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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002

Minutes of the 427th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 7th April, 2006.

The following were present:-

1.	Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2.	Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai	Vice-Chairman
3.	Shri Sudeep Banerjee	Member
4.	Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore	Member
5.	Prof. Sureshwar Sharma	Member
6.	Dr. P.N. Tandon	Member
7.	Prof. Suranjan Das	Member
8.	Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
9.	Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
10.	Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
11.	Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member

Dr. Adarsh Kishore, Member of the Commission and Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE invited as special invitee could not attend the meeting.

Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary (HE) and Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Advisor, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as special invitees.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Mool Chand Sharma

Additional Secretaries

Dr. T.R. Kem

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Financial Advisor

Sh. S.K. Singh

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SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 16th February, 2006.

The minutes of the 426th meeting held on 16.2.2006 were examined and confirmed.

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February, 2006.

The action taken on the minutes of 426th meeting held on 16.2.2006 was examined and noted accordingly.

1.02(a): To ratify the action taken on certain matters.

- (i) To ratify the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC, accepting the proposal of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) (Deemed University), New Delhi for establishing off campus centre/regional centre of IIFT at Kolkata (West Bengal).

This was examined. The Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman, accepting the proposal of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) (Deemed to be University), New Delhi for establishing off campus centre of IIFT at Kolkata (West Bengal).

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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- (ii) Ratification of action taken by Chairman in issue of clarifications on reservation of seats in respect of International Students (NRI / PIO students) in higher education institutions.

This was examined. The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman to issue clarifications on reservation of seats in respect of International Students (NRI / PIO students) in higher education institutions.

Action: JS (NIC)

- (iii) To approve the action taken by the Chairman, UGC on the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to consider the inclusion of Amrita Ayurvedic Medical College, Kollam (Kerala) under the ambit of Amrita Viswavidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Tamilnadu), (Deemed to be University).

The Commission examined the report and approved the recommendations of the expert Committee for inclusion of Amrita Ayurvedic Medical College, Kollam (Kerala) under the ambit of Amrita Viswavidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), Deemed University as an Off Campus.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (iv) To report the action taken on the recommendation of the UGC Expert Committee constituted for considering the proposal from Symbiosis International Education Centre (SIEC) (Deemed to be University), Pune for starting M.Sc. (IT) programme for the employees of INFOSYS, Bangalore (Karnataka).

This was examined. The Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman on the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee

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constituted for considering the proposal from Symbiosis International Education Centre (SIEC) (Deemed University), Pune for starting M.Sc. (IT) programme for the employees of INFOSYS, Bangalore (Karnataka).

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (v) To approve the action taken by the Chairman UGC, on accepting the report of the Expert Committee for Conferment of autonomous status to St. Xavier's College, Kolkata affiliated to University of Calcutta.

The Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman on the recommendations of the Expert Visiting Committee for conferment of autonomous status to St. Xavier's College, Kolkata affiliated to University of Calcutta for the period from the year 2006-07 to 2011-12.

Action: JS (AC/SU)

- (vi) To receive the item for information in respect of status of implementation of 2 New Schemes - (i) Indira Gandhi PG Scholarship for Single Girl Child and (ii) Post Graduate Merit Scholarship for University Rank Holders introduced by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India from the academic year 2005-2006.

The Commission noted the action taken on the above two schemes.

Action: JS (NIC)

- (vii) To report the action taken on the proposal to enhance the Audit Fee in respect of Evening Colleges affiliated to Delhi University and also reimburse service tax on audit fee being paid by Evening Colleges to Chartered Accountants.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman for enhancement of Audit Fee from Rs. 750/- to Rs. 1500/- in respect of

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Evening Colleges and to include service tax on audit fee being paid by the Colleges as an approved item of expenditure.

Action: JS (DC).

1.02(b): To receive the items of information.

(i) Indo-Mexican Educational Exchange Programme.

This was noted.

Action: JS (IC)

(ii) Indo-Spanish Cultural And Educational Exchange Programme 2005-08.

This was noted.

Action: JS (IC)

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01: To consider the issue of the *inter-se seniority* of Directly Recruited Readers & Professors vis-a-vis the Readers & Professors promoted under Career Advancement Scheme.

The Commission authorized the Chairman to constitute an Expert Committee to examine the issue of inter-se seniority of Directly Recruited Readers & Professors vis-a-vis the Readers & Professors promoted under Career Advancement Scheme.

Action: JS (PS)

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SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

- 3.01: To consider a proposal received from Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development to give permission to Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed to be University), New Delhi to affiliate Sanskrit Institutions.

(Deferred Item No. 7.08 of 426th Meeting held on 16th February, 2006).

The Commission examined the proposal received from Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development and noted that the proposal is in contravention of the UGC guidelines for Deemed to be University. Therefore, the Commission could not agree to the proposal for affiliation of traditional Sanskrit Colleges with Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed to be University), New Delhi.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

SECTION -4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

- 4.01: To consider the Proposals received from (i) Gauhati University towards the establishment of National Institute of Art History and (ii) Vikram University for setting up of 'Dr. Shiv Mangal Singh "Suman" School of Cultural Renaissance' under the "New Scheme".

The Commission examined the proposals received from Gauhati University and Vikram University and granted its approval in principle with the modification that Gauhati University be advised to drop the word "National" in the proposed Institute of Art History, as the State institutions are not permitted to use it. The Commission authorised the Chairman to constitute Expert Committee(s) to finalise the financial details.

Action: JS (NS)

**SECTION –5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

- 5.01: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee to assess the proposal of Shobhit Institute of Engineering and Technology, Meerut for conferment of Deemed to be University status under De-Novo category under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and noted that the final recommendations are contrary to observations of the Committee on various issues. Therefore, the Commission decided that a fresh review committee may visit Shobhit Institute of Engineering and Technology, Meerut for conferment of Deemed to be University status.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.02: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee to evaluate the proposal of National Law University, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) for declaring the University eligible to receive Central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the report of the Expert Committee and approved National Law University, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) fit to receive Central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 subject to verification by Secretary about the status of faculty members.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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- 5.03: To consider the report of the Expert Committee appointed by the Chairman, UGC to examine the proposal of Ganpat University, Ganpat Vidyanagar, Kherva, Mehsana, Gujarat for its inclusion under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission noted that the Expert Committee has recommended inclusion of Ganpat University, Ganpat Vidyanagar, Kherva, Mehsana, Gujarat under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 on fulfilling certain conditions. The Commission decided that the University may be asked to first comply with the conditions.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.04: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara (Bihar) on 3rd & 4th January, 2006 to evaluate its proposal for declaring the University eligible to receive central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the report of the Expert Committee and approved Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara (Bihar) fit to receive Central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.05: To consider the report of the UGC Committee appointed to deliberate on the concept of setting up of a Tribal University.

This was examined and approved in principle. The Commission authorized the Chairman to constitute an Expert Committee to finalise further details.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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- 5.06: To consider the question of giving ex-post-facto approval to Gujarat Vidyapeeth for construction of buildings during IX Plan period.

This was examined and approved as a special case. Gujarat Vidyapeeth be advised not to repeat such acts in future.

Action: JS (DU)

SECTION –6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

- 6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission:

Recorded Separately.

- 6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.

There was no item.

- 6.03: To note the date and place of the next meeting of the Commission.

The next meeting of the Commission would be held on Saturday, the 6th May, 2006 at 10 A.M. in the UGC Headquarters, New Delhi.

Action: Dir. (Admn.)

- 6.04: To consider the specific request received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers in Universities/Colleges pending receipt of Prof. Mungekar Committee.

The Commission reviewed its earlier decision taken in its meeting held on 8.12.2005 and decided that the Exemption Committee already constituted may consider all requests relating to exemption from NET examination.

Action: JS (PS)

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6.05: To consider items which have not been included in the building guidelines of UGC.

This was examined and approved by the Commission.

Action: JS (NS/PE)

SECTION-7 (SUPPLEMENTARY)

7.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately.

7.02: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for Conferment of Autonomous Status to eight new Colleges of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa & Maharashtra State affiliated to Andhra University, Bharathiar University, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Utkal University, Berhampur University & Shivaji University respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendation of the Expert Committee and approved conferment of autonomous status to the following eight colleges for a period of six years for the period from the year 2006-07 to 2011-12 :-

Name of the College and the university to which the college is affiliated
Bharathiar University

1) *Karpagam Arts and Science College,
Eachanari Post, Coimbatore-641021*

Andhra University

- 2) *Sir C. R. Reddy College,
Eluru-534007
West Godavari (A.P)*
- 3) *Ideal College of Arts and Sciences
Samalkot Road,
Kakinada (A.P)*

Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya

- 4) *Prestige Institute of Management and Research,
2, Education and Health Sector Scheme 54,
Indore-452010 (M.P)*

Utkal University

- 5) *Govt. College Angul,
District Angul-759143*

Berhampur University

- 6) *S.B.R. Govt. Women's College,
Berhampur-760001*
- 7) *Rayagada College,
Rayagada-795001*

Shivaji University

- 8) *Walchand College of Engineering,
Sangli-416415*

- i) *The autonomous status to Colleges at Sr. No. 5, 6 and 7 is subject to the condition that Orissa State Govt. as well as Utkal University/Berhampur University (affiliating universities) confirm in writing after having satisfied itself to the extent that all the three colleges have segregated infrastructure as well as maintenance of finance books etc; for degree and pre-university course (PUC) appropriately.*

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- ii) *The autonomous Status to College at Sr. No. 8 is subject to the condition that the college will appoint Principal on regular basis as per UGC norms within a period of six months.*

Action: JS (AC)

- 7.03: To consider the Budget Estimates for the year 2006-07 both for Plan and Non-Plan.

The Commission placed on record appreciation of the efforts made by the Chairman and his Secretariat for presenting the budget in the first week of April and approved the Budget Estimate for the year 2006-07 both for Plan and Non-Plan.

Action: FA/JS (CPP-II)

- 7.04: To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on “Colleges with Potential for Excellence” (CPE) for the award of CPE status to the Colleges during **Phase-II**.

The Commission examined the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Colleges with potential for Excellence and approved its recommendation for award of CPE status to the following 50 Colleges:-

Sl. No.	State	Name of the College
1	Andhra	Loyola Academy Degree & P. G. College
2		Ch. S.D.St. Theresa’s College for Women,
3		Maris Stella College (Autonomous)
4		Sri Ramakrishna Degree College
5		Sibsagar College, P.O. Joysagar
6		Cotton College
7	Assam	Handique Girls College
8		M.N.C. Balika Mahavidyalaya
9		Gurucharan College
10	Chhattisgarh	Govt. V.V.T. P.G. Autonomous College
11	Gujarat	St. Xavier’s College

Sl. No.	State	Name of the College
12	Haryana	Guru Nanak Khalsa College
13	Jharkhand	St. Xavier's College
14		Jamshedpur Women's College
15	Karnatak	K.L.E. Society's P.C. Jabin Science College
16		Mount Carmel College
17		Christ Educational Society's Christ College
18		Karnatak Arts, Science & Commerce College
19		St. Agnes College
20	Madhya Pradesh	St. Aloysius College
21	Maharashtra	St. Xavier's College of Arts, Science & Commerce
22		The Institute of Science
23		Padmashri Vikhe Patel College of Arts & Science
24		Sri Vithaldas Thackersey College of Home Science
25		Chhatrapati Shahu Central Institute of Business Education & Research
26		Rajasthan Aryan Arts Shri Mithulalji, kachaliya Commerce
27		Swatantrya Sainik (late) Shri Kanhaiyalaji Ramchandra Innani Mahavidyalaya, Karanja
28		Jai Hind College of Arts Science & Commerce, Deopur
29		SSVP Sanstha's Late Karmveer Dr. P.R. Ghogrey Science College
30		Rajarshi Shahu Mahavidyalaya, Chandranagar
31		Dnyanopasak Shikshan Mandal's College of Arts, Commerce & Science
32	Manipur	S.Kula. Women's College
33	Meghalya	St. Anthony's College
34	Orrisa	Khallikote Autonomous College
35		Fakir Mohan (Auto.) College
36	Punjab	Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College
37		Govt. Mohindra College
38		Hans Raj Mahila Mahavidyala

Sl. No.	State	Name of the College
39		BBK DAV College for Women
40		Khalsa College
41	Rajasthan	S.G.N. Khalsa (P.G.) College
42		Ewing Christian Autonomous College
43		Vidyavati Mukund Lal Girls College
44	Uttar Pradesh	Raghunath Girls (Post Graduate) College
45		Meerut College, Meerut
46		Kulbhasker Ashram Degree Postgraduate College
47	Uttranchal	Pt. L.M.S. Govt. Post Graduate College
48		Scottish Church College
49	West Bengal	St. Xavier's College
50		Loreto College

Action: JS (NS)

7.05: To consider the UGC guidelines for strict observance of Reservation Policy of the Government in Universities, Deemed to be Universities, Colleges and other grant-in-aid institutions.

The Commission considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee for the welfare of SC/ST and approved the Reservation Policy for SC/ST in Universities, Deemed to be Universities, Colleges and other grant-in-aid Institutions. It may be circulated to all Universities, Colleges, IUCs, Central and State Govt. Departments.

Action: AS-II

7.06: To consider the revised MOU of 17 Educational Multimedia Research Centre.

The Commission authorized the Chairman to get these revised MOUs examined with the help of an Expert Committee to be appointed by him. In the meantime, old MOU will remain operative.

Action: JS (IUC)

- 7.07: To consider the comments given by Sh. Amitesh Kumar, UGC Advocate on the representation given by Dr. Sudha Raghwan, Research Scientist 'B'.

This issue may be examined administratively by the Secretariat.

Action: JS (SA)

- 7.08: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Avadi, Chennai for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Avadi, Chennai under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 7.09: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Vel Institute Of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Chennai for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status

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to Vel Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Chennai under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 7.10: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Arulmigu Kalasalingam College of Engineering, Anandnagar, Krishnankoil for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Arulmigu Kalasalingam College of Engineering, Anandnagar, Krishnankoil under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 7.11: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to consider the proposal of Mahatma Gandhi Mission for Deemed to be University status to its Medical Colleges at Navi Mumbai and Aurangabad (Maharashtra).

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status

to MGM Institute of Health Sciences, Navi Mumbai with two constituent Medical Colleges, i) Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College at Navi Mumbai and ii) Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical College at Aurangabad (Maharashtra) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institutes would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 7.12: To issue directions to the "Deemed to be Universities" to disclose information for the general public on their websites.

This was examined and approved. The Commission may send instructions to ensure that all institutions declared as Deemed to be Universities must construct their own websites and it is mandatory for them to disclose information pertaining to Rules and Regulations, as contrasted with Regulation of standard set by Statutory Authority; Admission procedure; Enrolment details, fee structure; Infrastructure details such as classroom, library, laboratory, sports facilities, approvals, accreditation and Audit Certification etc. for the information of the general public. They should also indicate the above details as on the date of conferment by Ministry of Human Resource Development as Deemed to be University. This should be completed latest by 31st May, 2006 by all the Deemed to be Universities.

It may be made clear to all the Deemed to be Universities that conferment of Deemed to be University status on an Institution cannot be construed as a profit making mechanism and any surplus income over and above the expenditure must flow back for strengthening of its infrastructural facilities for bringing excellence.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 7.13: To consider the proposal of NIIT Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi for the grant of Deemed to be University Status under de-novo Category under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of de-novo Deemed to be University status to NIIT Institute of Information Technology, Nimrana, District Alwar, (Rajasthan) with Off-campus at Delhi under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 7.14: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee to assess the proposal of Ponnaiyah Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology, Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu) for grant of 'Deemed to be University' status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and noted that the Committee has pointed out certain deficiencies and suggested grant of Deemed to be University status subject to compliance of these deficiencies. The Commission decided that the deficiencies may be intimated to the Institute for compliance in the first instance.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

7.15

To consider new initiatives/schemes during the Xth Plan period.

The Commission considered the following new initiatives/schemes and approved in principle

**I. Fellowships
Sciences**

- i) Junior Research Fellowship for Non-NET candidates*
- ii) Post doctoral Fellowship*
- iii) Research Scientist*

Humanities and Social Sciences

- i) Junior Research Fellowship for Non-NET candidates*
- ii) Post doctoral Fellowship*
- a) The Commission suggested that Empowered Task Force in Sciences may be requested to frame guidelines of these schemes and the Chairman may finalise the same and report to the Commission for information.*
- b) For Humanities and Social Sciences, the Chairman was authorized to get it done with the help of an Expert Committee to be appointed by him.*

Action: JS (SA)

II. Centre for comparative studies in Indian regional languages and literature

The Chairman was authorized to constitute an Expert Committee to prepare further details for the proposed Centre.

III. Centre for Studies on exclusion and discrimination (Ethnicity Caste and Religion)

The Chairman was authorized to constitute an Expert Committee to prepare further details for the proposed Centre.

Action: AS-II

Any other Item

- 1) *It was decided that the Director, NAAC, may be requested to make presentation before the Commission in its next meeting at 10 A.M. covering all aspects relating to NAAC activities.*

Action JS (IUC)

- 2) *Shri Sudeep Banerjee, Education Secretary mentioned that Ministry of Human Resource Development had appointed a Committee to review the National Eligibility Test. The Committee has given its interim report and recommended as under:-*

- a) *So far as the postgraduate level teaching is concerned, the candidates having Ph.D. degree should be exempted from acquiring NET qualifications for being considered for the post of lecturers.*
- b) *As regards the undergraduate level teaching, the candidates having M. Phil or Ph.D. degree should be exempted from acquiring NET qualifications for being considered for the post of lecturers.*

The Commission approved the recommendation in principle and authorized the Chairman to finalise further details in the matter on receipt of communication from the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Action: JS (PS)

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- 3) *The Chairman informed the Commission that X Plan guidelines contain a provision of mid-term review of all the Universities in the year 2004-05. However, no such review has been conducted so far. The Commission decided that this being last year of the X five year Plan, steps be taken for reviewing all the Universities immediately and also decided that a working group may be appointed for formulation of thrust areas, schemes and programmes for the XI five year Plan. The Chairman was authorized to constitute the working group and finalise further details.*

Action: JS (CPP-II/AS-II)

- 4) *The Commission noted that the existing rules, regulations and procedure of the Commission needs a review in view of changed environment. Chairman was authorized to get the same examined with the help of Committee on establishment matters by adding a few experts, if required.*

Action: AS-II

(MOOL CHAND SHARMA)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman