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

**MINUTES OF THE 501<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.**

The 501<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr. H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Shri Ashok Thakur	Member
4. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal	Member
5. Prof. V. S. Chauhan	Member
6. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy	Member
7. Prof. M.M. Ansari	Member
8. Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande	Member
9. Prof. Mohammad Miyan	Member
10. Dr. K.N. Shanti	Member

Dr. (Mrs.) Indu Shahani and Shri Patanjali (Patu) G. Keswani did not attend.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

**Financial Advisor**

Shri Upamanyu Basu

**Director**

Shri Vikram Sahay

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Prof Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC welcomed the members of the Commission. Prof Sanjay Dhande requested Chairman, UGC that before the Agenda items are taken up for discussion some important matters require urgent discussion. He requested that the Commission should hold discussion on important policy matters concerning higher education, the Commission members may also propose Agenda items for discussion during the Commission meetings, and the periodicity of the Commission meetings should be increased. Chairman, UGC clarified that Commission members do propose Agenda Items and the same are taken up for discussion. After discussion it was agreed that in the next meeting Commission would discuss important policy matters, including developing a pathway and a long term Action Plan. It was also decided that the Commission should meet on the second Friday of every month. Accordingly, the next meeting of the Commission was scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

The Agenda Items were thereafter taken up for discussion.

### SECTION-1

**1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 500<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

#### **The Commission confirmed the Minutes of the 500<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**1.01 (b)** (i) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 498<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **27<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.**

**Noted. Smt Anjuly Chhib Duggal stated that on Item 1.01 (b) relating to the Minutes of the meeting convened by her on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 regarding utilization of internal receipts and creation of Reserve Funds in Central Universities, the Minutes may be modified to include the following :**

**(a) The UGC may draw a list of items of expenditure which can be incurred out of non-Plan non-salary funds; and**

**(b) UGC may prepare a list of sources from which internal receipts can be generated by the Universities.**

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

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- (ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 499<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **13<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

**Noted & approved.**

- (iii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 500<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

**Noted & approved.**

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

- (i) To report the decision to utilize the grant by the Colleges within a period of one year from the date of release of grant under the scheme of Additional Assistance.

**Noted & approved. It was decided that in future, the conditions precedent to release of grant should be explicitly mentioned in the sanction order, so that the time within which funds need to be utilized is adhered to by the Colleges, and further that the UGC should release funds well in time so that Colleges have sufficient time to utilize the same within the financial year in which grants are released.**

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

- (ii) To report the inclusion of 151 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.02.2014 to 31.05.2014 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Noted & approved.**

**[Action : JS (CPP I)]**

- (iii) To ratify continuation of College under CPE/CE which get 'A' grade re-accreditation from NAAC within one year after discontinuation under the scheme.

**Ratified & Approved**

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

- (iv) To ratify the approval of the University Grants Commission's Annual Report 2012-2013 (English & Hindi) for placing before the Parliament through MHRD.

**Ratified & Approved**

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

- (v) To report the matter of 8 Deemed to be Universities to utilize portion of Internal Receipts of 2013-14 to meet the deficit on Non-Salary expenditure under Non-Plan.

**Approved**

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

**1.02 (b)** To receive the items of information

- (i) To report the award of 300 Raman Fellowships for post-doctoral research in United States for the year 2014.

**Noted & approved.**

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

- (ii) To report the award of grants for the proposals on UGC-UKIERI Thematic Partnership for the year 2013-2014.

**Noted & approved.**

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

- (iii) To report the award of Joint Research Projects, 2014 under India New Zealand Education Council (INZEC).

**Noted & approved.**

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

- (iv) To report the award of funding under The Programme 'Project-based Personnel Exchange' Programme.

**Noted & approved.**

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

(v) To report the award of funding for visit to South Asia Institute Heidelberg.

**Noted & approved.**

[Action : JS (IC)]

(vi) To report the award of funding under “Exchange of Scientists Programme”.

**Noted & approved.**

[Action : JS (IC)]

(vii) To report the Agreement on Academic Cooperation between the University Grants Commission (UGC), India and The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU), Norway signed on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 in New Delhi.

**Noted & approved.**

[Action : JS (IC)]

**1.03**

To receive the position of funds of UGC and reporting of expenditure as on 31-03-2014.

**Approved. It was decided that in the next meeting a presentation may be made containing disaggregated information on the application of funds during 2012-13 and 2013-14.**

[Action : FA]

**1.04**

Inspection Report of the University Grants Commission for the year 2012-13 conducted by the Office of the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, New Delhi.

**Noted. The Commission took note of the number of pending audit paras of the last several years and requested that the UGC Secretariat should promptly send replies to the pending paras.**

[Action : FA]

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## SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

**2.01** To consider suggestion received from Secretary (HE), Ministry of HRD for amendment to the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010.

**The Commission decided that Institutions Deemed to be Universities which have been conferred that status for 25 years or more, and have a valid NAAC Grade A accreditation and have also been given 'A' Grade by the Tandon Committee may be permitted relaxation to the provisions of clause 5.2 of the UGC Institutions Deemed to be University Regulations, 2010 to the extent that the sponsoring society/trust/company of such an Institution can also appoint the President/Trustee/promoter of the sponsoring Society/Trust/Company or his/her close relative as its Chancellor provided that such a person is an eminent educationist or a distinguished public figure. The existing Regulations may be amended accordingly.**

**[Action : DS (CPP I)]**

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

**Approved.**

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

**2.03** To consider the recommendation of the committee constituted to study the feasibility and financial implications of the proposal for implementation of norm based funding during XII<sup>th</sup> Plan period.

**The Commission decided that a Committee be constituted consisting of 2 Commission members, representatives from Central/State Universities, and a representative from Ministry of HRD to develop guidelines for norm based funding by the UGC to Universities/colleges by aligning them with the norms under the RUSA.**

**[Action : FA (CPP II)]**

2.04

To formulate modalities of implementing the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed on 05.05.2014 on Institutions Deemed to be Universities (placed in category 'C' by MHRD Review Committee).

**The Commission considered the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2014 on the 44 Category-C Institutions Deemed to be Universities, along with the Interlocutory directive dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and resolved as under:**

**Since the time for submission of the Report to the Ministry is 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2014, the Commission resolved to constitute a Sub-Committee to undertake assessment of the 41 Category 'C' Institutions Deemed to be Universities within the stipulated time consisting of the following Members:**

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| <b>1. Prof. H. Devaraj, Vice-Chairman, UGC</b>    | <b>...</b> | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Prof. Sanjay Dhande, Member, UGC</b>        | <b>...</b> | <b>Member</b>   |
| <b>3. Prof. V.S. Chauhan Member, UGC</b>          | <b>...</b> | <b>Member</b>   |
| <b>4. Mrs. Amita Sharma, Additional Secretary</b> | <b>...</b> | <b>Member</b>   |
- (as nominee of the MHRD)

**The Commission resolved that all these Deemed to be Universities shall appear before the Sub-Committee to make a video presentation of their institution and to respond to any queries. The Commission further resolved that after assessing the presentation of each Deemed to be University, the proceedings of the Sub-Committee should be speaking in nature and the reasons for arriving at the conclusion on the status of each Institution Deemed to be University should be duly recorded. The Commission also resolved that the proceedings of the Sub-Committee should also be videographed. Dr. M.M. Ansari and Dr. D.N. Reddy, Members of the Commission recorded their dissent on the Resolution.**

[Action : DS (CPP I)]

2.05

To consider the report alongwith the guidelines on Promotion of Research Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions.

**While the Commission approved the Report, other than the proposal of providing motivational funds to the institutions, it was decided that a UGC Regulation on the subject needs to be formulated urgently. It was decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof Sanjay Dhande to draft appropriate Regulations on the subject.**

[Action : FA (CPPP II)]

**2.06** To consider course of action post supreme court order in SLP (Civil) No. 7277/2014 with regard to regulation of Technical Education.

**The Commission decided that the present UGC Regulations on Technical Education be kept on hold till the final outcome of the decision of the Supreme Court. The Commission also decided that UGC need not implead itself in the Apex Court in the SLP (Civil) No. 7277/2014.**

**[Action : FA (CPP II)]**

**2.07** To consider the Report of the advisory Committee constituted to Aid and advise the UGC on various aspect of the implementation of the decision of Delhi University to introduce the Four Year Undergraduate Degree Programme.

**The Commission examined the Report of the Advisory Committee set up by the UGC on the Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) of the University of Delhi and noted that the FYUP introduced by the University of Delhi is a deviation from the pattern of 10+2+3 enshrined in the National Policy on Education (NPE)(1986/92), adopted all over the country. Further, the Commission was made aware of the fact by the Secretary, Ministry of HRD that the statutes and ordinances effecting this departure from the established national pattern of 10+2+3 do not have the approval of the competent authority, i.e. the Visitor of the University of Delhi. The Commission resolved to advise the University of Delhi under Section 12(d) of the UGC Act, 1956, to review/reconsider the continuation of the FYUP.**

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



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## SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There was no item)

## SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

**4.01** To consider amendments in the guidelines for Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas (CPEPA) for XII Plan Period (2012-2017)

**Deferred.**

[Action : JS (NS/PE)]

**4.02** To consider the Guidelines for Special Assistance Programme (SAP) during XII Plan period (2012-2017)

**The Commission approved the Guidelines with the following observations :**

- a. Para 9.2 relating to constitution of a UGC Committee for mid-term monitoring be deleted and the Advisory Committee, constituted under para 9.1 be assigned the role of monitoring;**
- b. Financial outlay may be pre-defined and periodical financial compliance on expenditure incurred along with outcomes achieved be obtained by the UGC.**

[Action : DS (SAP)]

**4.03** To Approve the XII plan Guidelines of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities & Social Sciences (Including Languages)

**Approved.**

[Action : DS (SA)]

**4.04** To consider Expert Committee's Report on National Initiative for Fostering Social Responsibility in Higher Education and Guidelines for Establishment of Centre for Fostering Social Responsibility and Community Engagement in Universities during XII Plan (2012 - 2017)

**Deferred.**

[Action : FA (XII Plan)]

**4.05** To consider the approval of the Commission for creation of 300 faculty positions under the UGC Faculty Recharge Programme.

**Approved. The Commission also decided that a proposal should also be prepared by the UGC for inclusion of Social Sciences under the Faculty Recharge programme.**

[Action : DS (BSR)]

**4.06** To consider the approval of 25 posts under the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan for strengthening NAAC headquarters.

**Approved**

[Action : JS (IUC)]

**4.07** To consider the report of the Committee constituted to review the performance of the Inter-University Centres (IUCs) and To constitute an Implementation Monitoring Committee.

**The Commission approved the recommendations of the Report and decided to constitute The Implementation Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr VS Chauhan, with permission co-opt some more members, if considered necessary.**

[Action : JS (IUC)]

**4.08** To approve the XII plan Guidelines of Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region.

**The Commission approved the Guidelines, with the observation that the parental income be reduced from the proposed Rs 6 lakh per annum to Rs 4.5 lakh per annum. It also decided that the Scheme be launched from academic year 2014-15 onwards.**

[Action : DS (SA)]

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

**5.01** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed to be University), New Delhi to establish off-campus centre at Agartala (Tripura).

**Deferred.**

**[Action : DS (CPP I)]**

**5.02** To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 479<sup>th</sup> 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 and to consider the recommendation of the UGC Committee regarding the verification of the compliance report by sending one member committee.

**Approved. However, the Commission did not agree with the suggestion of appointing a one-Member Committee to visit the Institution for verification of the compliance report submitted by the Institution.**

**[Action : DS (CPP I)]**

**5.03** To consider the recommendations of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges held on 03.06.2014 for grant of 33 Fresh and 12 Extension cases of autonomous status to the colleges and consider the approval of the revised guidelines on Autonomous Colleges.

**Approved.**

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

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**SECTION-6**  
**(MISCELLANEOUS)**

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

*Recorded separately.*

**6.02** *Recorded separately.*

**(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)**  
**SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)**  
**CHAIRMAN**