

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

**MINUTES OF THE 495TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER, 2013.**

The 495th Meeting of the Commission was held on 1st October, 2013 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Ved Prakash | Chairman |
| 2. Dr.H. Devaraj | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Sh. Ashok Thakur | Member |
| 4. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal | Member |
| 5. Dr. Indu Shahani | 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. Achyutananda Samanta, Prof.Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain and Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath who could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. Akhilesh Gupta

Director

Shri Vikram Sahay

At the outset, Prof Ved Prakash, Chairman UGC welcomed the members. He welcomed the new member of the Commission Prof Sanjay Govind Dhande on behalf of commission and sincerely hoped that considering his outstanding academic career and contributions, he would provide his vision and guidance to the Commission. The Chairman also thanked Shri Yogendra Yadav for his contribution to the Commission. The Chairman briefly mentioned about some of the recent developments that took place in UGC. He mentioned that UGC has selected 19 Education Officers. There were about 4000 applications received for the post for which UGC conducted written exam, out of which over 100 candidates were shortlisted and called for interview during 29-31 August,2013. He also mentioned that out of 5 candidates selected for the posts of Joint Secretary, one has joined and another one is joining shortly. Remaining 3 vacant posts are now being advertised. All the three candidates selected for the post of Deputy Secretary have already joined. As per the decision of 493rd meeting of the Commission, 4 Joint Secretaries have been posted at Regional Offices of UGC. Three of them viz., Dr CS Meena (Kolkata); Dr (Mrs) Renu Batra (Pune) and Dr Mohd Arif (Guwahati) have joined their respective places of posting. Dr. Rajesh Anand, JS however is yet to report for duty at the Central Regional Office, Bhopal.

Chairman, UGC informed the Commission that considerable progress has taken place under the e-Governance project, and e-office module has already been implemented. For promoting higher education in the NE Region, and improve the absorptive capacity of funds allocated to this Region, he informed that the UGC had conducted a consultative meeting at Guwahati on 27th September, 2013 in which State Education Secretaries and Vice Chancellors of Central and State Universities of the NER were invited. Secretary, UGC and Joint Secretary (HE) conducted the meeting, which was also attended by Member, NEC, Joint Secretary, DONER, and other representatives of the Ministry of HRD. The meeting led to formulation of new strategies being devised for promoting higher education in the Region.

Chairman, UGC also informed the Commission that the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development would be chairing a meeting on 7th October, 2013 with the Principals of select autonomous colleges and State Education Secretaries, to take forward the objectives of the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges.

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AGENDA

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 494th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 31st July, 2013.

The minutes of the 494th meeting of the Commission were confirmed after taking into account comments received from various members. The Commission took serious view of the issue of leaking of information in the past pertaining to agenda papers, deliberations of the proceedings and sharing of e-mails, etc., with persons outside the members of the Commission and agreed to maintain the sanctity and confidentiality of the transaction that takes place in the Commission meeting. The Commission further resolved that either chairman UGC himself or a person authorized by him should interact with media to avoid any misreporting of the facts.

Action: Dir (A)

- 1.01 (b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 494th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 31st July, 2013.

Approved

Action: Dir (A)

- 1.02(a)** To ratify the action taken on certain matter

- (i) To report the inclusion of 124 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.07.2013 to 31.08.2013 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

While approving the inclusion of 124 colleges under Section 2(f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act,1956, the Commission suggested that the matter relating to creating synergy between 2(f) and 12 (B) process/criteria and

that of NAAC⁴ accreditation may be looked into so that duplication of efforts can be avoided.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- (ii) To report the matter of continuation of the Scheme in universities entitled “Incentives for Resource Mobilization” during XII Plan.

The Commission approved the scheme in universities during XIIth Plan. However, the Commission suggested that FA, UGC and representative of Finance Division of M/HRD may have meeting with Mrs Anjuly Chibb, Additional Secretary to discuss the operational part of the scheme.

Action: JS(XII Plan)

1.03

To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.

- (i) To report the (I) Unspent Balance, (II) Increase in legal expenses over last year & (III) Refund to Ministry of Rural Development.

Deferred

Action: FA

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01

The National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE) – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI, Banaras Hindu University and University Grants Commission – Draft MOU – regarding. **(P.1-73)**

The Commission advised that BHU may be asked to clarify about financial liability after 12th Plan period, and the nature and duration of programmes the University intends to offer.

Action: Dir (A)

2.02 To consider the proposal to ⁵ retain the internal receipts for the year 2013-2014 with the Central Universities to cover up the shortfall of non-salary component under Non-Plan Grant from the year 2013-2014 till the appropriate allocation is made by MHRD under non-salary components to meet out the shortfall under non-salary expenditure (Non-Plan).

Deferred

Action: Dir (A)

2.03 To consider the Scheme for Creation and Management of 'Reserve Fund' through Internal Receipts for Universities and Colleges maintained by the UGC.

Deferred

Action: Dir (A)

2.04 To approve the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) (Amendments) Regulations, 2013

The Commission members will forward their comments on the Regulations by 8th October, 2013. The Commission authorized Chairman to finalize the Regulations after taking into consideration the comments received from the members.

Action: Dir (A)

2.05 To consider the draft UGC (Minimum Standards for award of M.Phil/Ph.d) Regulation, 2013.

Approved.

Action: JS (PS)

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

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-4 (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

4.01 To consider XII Plan Guidelines on “Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area (CPEPA).

Approved. The Commission resolved that a rigorous process may be put in place for review of such Centres. The composition of the committees for review of CPEs, UPEs and CPEPAs would be circulated to all commission members.

Action: JS(NS/PE)

4.02 To consider the Guidelines for the scheme for incentivisation of Teachers, Subject/Discipline based Association for organisation of various academic and research activities during XII Plan.

Approved

Action: DS (SR-III)

4.03 To consider the matter regarding to allow INFLIBNET (an IUC of UGC) to disburse funds to the Host Institute of a PI or Co-PI on the recommendations of the Standing Committee constituted for the Production of e-Content Courseware on PG Subjects.

Approved

Action: Dir (A)

4.04 To approve the 12th Plan Guidelines of Travel Grant Scheme.

Approved

Action: JS(TG)

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SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the compliance report submitted by Centurian University of Technology and Management (Private University), Bhubaneswar (Odisha) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the Private University on 29-30th September, 2011 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

Approved

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited C.M.J. University (Private University) Modrina Mansion, Laitumkhrah, Shillong (Meghalaya) on 1st August, 2013 to (i) assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies and (ii) to look into the violations as reported by the Governor Secretariat, Meghalaya and various complaints received by the UGC.

Approved

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.03** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Jamia Hamdard (Deemed to be University), New Delhi to consider the inclusion of the off-campus at Kannur (Kerala) under its ambit.

Approved. The commission also took note of the commitments made by the University to acquire 10 acre of additional land for its off campus at Kannur.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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- 5.04** To consider the compliance report submitted by ITM University, Gurgaon, (Haryana) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the Private University on 5-6th February, 2010 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

Approved

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.05** To consider the compliance report submitted by Himgiri Zee University (Private University), Dehradun (Uttarakhand) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the Private University on 14-15th November, 2009 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

Approved

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01(a): To consider certain establishment matters of UGC.

Recorded Separately.

(AKHILESH GUPTA)
SECRETARY

(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN