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**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**MINUTES OF THE 511th MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION HELD ON
21ST DECEMBER, 2015.**

The 511th Meeting of the Commission was held on 21st December, 2015 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr. H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Sh. Vinay Sheel Oberoi	Member
4. Sh. A. N. Jha	Member
5. Prof. V.S. Chauhan	Member
6. Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande	Member
7. Prof. Mohammad Miyan	Member
8. Dr. K.N. Shanti	Member
9. Mr. Patanjali (Patu) G. Keswani	Member
10. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy	Member

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

Before the formal agenda of the meeting was taken up, the Chairman, UGC updated the Commission of the following developments that took place between the last meeting and the current meeting of the Commission:

The Chairman informed the Commission that the UGC has brought out the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for Universities and Colleges. The Framework provides for registration of individual institutions and uploading their data on quantifiable parameters for the purposes of ranking. This would help individual institutions to compete and improve their rankings. In addition, it will also help students and parent to make informed choice whilst seeking admissions to pursue higher studies.

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The Commission was also informed that the Annual Report and Annual Accounts have been presented before the Parliament, well before the stipulated time. The Secretary (HE), MHRD was appreciative of the fact that the UGC finished the work well in time and stuck to the assurances given before the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

Further, the Chairman also informed that the UGC has introduced the Public Finance Management System (PFMS) with a view to bringing in greater accountability in the functioning of UGC. The PFMS has been operationalized in the case of institutions deemed to be universities and 12 other schemes including UGC scholarships / fellowships.

The Chairman also informed that the UGC is constantly in touch with the Centre for Good Governance (CGG) and that it is going to operationalize the National e-Scholarship Portal (NeSP) from April, 2016.

Thereafter, the Commission took up the Agenda Items for discussion:

SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 510th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **7th October, 2015**.

Minutes were confirmed with the following modifications:

In Section 5.02 concerning Human Resource Development Centres (HRDC), the upper limit of annual financial assistance may be raised to Rs.1 crore or actual expenditure, whichever is less.

[Action :Director (Admn.)]

1.01(b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 510th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **7th October, 2015**.

Noted.

[Action :Director (Admn.)]

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- 1.02(a)** To ratify the action taken on certain matter
- (i) To report the inclusion of 77 Colleges under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.09.2015 to 31.10.2015 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

[Action :JS(CPP-I)]

- (ii) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 497th meeting held on 10.01.2014 with regard to approval of institutions under sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Ratified.

[Action :DS(CPP-I)]

- (iii) **Recorded separately.**

- 1.02 (b)** To receive the items of information (**no item**)

- 1.03** To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues. (**no item**)

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To consider the Report of the UGC Committee on pay & allowances and rationalization of pay scale of non-teaching staff of Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University on conversion into a Central University.

Approved.

[Action :JS(CU)]

- 2.02** To consider the issues related to 41 Institutions Deemed to be Universities placed under category 'C' by the Ministry of HRD Committee, subsequent to the accreditation done by NAAC and letter received from Ministry of HRD.

The Commission, after taking into account the letter received from the MHRD and the fact that the UGC Regulations are sub judice, the UGC resolved that further action on this issue may be put on hold. However, as per the UGC Regulations for Institutions Deemed to be Universities, the UGC may initiate the process of periodical inspection.

[Action :DS(CPP-I)]

- 2.03** To consider the letter received from Government of India, MHRD for amendment in sub-clause (i) of Clause 6.2 of the Annexure-2 (Vice-Chancellor) of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 as amended in the year 2014 & 2015.

Considered and approved.

[Action :DS(CPP-I)]

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

- 3.01** To consider the request received from Government of India, MHRD for amendment in Clause 12.03A (Off-campus) of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010.

Considered and approved only for institutions Deemed to be Universities that are established and managed by the Government.

[Action :DS(CPP-I)]

SECTION-4 (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the recommendations of UGC Committee to grant accreditation to Tamil Nadu SET.

Approved.

[Action :JS(NET)]

- 4.02** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee for the proposal submitted by Bharathidasan University under the scheme on “**Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas**” (CPEPA).

Approved.

[Action :JS(CPEPA)]

- 4.03** To consider the suggestions of the Inquiry Committee to blacklist Patel Memorial College, Rajpura (Pb), ‘Special Audit & Verification’ of Baldeo PG College, Varanasi & the MHRD and CVC may be requested to put pressure on MTNL for providing information about the call details of accused Sh. Gaurav Trivedi in the matter of irregular release of grants to Rajpura College.

Resolved that the MHRD may be approached for taking it up with the higher authorities of the MTNL to obtain call records, since all efforts by the UGC have not yielded results. The remaining matters were approved.

[Action :DS(CPP-I)]

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SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the request of Central University of Rajasthan forwarded by MHRD for additional requirement of funds to complete construction of ongoing works and making the completed buildings functional.

Approved that Rs.45 crore may be released to the Central University of Rajasthan.

[Action : JS(CU)]

- 5.02** To apprise the position to Commission regarding merger of Plan posts sanctioned under XI Plan and various other Plan Schemes into Non-Plan of 24 old Central Universities.

Noted and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

- 5.03** To consider the request of newly established central universities for seeking permission to purchase vehicles for statutory officers and buses and ambulance for students and staff.

Approved the purchase of one car for the Vice-Chancellor and one ambulance for the purposes of the University. Purchase of the vehicles may, however, be strictly as per the Government of India rules.

[Action : JS(CU)]

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- 5.04** To consider the matter regarding merger of Plan posts sanctioned under XI Plan under various other Plan Schemes to 8 identified Institutions Deemed to be Universities (fully funded) into Non-Plan.

Resolved to refer the matter to the MHRD so that they can take it up with the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India for appropriate decision.

[Action : JS(CU)]

- 5.05** To consider the cases of candidates who could not be selected for the year 2015-16 and 2016-2017 due to their research centre being not covered under 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 and institutes of national importance.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS(SA)]

SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

- 6.01** To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission

Recorded separately.

**(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN**