

**UNIVERSITYGRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 432<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2006.

The following were present:-

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| 1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat           | Chairman         |
| 2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma         | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Shri Sudeep Banerjee            | Member           |
| 4. Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam | Member           |
| 5. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.     | Member           |
| 6. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen  | Member           |
| 7. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar            | Member           |

Dr. Adarsh Kishore, Prof. Suranjan Das, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai and Prof. D. Singh Chauhan, Members could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE 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**

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

**Additional Secretary**

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 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2006.

*The minutes of the 431<sup>st</sup> h meeting held on 25.9.2006 were examined and confirmed.*

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2006.

*The action taken on the minutes of 431<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 25.9.2006 was examined and noted accordingly*

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

(i) To report the matter regarding extension in tenure of Teacher Fellowship beyond Xth Plan period i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007.

*The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman regarding extension in tenure of Teacher Fellowship beyond X Plan period i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007 and the expenditure beyond 31.3.2007 be treated as first charge on the XI Plan.*

(ii) To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, UGC in providing Non-plan funding to four Colleges affiliated to Banaras Hindu University upto 95% level, from the present level of 47.5%.

*The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC, in providing Non-plan funding to four Colleges affiliated to Banaras Hindu University upto 95% level, from the present level of 47.5% as per the announcement of Hon'ble Human*

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*Resource Development Minister. The M/HRD may be requested to provide additional grant to meet this liability.*

*Action: JS(DC/DU)/FA*

- 1.02(b): To receive the items of information.
- (i) To report the matter regarding organizing Joint Indo-China and Joint Indo- French Seminars.

*A) The Commission noted with appreciation the holding of seminar on higher education for growth and equity – India-China Experience on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 at New Delhi, India and approved the same. The Commission authorized the Chairman to approve budget and take further necessary action for holding of this seminar.*

*B) The Commission noted with appreciation the holding of two seminars on reciprocal basis on i) higher education in France, Europe and India to be held in New Delhi and ii) Emerging challenges of Social Exclusion to be held in Paris and approved the same. The Commission authorized the Chairman to approve budget and take further necessary action for holding of these seminars.*

*JS(IC)*

- 1.03: To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.

*This was examined and noted accordingly.*

#### **SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

There was no item in this section.

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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.)

There was no item in this section.

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

- 5.01: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred to International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad.

*The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved continuation of Deemed to be University status conferred to International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad subject to implementation of the suggestions made in the Report of the Review Committee. The compliance report may be asked in due course.*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

- 5.02: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for **Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status** to four (4) new Colleges of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh affiliated to Andhra University (A.P.), and Rani Durgavati University (M.P.) respectively.

*The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved conferment of fresh Autonomous status to four new Colleges of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh affiliated to*

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*Andhra University and Rani Durgavati University respectively as under:-*

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the affiliating University and the College to whom autonomy is granted</i>	<i>Period of autonomy recommended</i>
<i>1</i>	<i><u>Andhra University, Visakhapatnam</u> Gayatri Vidya Parishad College for Degree &amp; P.G. Course, Sector-8, M.V.P. Colony, Visakhapatnam</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>K.G.R.L. College, Bhimavaram, West Godavari District- 534 201(A.P.)</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Sri Yerramilli Narayana Murthy College Narasapur – 534 275, West Godavari District (A.P.)</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>
<i>4.</i>	<i><u>Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur</u> <u>(M.P.)</u> St. Aloysius College, 1 Ahilya Bai Marg, Sadar Jabalpur – 482 001 (M.P.)</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>

*Action: JS(AC)*

## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

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

**Recorded separately.**

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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 16.12.2006*

*Action: JS(Meeting)*

6.04: To consider the specific request received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers.

*The Commission considered the recommendation of the Exemption Committee and approved the same. All such pending requests be processed on priority.*

*Action: JS(PS)*

### SECTION-7 (SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

**Recorded separately.**

7.02: To consider the recommendations of Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider proposal for Establishment of Shri Babu Jagjivanram Chair, (i) Mysore University, Mysore and (ii) Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara, Bihar.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and resolved that (i) University of Mysore, Mysore - the University has since already set up the Chair, the request is for strengthening the efforts. The Commission decided and*

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*approved the grant to cover recurring and non-recurring expenditure for the items recommended by the Expert Committee for the proposal. However, the Commission did not approve grant for the building and (ii) Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara, Bihar - the Commission decided that the University may send the proposal as part of the XI Plan.*

*Action: JS(SU)*

7.03: To consider the matter relating to the implementation of the Indo-German Cultural Exchange Programme 2005-08.

*The Commission examined the proposal of DAAD for project based persons' exchange under the ambit of Item No.1.5 of the current CEP and approved the same.*

*Action : JS(IC)*

7.04: To consider the implementation of recommendations of Task Force for Basic Scientific Research in Universities – The Scheme for providing Research Fellowships in Sciences for Meritorious Students.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Empowered Committee and approved the same with the modifications that all Science departments of the Universities with Potential of Excellence be provided five Junior Research Fellowship. It was further decided that some fellowships may also be kept at the disposal of each university for being allocated to Departments, wherever considered appropriate. The value of fellowship will remain at Rs.8,000/- for non-NET qualified candidates.*

*The Commission also decided that all the schemes of scholarship and fellowships may be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee to harmonize the fellowship scheme. The Chairman was authorized to constitute the Committee.*

*Action : JS(CPP)*

- 7.05: To consider a scheme to provide residential high speed internet connectivity to all teachers in higher education.

*The Commission examined the proposal and approved the same in principle. The Chairman was authorized to appoint Committee to finalize further details and review its periodic implementation. Shri Sudeep Banerjee, Secretary, Education, MHRD and Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Adviser were requested to be on the Committee.*

*Action : JS(CPP-II/JS(E&T))*

- 7.06: To consider a scheme of providing financial loan assistance to teachers in higher education for purchasing personal computers for residential use – creating Revolving Fund in Universities (and Colleges) for the purpose.

*The Commission examined and approved the proposal for arranging of bank credit with interest being subsidized by the Commission through grants to the Universities. The Chairman was authorized to constitute an Expert Committee to work-out detailed modalities to implement this scheme.*

*Action : JS(CPP-II/JS(E&T))*

- 7.07: To consider the promotion of the study of Contemporary Art Institutions and Practices in Higher Education – Scheme for enabling the University System to generate awareness through Biennales.

*The proposal was examined and approved. The Chairman was authorized to constitute an Empowered Committee under his Chairmanship with Shri Sudeep Banerjee to finalize further details to implement this scheme.*



*Action : JS(CPP-II)*

- 7.08: To consider the matter relating to give an additional Personal Pay of Rs.15,000/- per month to persons who have obtained Bhatnagar Prize or are members of at least two of three Science Academies.

*The Commission examined the proposal and approved in principle.*

*The Chairman was authorized to constitute a Committee to look into the angularity of all other awards or Membership of Academies to be brought under the preview of this scheme. The Committee may also consider to bring Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering & Technology under the purview of the Scheme.*

*Action : JS(CPP-II)*

- 7.09: To consider the matter relating to Linguistics Survey of India.

*The Commission noted that an Expert Committee for strengthening of Indian Languages and Culture is already deliberating on similar issue. This proposal was approved in principle with the amendment that this project may be considered by the same Committee. The Government may be requested to provide additional funds in XIth Plan to operationalize this survey.*

*Action : JS(CPP-II)*

- 7.10: To consider the report of the Inspection Committee on its visit to Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, District Kapurthala, Punjab (a Private University) for its inclusion under Section 2(f) of UGC Act.

*The Commission examined the report of the Inspection Committee and approved inclusion of Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, District Kapurthala, Punjab (a Private University) in the list of Universities under Section 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956.*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

- 7.11: To consider the report of the Expert Committee that visited National Institute of Tourism & Hospitality Management, Hyderabad for conferment of Deemed to be University.

*The Commission examined the report of the Expert Committee and noted that the Committee has recommended award of Deemed to be University status to National Institute of Tourism & Hospitality Management, Hyderabad subject to the conditions contained in the report. The Commission decided that a compliance report may be asked from the Institute and the case may be placed again before the Commission after receipt of compliance report.*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

- 7.12: To consider the viability of the proposal of Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute (Deemed University), Porur, Chennai for establishment of Off-shore Campus at Mauritius – clarification regarding ownership of the programme, fee sharing and other financial modalities.

*The Commission examined the proposal in the light of its decision taken at its meeting held on 25.8.2006 and the clarification given by Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute (Deemed University), Porur, Chennai in response to the said decision, the Commission agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for allowing the Institute to establish an Off-shore Campus at Mauritius*

*Action: JS(CPP-I)*

## ANY OTHER ITEM

- 1) *Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE, raised the issue relating to granting autonomy to the Engineering Colleges. The Commission agreed that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chairman, AICTE, may be constituted by the Chairman.*

*Action: JS(AC)*

- 2) *The Commission considered the issue relating to Distance Education Programme in various subjects and substandard M.Phil and Ph.D degree programmes being run by many Universities. The Chairman, AICTE, also raised the issue of Engineering and Technology subjects being offered by many Universities through distance mode. The Commission constituted a Committee consisting of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Department of Secondary & Higher Education, M/HRD and Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen, Member, UGC to consider the issue. The Chairman was authorized to add additional members according to the need. The Committee may give its report within six months.*

*Action: JS(CPP-II)*

(TILAK R. KEM)  
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)  
Chairman