

CONFIDENTIAL

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

The Minutes of the 445th Meeting was held on **27th March, 2008** at **10.00 A.M.** in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairperson
3. Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
4. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
6. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.,	Member
7. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
8. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member
9. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Dr. Sanjiv Misra, and Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen, Members could not attend the meeting. They were granted leave of absence.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. Raju Sharma

Additional Secretary

Dr. (Mrs.) Niloufer.A. Kazmi

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a) (i): To confirm the minutes of the 443rd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 11th & 12th February, 2008.

The Commission considered comments/opinion received from the Members on the minutes of the meeting held on 11th & 12th February, 2008 and the same were confirmed.

- 1.01(a) (ii): To confirm the minutes of the 444th Special Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10th March, 2008.

The Commission confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March, 2008.

The Secretary brought to the notice of the Commission the letter No.7573/FA(MHRD)/2008 dated 19th March, 2008 written by Shri S.K.Ray, Joint Secretary & FA, MHRD with regard to the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 10th March, 2008. The Commission observed that as per UGC Act, the nominated persons are only allowed to take part in the discussions. However, the Commission duly considered the comments of FA and JS, MHRD at the time of the meeting when the item was taken up for discussion and the Commission finally resolved as indicated in the minutes. Therefore, the Commission was of the opinion that further action as suggested in the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 10th March, 2008 may be taken by the office. It was further decided that an appropriate reply may be sent to Shri S.K. Ray, Joint Secretary & FA, MHRD with regard to his letter dated 19th March, 2008.

Action : JS(e-governance)

- 1.01(b) (i): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 442nd Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **21st & 22nd January, 2008.**

Noted.

- 1.01(b) (ii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 443rd Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **11th & 12th February, 2008.**

Noted.

- 1.01(b)(iii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 444th (Special Meeting) of the University Grants Commission held on **10th March, 2008.**

Noted.

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

- (i) To report the decision regarding the inclusion of National Law University, Jodhpur under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman regarding inclusion of National Law University, Jodhpur under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

- (ii) Appointment of the Director, Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman regarding appointment of the Director, Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi.

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- (iii) Appointment of the Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman regarding appointment of the Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.

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

- (i) To report the Exchange Programme between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Ethiopia.

Noted.

- (ii) To report the Memorandum of Understanding between Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) represented by the President Prof. Theodor Berchem and the University Grants Commission represented by the Chairman Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat signed on 30-10-2007 at DAAD Office, New Delhi.

Noted.

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

Noted

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

ITEM No.5.01: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to bring Interactive Research School for Health Affairs (IRSHA), Pune and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Information Technology and Biotechnology (RGIITBT), Pune under the ambit of Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune, Maharashtra.

While considering this item, leave of absence was granted to Prof.Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam as it relates to his University.

The Commission noted that the Deemed University had informed MHRD, AICTE and UGC that none of the Institutions (IRSHA & RGIITBT) are offering any professional courses and, therefore, they do not come under the purview of AICTE Act.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee to bring Interactive Research School for Health Affairs (IRSHA), Pune and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Information Technology and Biotechnology (RGIITBT), Pune under the ambit of Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune, Maharashtra for the conduct of non professional courses with effect from 17th August, 2002, the date on which UGC permitted them to be part of Deemed University.

Action :JS(CPP-I)

ITEM NO.5.02: To consider and approve XI Plan Draft Guidelines on Human Rights Education.

The Commission approved the XI Plan Guidelines on Human Rights Education and further approved that a sum of Rs.10 crores may be allocated for this scheme during the XI Plan Period.

Action: JS(XI Plan)

ITEM NO.5.03: To consider the issue of pay anomalies of Junior Engineer/Technical Staff of the Inter-University Centres.

The Commission decided that the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted earlier to look into the anomalies of the pay scale of Junior Engineers were very sketchy and an appropriate Committee may be reconstituted and the matter may be placed before the reconstituted Committee again. The Committee to be reconstituted may be informed that keeping in view the recommendations of the 6th Pay Commission, it may be asked to give suitable recommendations as the issue involved relates to 5th Pay Commission. Accordingly, the Hon'ble High Court may be informed.

Action : JS(IUC/MC)

ITEM NO.5.04: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee for considering the proposal of Rajasthan Technical University, Kota for inclusion under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee that Rajasthan Technical University, Kota may NOT be included under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act 1956 at present and it may be asked to meet the shortfalls as identified by the Expert Committee.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

ITEM NO.5.05: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee for considering the proposal of The Tamilnadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai for inclusion under Section 12 (B) of UGC Act.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee that The Tamilnadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Chennai may be declared fit to receive central assistance in terms of the Rules framed under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

ITEM NO.6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately.

Any Other Item :

1. *The Commission observed that as per the UGC Act, the Government of India has to nominate two persons. Out of which, a Gazette Notification nominating Shri Sanjiv Mishra, Expenditure Secretary has been received. However, notification in respect of other vacancy is yet to be received. Since Shri Sanjiv Mishra has already been transferred, there are now two vacancies of the Commission for which nomination from Government of India is yet to be received. The Commission approved that an urgent action may be taken by the office to approach MHRD so as to get two nominations filled up at an early date against the existing vacancies..*

Action: Director (Admn.)

2. *It was brought to the notice of the Commission that the State Government of Karnataka is not releasing the Non-Plan grant to such of those private Institutions which have received 'C' Grade from NAAC. The Commission approved that the office may write to the State Government of Karnataka not to do so since accreditation grade should not be used for this purpose especially when it has not been made mandatory for the Educational Institutions.*

Action: JS(CPP-II)

3. *The Commission approved that one Member of the Commission may be included in the Standing Committee of the UGC which has been constituted to look into the issue of including new degrees for the purpose of including them under Section 22 of UGC Act. The Commission further decided that the Standing Committee should meet as frequently as possible so as to clear all the pending proposals. The Commission further decided that all the Members of the Commission may send necessary information with regard to the specification of the degrees which are to be considered by the Standing Committee.*

Action: JS(CPP-II)

4. *The Commission decided that all the guidelines which have been approved in the earlier meetings may be posted on UGC website and circulated to all concerned on or before 30th April, 2008. The Expert Committees' visit may be held during April and June, 2008 and the allocations recommended to the Universities by the Expert Committees may be consolidated and placed before the Commission by September, 2008 for its approval.*

Action: JS(XI Plan)

5. *The Commission decided that an Expert Committee on PIHEAD may be constituted immediately and a road map for showcasing the Indian Higher Education System abroad may be prepared. It was further decided that urgent action may be taken with regard to participation of UGC at the NAFSA Conference to be held in May, 2008 at USA.*

Action: JS(IC)

6. *The Commission also considered the letter dated 22nd March, 2008 written by Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam regarding the omission of a decision of the Commission with regard to setting up of a Committee to look into the issue of making the teachers and students of the Deemed Universities and self-financing Institutions to be eligible for participation under various schemes of UGC relating to faculty and students. To work out the modalities, the Commission has constituted the following Committee.*

- (1) Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam
(2) Dr.(Mrs.) Shashi Rai
(3) Prof.(Dr.)S.Xavier Alphonse, S.J.*

Action : JS(CPP-II)

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman