

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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**MINUTES OF THE 496<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013.**

The 496<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr.H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Sh. Ashok Thakur	Member
4. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member
5. Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath	Member
6. Prof. V. S. Chauhan	Member
7. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy	Member
8. Prof. M.M. Ansari	Member
9. Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande	Member

Leave of absence was granted to Prof. Seyed E. Hasnain, Dr. Indu Shahani and Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal who could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Shri Upamanyu Basu

**Director**

Shri Vikram Sahay

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At the outset, Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC welcomed the members and informed that this emergent meeting had to be convened in view of specific directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Panjab and Haryana in its order dated 18/11/2013 in the case of Thapar University, Patiala and others vs. UGC in which the Hon'ble Court had directed the UGC to hold a meeting of the Commission on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013 to decide the matter relating to off campus centre of Thapar University at Dera Bassi. He also stated that the Court had to be informed of the decision of the Commission in its next hearing scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.

Chairman, UGC informed the Commission that in order to increase the GER in Higher Education in the NE Region and improve the flow of funds to that Region, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of Prof. M.M. Ansari to prepare a special scholarship scheme for students of NE Region and other matters related to improved flow of funds to the region.

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## SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

**5.01** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala (Punjab) and its proposed off-campus centre at Village Behra, Behra Derabassi Road, Tehsil Derabassi, District SAS Nagar, Mohali (Punjab) on 27-28<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.

**The Commission revisited the issue in its entirety and, after taking into consideration the letter of the University dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 proposing to re-locate only its existing MBA Programme (at the main campus at Patiala) to the proposed off-campus at Dera Bassi, and University's letter dated 17/10/2013 informing that the proposal to re-locate the MBA Programme (from main campus to the proposed off-campus at Dera Bassi) had been approved by the competent bodies of the university, decided to recommend to the Ministry of HRD the setting up of the off-campus Centre at Dera Bassi, by shifting only the existing MBA Programme (at Patiala) to the proposed off-campus Centre at Dera Bassi.**

## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

**6.01:** To consider certain establishment matters of UGC.

*Recorded Separately.*

### Any Other Item

- i. Chairman, UGC informed the Commission that allocation of funds by the Ministry to the UGC for XII Plan are almost the same as for the XI Plan, and, therefore, it may not be possible to make any substantial changes in the guidelines of the existing schemes of the UGC. He accordingly proposed that XI Plan guidelines may continue during the XII Plan period**

and requested the <sup>4</sup> Commission to authorize him to make the appropriate changes in the documents of the XI Plan for operationalizing the same during the XII Plan. The proposal was approved by the Commission.

- ii. Chairman, UGC informed the Commission that a Committee chaired by Prof. Anandakrishnan and Co-chaired by Prof. Sanjay Dhande has been constituted to draft the Regulations for Technical Education and the Committee had almost finalized the Regulations. However, in view of the Supreme Court decision on the matter and the urgency to notify the Regulation by the UGC on Technical Education, it was proposed that a Committee consisting of three Commission Members be constituted which could be mandated to examine the Report of the Anandakrishnan Committee., receive comments thereupon and finalise the Regulations. The Commission approved the proposal and constituted a Committee consisting of Prof. MM Ansari,. Prof. D Narasimha Reddy and Prof. Sanjay Dhande to vet and finalise the Regulations. Keeping in view the urgency of the matter, the Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to approve and submit the Regulations to the Ministry for its approval.
- iii. The Commission was informed of the UGC Regulations of 2012 relating to statutory accreditation of Universities in higher education institution and the fact that several of such universities/institutions have not yet undertaken the process of mandatory accreditation. It was informed that while several universities/institutions were dependent on UGC funds for their day-to-day functioning, including for the salary of their employees, some of them have still to undergo the accreditation process mandated by the Regulation. The Commission deliberated on the matter and decided that in the interest of the survival and the day-to-day functioning of such universities/institutions, funds may continue to be disbursed to them. However, all such institutions should be directed to apply to the recognized accreditation agency latest by 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2014 and also inform that failure to do so may lead to discontinuation of financial assistance by the UGC from

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1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 onwards. It was also decided that while this decision may be communicated to the concerned universities/institutions, the UGC may propose appropriate amendments to the aforementioned Regulations of 2012 by incorporating these decisions.

- iv. Secretary, UGC informed the Commission that it proposes to purchase two vehicles in lieu of two condemned vehicles in accordance with the extant procedure laid down by the Government. The Commission endorsed the proposal.

(UPAMANYU BASU)  
SECRETARY

(VED PRAKASH)  
CHAIRMAN