



Maharaja Agrasen University

Annexure-II

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

PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Part – I – Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee – UGC Expert Committee was constituted vide D.O. letter No. F.8-26/2012(CPP-I/PU) dated 30 th July, 2014 and _____ . The composition of the Committee is as under:	
1	Prof. Sabysachi Basu Ray Chaudhury	Chairman
2	Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq	Member
3	Prof. O. P. Jasuja	Member
4	Prof. A. David Ambrose	Member
5	Prof. P. V. Sivapullaiah	Member
6	Prof. M. P. Gupta	Member
7	Prof. M. S. M. Rawat	Member (AICTE - Nominee)
8	Mr. Bhoj Chander Thakur	Member (BCI - Nominee)
9	Prof. Abhay Vinayak Purohit	Member (CoA - Nominee)
10	Dr. Jitender K. Tripathi	Member Secretary
(ii)	Date (s) of visit	5- 6 December, 2014
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report	Prof. Sarbjot Singh Behl

Part – II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University	Maharaja Agrasen University is a private university established under the HP State act (Establishment & Regulation Act) 2012 (Act No. 5 of 2013). Dated 15 Jauray 2013. For details please referred to Appendix – 1 & 2 of Annexure – I. The sponsor of the university is Maharaja Agrasen Technical Educational Society (MATES), New Delhi having registered office at Delhi and Branch Office at Atal Shiksha Kunj, Kalujhanda, Barotiwala, Distt. Solan (Himachal Pradesh). The Society is a non profit making
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		<p>academic institution registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860.</p> <p>The University is having various constituent schools in the same campus, namely Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology (Himachal) for Engineering Courses, School of Management for Management and Commerce courses, School of Law for law courses, School of Architecture for Architecture Courses and School of Basic & Applied Science for science courses.</p> <p>The University started academic activities on 1st Aug 2013. Total No. of students enrolled in various courses is 852.</p>
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University	13 July 2012 (dated of Gazettee Notification See Appendix 1 of Annexure – I.
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	<p><u>Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology :</u> Courses : B.Tech (CSE, ECE, EEE, CE, ME), M.Tech (CSE, ECE)</p> <p><u>Maharaja Agrasen School of Management:</u> Courses: MBA, BBA, BHMCT, MTTM, B.Com, B.Com(Hons.)</p> <p><u>Maharaja Agrasen School of Architecture</u> Course: B. Architecture</p> <p><u>Maharaja Agrasen School of Basics & Applied Sciences</u> Courses: M.Sc. (Forensic Science), M.Sc. (Physics), M.Sc. (Chemistry), M.Sc. (Math)</p> <p><u>Maharaja Agrasen School of Law:</u> Courses: BALLB (Hons.) LLB</p>
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	The sponsor of the university is Maharaja Agrasen Technical Education Society (MATES), a charitable non-profit organization founded in 1998 with a vision to establish institutions of higher education, particularly in the field of technical and professional education of international standards. In the year 2003 the Society established Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies (MAIMS)

Part – III – Summary Report

A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	The University has been established vide Ordinance No. 4 of 2012 the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, notified vide Notification EDN-A-Ka(1)-8/ 2008 dated 13 th July, 2012.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in	Yes.

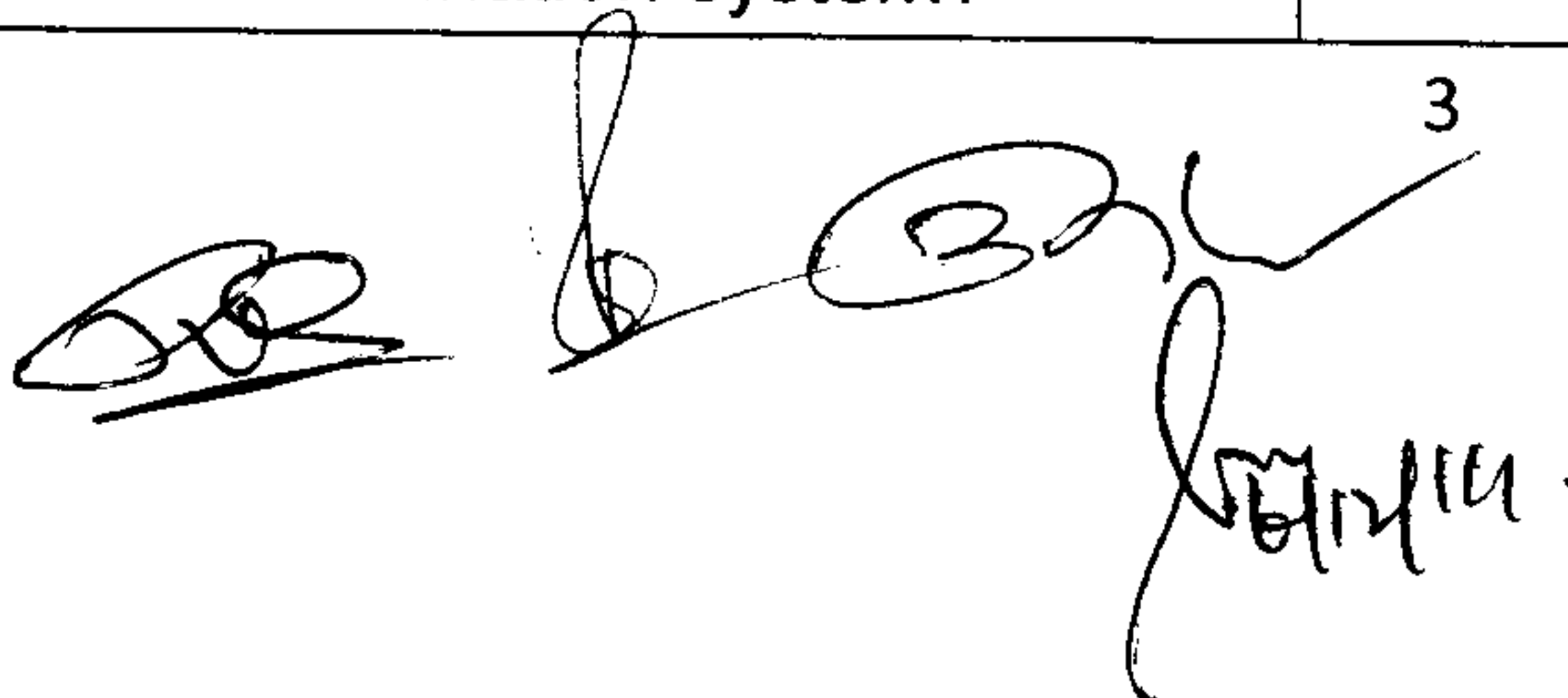
	promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	
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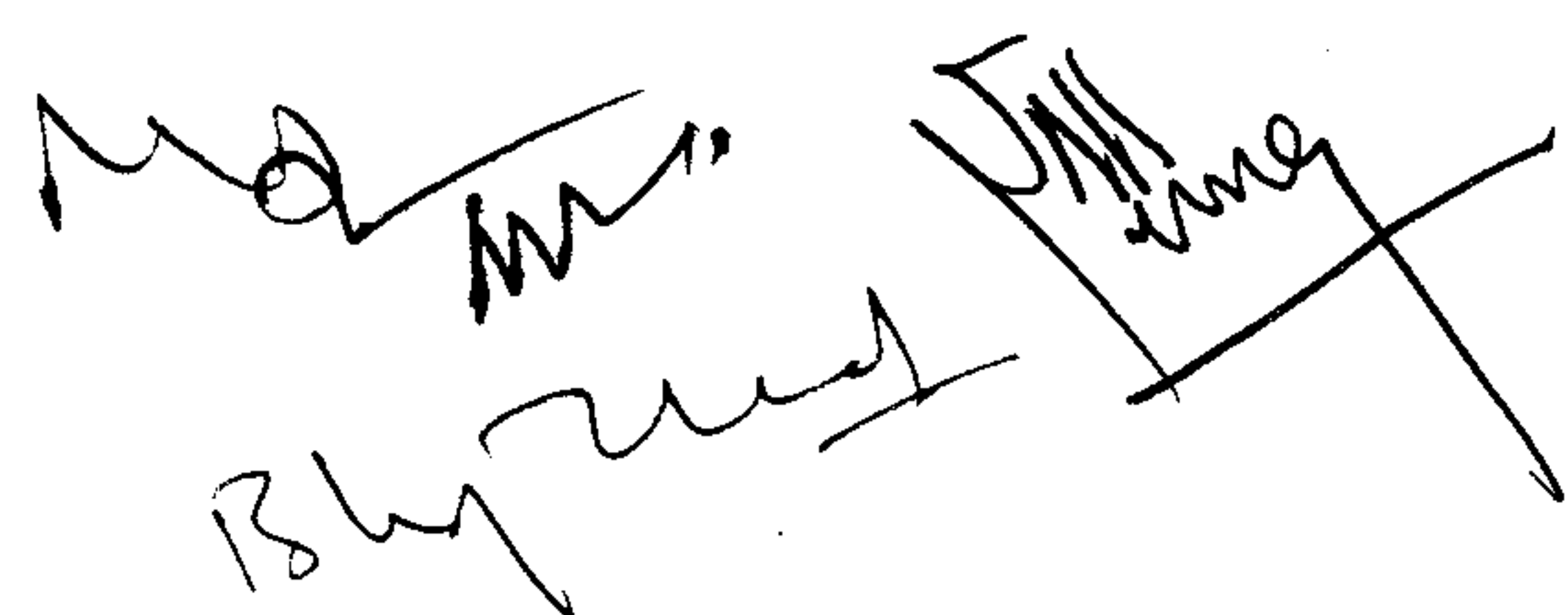
B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres?	No off-campus Centre
	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres?	No off-shore campus
	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India?	The University does not offer courses under distance mode.

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	There is scope for further diversity
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act. 1956?	Yes
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council (s)/UGC?	Yes
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council (s)?	Yes
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students?	The University aims to provide such support
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Yes
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working Properly?	There are some; can be improved further
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Yes. The University is at a very initial stage.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	Fairly transparent

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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?	University is providing reservations in admission as per HP Govt. policy.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	Yes
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	No complaints received during the interaction with the students.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Appears to be reasonable.
(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 such indication

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow pay Scales and service conditions laid down by UGC?	Partially. Consolidated pay is given in most of the cases.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified are well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Most of the teachers are qualified.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the	Adequate

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	University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes

G. Infrastructure

(i)	<p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land and buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes. Needs further improvement</p> <p>Yes. Needs to be further improved</p> <p>Yes. In the process of creating more facilities</p> <p>Students' hostels are adequate. Faculty accommodation needs to be improved.</p>
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The University is dependent upon funds from the sponsoring Society and on bank loans.
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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
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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)	Needs proactive measures for further improvement
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned	Payments are not at par with the State Government Employees.
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	State Government?	
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Not applicable
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Not so far

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good infrastructure • Management has right vision • Young and enthusiastic faculty • Good teacher-student ratio • Conducive academic environment • Location of the University in an industrial hub
(ii)	Weaknesses of University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student admissions inadequate for long-term financial stability of the University • Lack of distinctive, diverse and inter-disciplinary courses • Inadequacy of faculty development and research orientation programmes • Lack of training facilities and welfare schemes for supporting staff • Inadequate residential accommodation for faculty and supporting staff • Less encouragement for extra-curricular and co-curricular activities of students (like NCC and NSS)

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. General Observations and suggestions

- I. Placement Cell needs to be set up.
- II. NCC and NSS activities should be initiated.
- III. The non-teaching staff are poorly paid.
- IV. Uninterrupted WiFi facilities throughout the campus including students' hostels needed.
- V. More qualified teachers should be appointed.
- VI. Research Cell may be set up.
- VII. Separate library for the School of Law may be arranged.
- VIII. Scholarships for students from the socially disadvantaged groups need to be introduced.
- IX. Ambulance facilities should be arranged.
- X. The entire campus should be barrier-free.

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- XI. Fire fighting system needs to be strengthened.
- XII. Laboratory facilities as per curriculum needs to be arranged for Forensic Science.
- XIII. Drawing, stationery and equipment shop shall be provided for the School of Architecture.
- XIV. The campus should have a stationery shop.
- XV. IPR policy needs to be framed.


B. Operational recommendations which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter

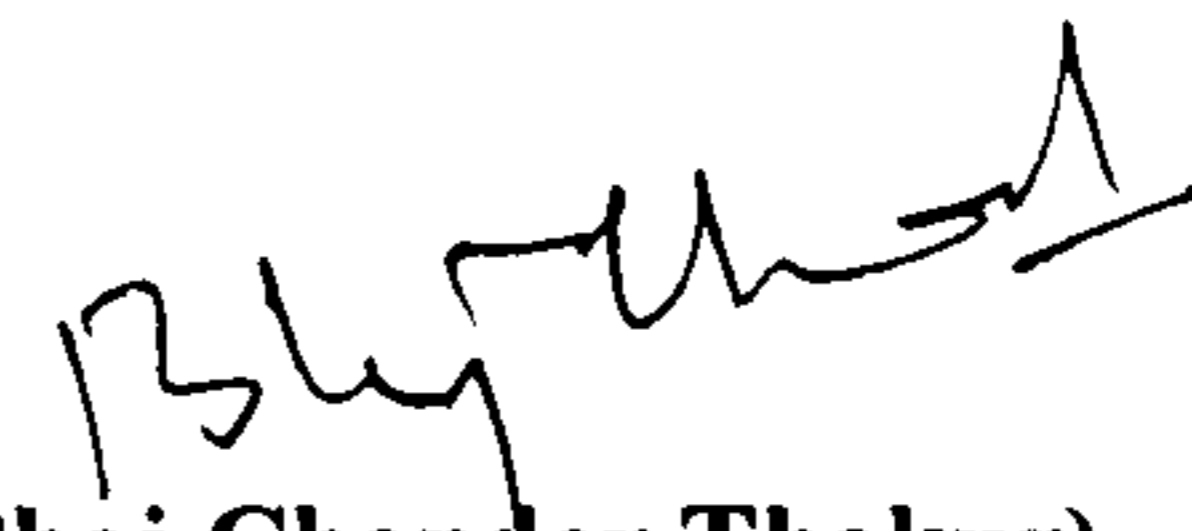
- I. The UGC recommended scale for teachers must be fully implemented.
- II. Provident Fund scheme should be made applicable for all the employees as per government norms
- III. ESI facilities should be provided to the non-teaching employees.


C. Final Recommendations

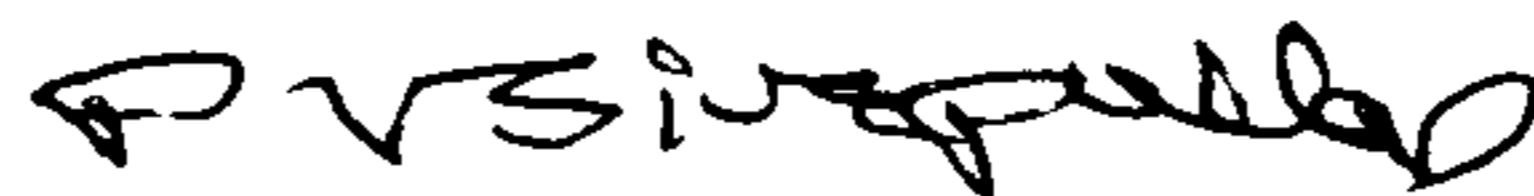
The University should be granted Approval Letter subject to compliance as mentioned above.


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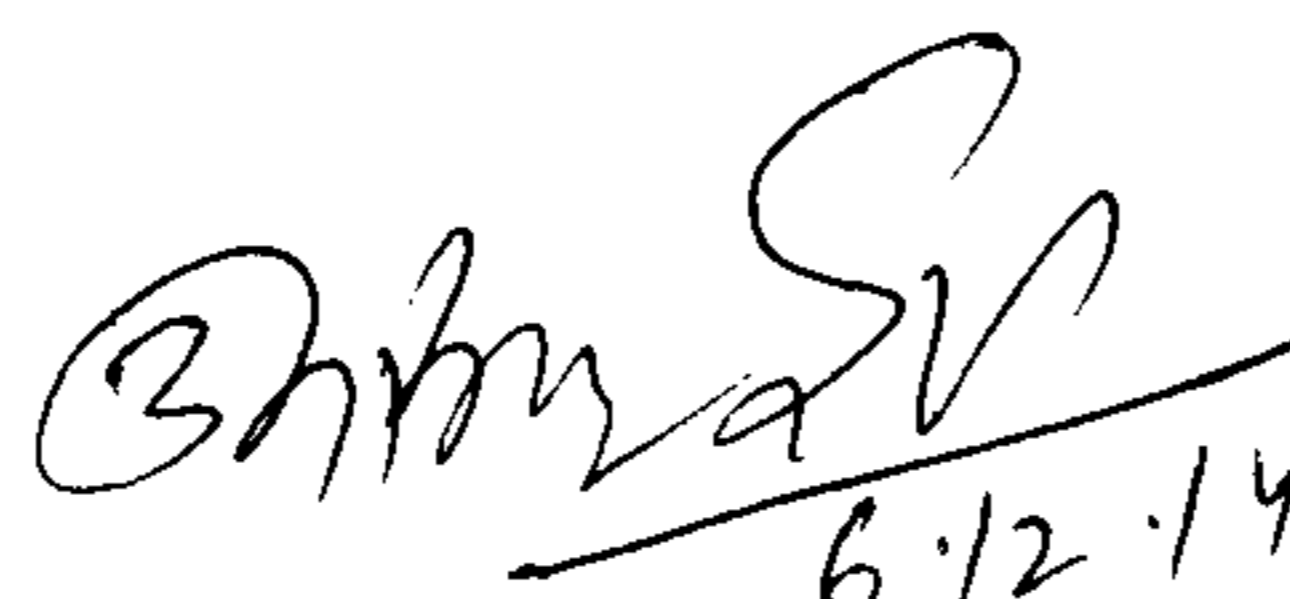

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Dated : 06th December, 2014

Place : Baddi, Solan (H.P.)