

CONFIDENTIAL

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

**MINUTES OF THE 507<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION HELD ON  
23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2015.**

The 507<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr. H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Sh. Satya N. Mohanty	Member
4. Sh. A. N. Jha	Member
5. Prof. V.S. Chauhan	Member
6. Prof. M.M. Ansari	Member
7. Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande	Member
8. Prof. Mohammad Miyan	Member
9. Dr. K.N. Shanti	Member
10. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy	Member

Mr. Patanjali (Patu) G. Keswani could not attend the meeting due to his indisposition and accordingly he was granted leave of absence.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

While welcoming the Members, the Chairman apprised the Commission of the expenditure incurred by the UGC during the year 2014-15. He informed that all the payments of scholarships and fellowships to about 80,000 awardees have been made under Direct Benefit Scheme (DBT) through Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS). The fellowships/scholarships will be shortly shifted to the e-scholarship portal to be launched by the Government of India. Prof. Ved Prakash mentioned that due to the recent hike in the rate of scholarships the UGC has incurred an expenditure of about Rs.1,083 crore on scholarships and fellowships alone and that it is going to adversely affect other schemes unless additional resources are made available to the UGC. The Secretary (HE), MHRD interjected and assured the Commission that all endeavours will be made to seek additional grants for the fellowships / scholarships so that the other schemes of the UGC do not suffer.

Prof. Ved Prakash informed the Members that the post of Director, NAAC has fallen vacant on April 21, 2015 and that it would be filled-in shortly. Keeping in view the significance of the NAAC activities, the Commission agreed that the charge of the Office of Director, NAAC may be given to Prof. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Secretary, UGC.

The Commission was also apprised that UGC has successfully organised 8 regional workshops spread all over India of the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities for the effective implementation of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Credit Framework for Skill Development (CFSD). Subsequent to that the agenda was taken up for discussion.

## SECTION-1

**1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 506<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015**.

**The observations made by the Secretary (HE), MHRD in the case of Item No. 4.07 pertaining to EMMRC, situated in NISWASS, Bhubaneswar were considered and it was decided that an enquiry committee may be constituted to look into the issue of the EMMRC. With this amendment, the Minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action : JS (Admn.) ]**

**1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 506<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015**.

**Noted and Approved.**

**[Action : JS (Admn.) ]**

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

(i) To report the inclusion of 141 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.01.2015 to 31.03.2015 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Noted and Approved.**

**[Action: JS (CPP-I)/C]**

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

**1.03** To report the position of funds of UGC and expenditure incurred during the financial year 2014-15 (01-04-2014 to 31-03-2015).

**The Chairman apprised the Commission in detail regarding the financial allocation to UGC and its inadequacy in meeting the demands of various schemes of UGC. The Members were of the view that the Government of India should be approached for enhancing the allocation to UGC for the effective implementation of the UGC schemes.**

**[Action: JS (F)]**

## SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To consider the matter of release of grants to Non 12(B) State Open Universities receiving grants from the erstwhile DEC.

**It was decided by the Commission that the UGC can continue to disburse grants to all State Open Universities on the pattern of the erstwhile DEC. However, the State Open Universities may be asked to get themselves recognized under section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956.**

**[Action: JS (DEB)]**

- 2.02** To consider the new “UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015” to replace “the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 for bringing persons with HIV/AIDS and Transgenders under coverage of the regulations.

**Considered and Approved.**

**[Action: JS (CPP-II) ]**

- 2.03** To Consider UGC (Revised) Guidelines for B.Voc Degree Programme.

**Considered and Approved.**

**[Action: JS (NSQF) ]**

- 2.04** To amend the Clause 8.2.1 of Schedule for Clause 6.8.0 - pertaining to pay of Vice-Chancellor in UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standard in Higher Education, 2010.

**Considered and Approved.**

**[Action: JS (PS) ]**

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## **\_SECTION-3 (REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**(There was no item in this section)**

## **SECTION-4 (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)**

- 4.01** (i) To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on CPEPA and amendment in the XII Plan guidelines for “Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas” (CPEPA) and (ii) To consider the inclusion of State Private Universities along with Deemed to be Universities while framing the guidelines for new scheme for Deemed to be Universities and State Private Universities.

**Deferred.**

**[Action: JS (PE) ]**

- 4.02** To consider the matter regarding enhancement of amount of fellowship for the MRP and SAP schemes w.e.f. 01.12.2014 at par with BSR & other schemes of the UGC.

**Keeping in view the precarious situation of finances the item was not approved.**

**[Action: JS (SAP/MRP) ]**

- 4.03** To inform the Commission about the decisions of the Empowered Committee of BSR.

**Noted and approved.**

**[Action: DS(BSR) ]**

- 4.04** To approve the revision/modifications recommended in the minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 to bring parity amongst various Fellowship/Scholarship/Research Award schemes of the UGC.

**Considered and Approved.**

**[Action: DS(SA) ]**

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## SECTION-5

### (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of 42 Fresh and 29 Extension cases of autonomous status to colleges, and to consider the compliance reports of two colleges.

**Considered and Approved.**

**[Action: JS(Autonomous Colleges)]**

## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

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

**Recorded separately.**

**(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)  
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)  
CHAIRMAN**