fifteen thousand only) to teachers of the Universities who are S.S. Bhatnagar Prize Winners or are fellows of at least two of the specified Science Academies. The case of honorarium to Bhatnagar Prize winners has been undertaken by CSIR with effect from 1st April 2008. The present scheme, therefore, is confined to providing honorarium to teachers who are members of at least two of the four specified Science Academies.

2. The University Grants Commission vide its notification of 30th April, 2008 further appointed a committee of Experts to lay down the guidelines for the above award of honorarium. The Committee came up with the guidelines which was placed before the Commission and was approved by the Commission in its meeting held on 18th - 19th June 2008. The Commission decided as under:

"The Commission approved the XI Plan guidelines for the scheme of providing honorarium to teachers who are fellows of any two of the four identified science academies. It was further decided that the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors may also be considered under the scheme and the scheme shall be operational only in respect of the institutions approved under Sections 2(f) or 3 and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956".

3. Eligibility / Target Group

The eligibility/Target groups for the award of honorarium are as under:

3.1 The Teacher should be fellow of at least two of the four Academies identified by the UGC. The identified academies are as under:

- National Academy of Science, Allahabad
- Indian Science Academy, Bangalore
- Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi
- Indian National Academy of Engineering, New Delhi

3.2 The Teacher should be working in a public funded university eligible to receive assistance from UGC including central sources under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956. Teachers of the private and self financing Universities will not be eligible under this scheme.

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3.3 The honorarium of Rs. 15,000/- p.m. shall be paid till the person attains the age of 65 years or attains superannuation whichever is earlier.

3.4 The Teacher should have published at least 5 research papers in peer reviewed journals of International Standard in the preceding 5 years.

3.5 The Teacher can avail only one of the Honorarium and not more than one i.e. either from CSIR as Bhatnagar awardee or UGC scheme.

3.6 The honorarium be paid to all the Teachers of the eligible Universities/Institutions/Colleges who are fellows of at least two science academies irrespective of the number of the teachers in the University and the size of the University.

4. Process of Application for the Award of Honorarium under the present Scheme

4.1 Teachers who are eligible as given in Section '3' above should apply to the Head of the University/College i.e. Vice-Chancellor/Principal for the award of the above said honorarium giving evidence of being fellow of at least two of the four Science Academies as spelt out in Section 3.1. They should also furnish evidence of producing at least five publications in peer reviewed journals of International standard in the preceding five years prior to the date of Application. In addition to the above, the teacher should also submit authentic certificate testifying his age (e.g. High School or any equivalent certificate giving date of birth).

4.2. The University/College (Vice-Chancellor/Principal) should screen the applications and choose/select the awardees who are eligible as per the guidelines and requirements given in Section 3 and 4.1.

4.3 The University/College should send the request to UGC to release funds corresponding to the requirements for one financial year for all teachers (see Section 4.2) who are to be paid under this scheme.

4.4 The procedure as laid down in 4.2 and 4.3 will continue in succeeding years. The changes in funds required arising out of some teachers who were eligible and getting honorarium achieving the age of 65 years or superannuation and or fresh teachers becoming eligible.

4.5 The UGC will release the funds over and above general development assistance to Universities/Colleges. This is a separate scheme and not merged scheme of XI Plan, as required vide Section 4.3 to the University/College who will dispense the money through payment of honorarium of Rs. 15,000/- p.m. to the selected teachers. The payment will become effective from 01.04.2008.

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