



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002

Expert Committee Report on Ahmedabad (Private) University

Part – I – Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	
1.	Prof. Anil K. Tyagi	Chairman
2.	Prof. Mohammad Najmud Doja	Member
3.	Prof. A.K.Vashist	Member
4.	Prof. A.B.Pandit	Member
5.	Prof. B.P.Srinivasan	Member
6.	Prof. Arun Baran Samaddar	Member (nominee of AICTE)
7.	Dr. Shailendra Saraf	Member (Nominee of PCI)
8.	Mr. Mriganka Sekhar Sarma	Coordinating Officer, UGC
(ii)	Date (s) of visit	10 th – 11 th November, 2014
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report)	NA

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Part – II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University: Ahmedabad University is a venture of Ahmedabad Education Society, established in 1935 and promoted by renowned industrialists from the state of Gujarat. The university is established under the Act No. 8 of 2009 Notification No. GH/SH/24/GPU-2009-31-KH(1) DATED 24 TH July 2009 of the Govt. of Gujarat.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University 24 th July, 2009 (Annexure 1)
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses It is a multidisciplinary university having courses in Life Sciences, Computer Sciences, Engineering, Commerce, Management, Physiotherapy (Diploma) (Annexure 2)
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University Ahmedabad Education Society is running a number of colleges and schools for the last eighty years.

Part – III – Summary Report

A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	Yes
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(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes
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B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres Yes No Not applicable	Not Applicable
	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centers Yes No Not applicable	Not Applicable
	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes No Not applicable	Not Applicable

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse
(ii)	Is the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act. 1956?	Yes (Annexure 2)
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council (s)/UGC?	No

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(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council (s)?	No
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for <u>disadvantaged</u> students?	Yes
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Yes
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working Properly?	Yes
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Yes
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	Yes, it is regular, fair and transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Yes
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Reservation policy is followed for those students admitted through centralized admission committee at the State Govt. level.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes
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(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	Fees are charged as per notification.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Yes, it is transparent.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Yes
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow pay Scales and service conditions laid down by UGC?	Yes (Annexure 3)
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Yes. Few faculty members have completed their Post-doc from reputed institutions in India and abroad. Some faculty members have high impact factor publications and ongoing research projects funded by extra mural research funding agencies. (Annexure 4)
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time	Yes. The university has adjunct and visiting faculty as well.

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	faculty?	
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Faculty is appointed mainly on search basis. (Annexure 5)

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	Yes Yes Yes Departmental libraries are in existence. But there is no Central Library for the entire university. Yes Not available.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes. Balance sheets attached as Annexure 6.
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I. Governance System

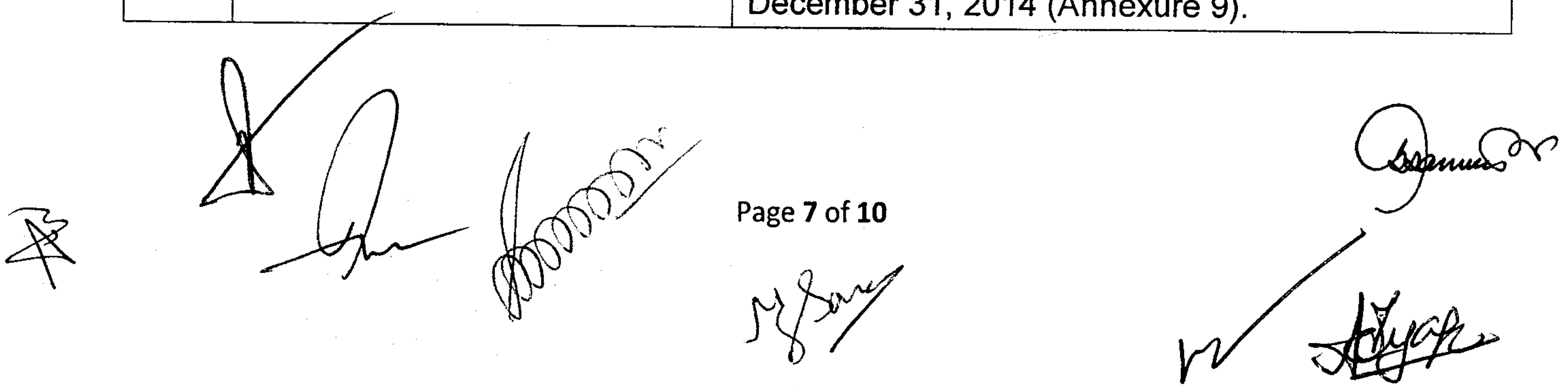
(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	Yes (Annexure 7)
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J. Research Profile

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities and output? (please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	Fairly good. Publications in reputed journals with good impact factors. Effective MoUs for collaboration are also in existence. (Annexure 8)
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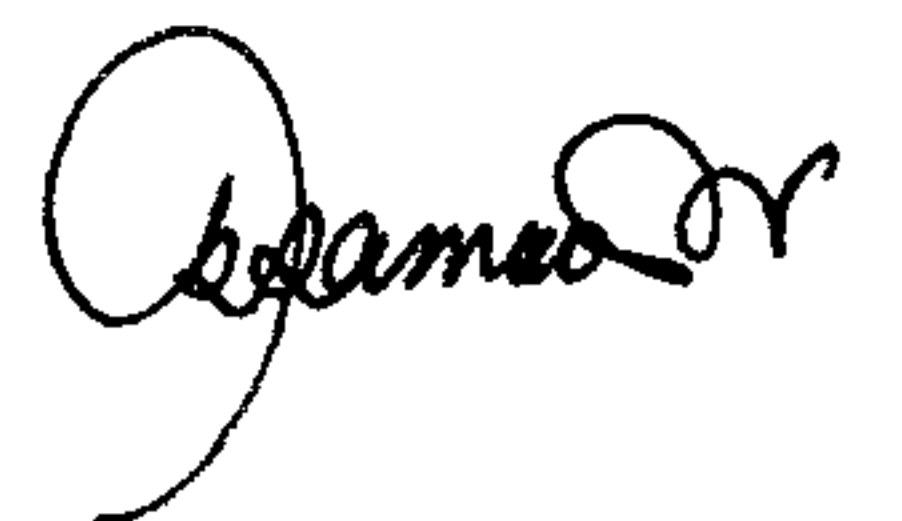
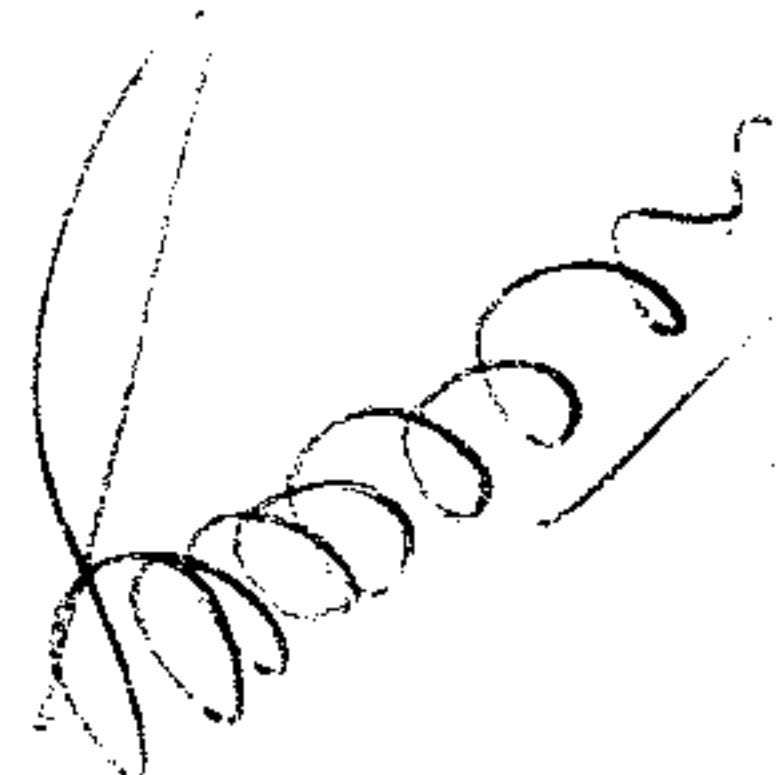
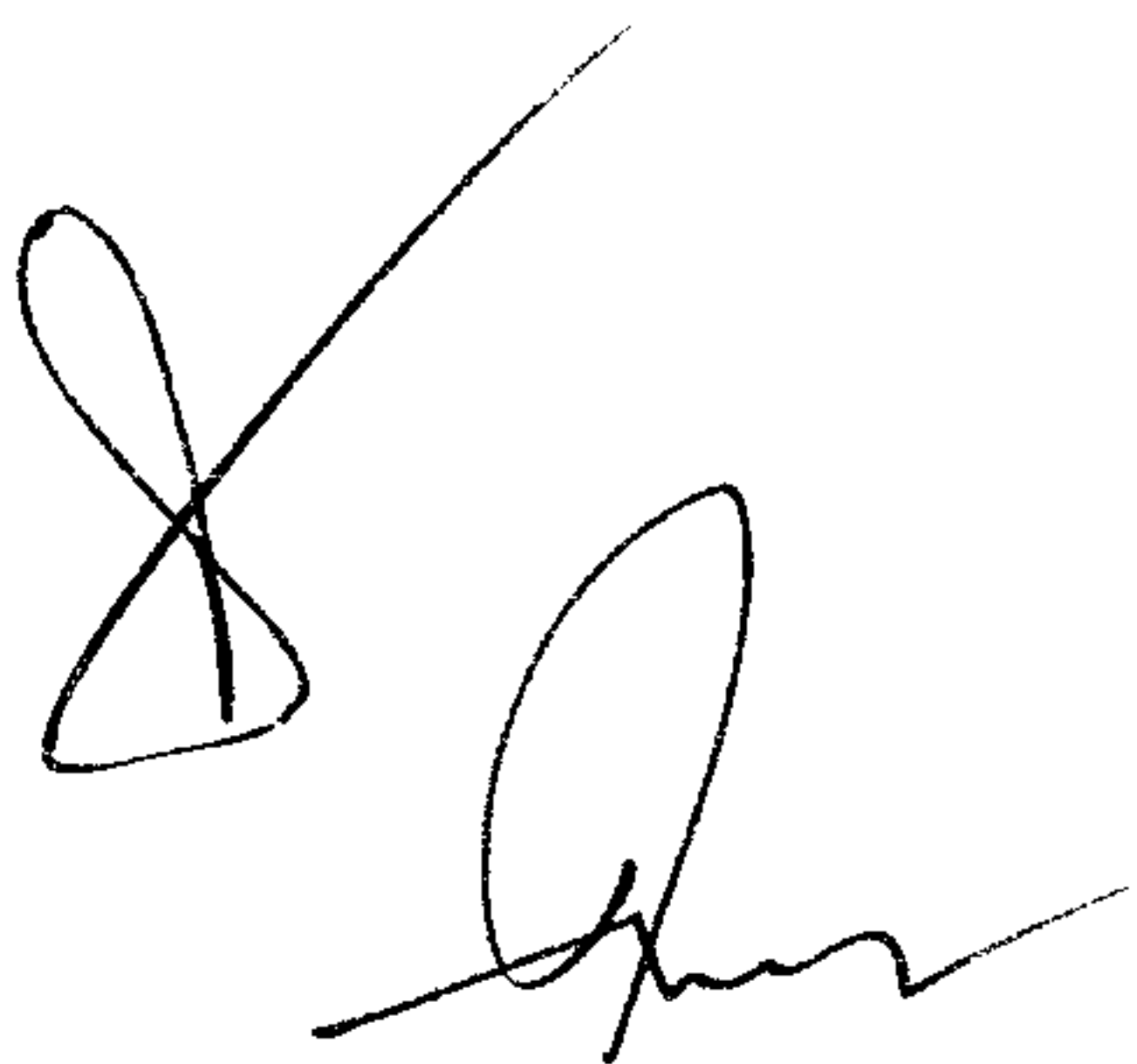
K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Yes
(ii)	Does the academic result show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	The university has submitted application for accreditation by NAAC. However, AES Post Graduate institution of Management has already been accredited by NAAC which is valid upto December 31, 2014 (Annexure 9).



L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well defined vision and mission.• Master Plan is in place• Promoted by an eighty years old philanthropic society.• It is located in the heart of the city.• The university has a financial corpus for future development.• ICT enabled teaching learning.• Centre for Business Innovative Design• Centre for Heritage Management• A number of effective MoUs.• Qualified faculty with international exposure.• National and international seminars on regular basis.
(ii)	Weaknesses of University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student-teacher ratio needs to be improved.• Cadre ratio needs to be maintained.• Promotion policies need to be well defined.• Central library needs to be established.• A separate Administrative block for the university is necessary.• Approval from regulatory bodies needs to be obtained.• Director/Principal in IET is yet to be appointed.



Part – IV – Recommendations

A. General Observations and suggestions

- It is a promising university engaged in innovating work.
- Central Examination System needs to be in place.
- Placement activities need to be organized for the entire university
- Hostels for boys and girls need to be constructed.
- Dean, Students Welfare should be appointed.
- Approvals of respective statutory bodies need to be obtained.

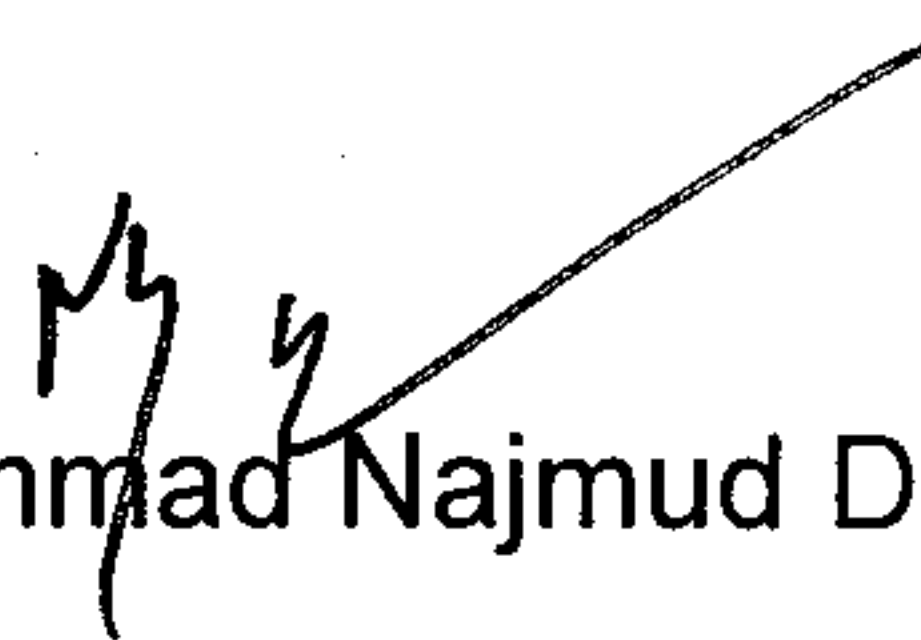
B. Operations recommendations which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter (if any)


- Land should be clearly earmarked for the university.
- Student-teacher ratio needs to be improved.
- Need to create post of Controller of Examination


C. Final Recommendations

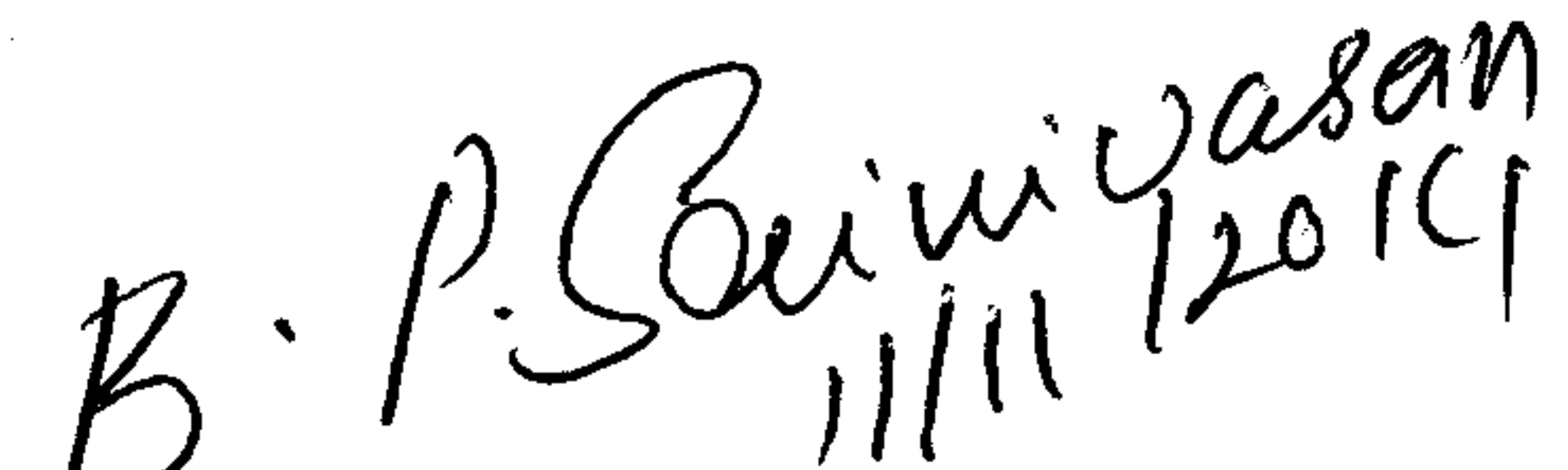
Recommended subject to compliance.


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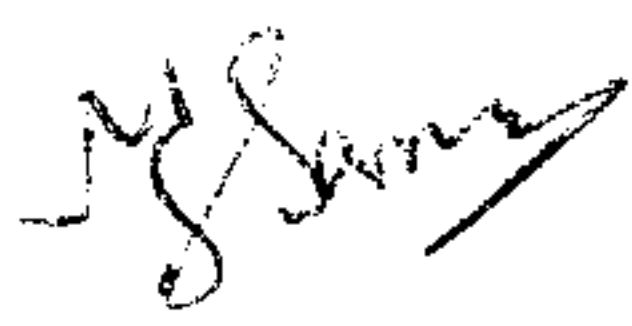

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