

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

**MINUTES OF THE 508<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015.**

The 508<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr. H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Shri Vinay Sheel Oberai	Member
4. Shri A. N. Jha	Member
5. Prof. V.S. Chauhan	Member
6. Prof. M.M. Ansari	Member
7. Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande	Member
8. Prof. Mohammad Miyan	Member
9. Dr. K.N. Shanti	Member
10. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy	Member

Mr. Patanjali (Patu) G. Keswani could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation and was granted leave of absence.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

At the outset, the Chairman, UGC welcomed Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary (HE), MHRD who attended the first meeting of the Commission as its new Member. The Chairman expressed hope that his contributions as Member will further strengthen the Commission and also help it in addressing issues pertaining to higher education. The Chairman, apprised the Members that the MHRD has entrusted with the UGC the task of organizing detailed discussions with experts on two themes related to the formulation of New Education Policy, viz. (i) Improving the Quality of Regulation and (ii) Integrating Skill Development in Higher Education. It has further desired the UGC to prepare an outcome document based on the discussions on the aforementioned two themes. Accordingly, he told that the UGC is organizing a Consultation Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (Tuesday) at Vigyan Bhawan. Further the Chairman extended a cordial invitation to all the Members of the Commission and requested them to participate in the proposed meet scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. The Members were apprised of the activities of Distance Education Bureau and the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Commission .

## SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 507<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015**.

**Minutes were confirmed.**

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

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 507<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015**.

**Noted and Approved. Joint Secretary (Expenditure) Ministry of Finance suggested that the Ministry of Human Resource Development must coordinate with the other Ministries which are offering fellowships / scholarships to have a Standing Committee so that a comprehensive and well reasoned raise in fellowships / scholarships can be effected in future, if required.**

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

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

**Noted and Approved.**

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

- (ii) To report re-appropriation of General Development Assistance allocation for XII Plan (Regional office-wise) within the total budgetary allocation already approved by the Commission.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

# 3

(iii) To report the categories/Ceiling for eligible colleges which could not receive assistance during XI and XII Plan including new colleges under the scheme of General Development Assistance (GDA) to colleges along with amendments in the guidelines of GDA to Colleges.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

(iv) To report the inclusion of 168 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.04.2015 to 30.06.2015 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Noted and Approved.**

**[Action : JS (CPP-I/C)]**

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

**(no item)**

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

**(no item)**

**1.04** To consider the Annual Accounts of UGC for the year 2014-15.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

## SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To amend the Clause 8.3 (iii) - pertaining to Sabbatical Leave of UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standard in Higher Education, 2010.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

- 2.02** To re-look the provision of appointing UGC observer in the Selection Committee for promotion of Reader / Associate Professor to Professor under earlier Career Advancement Scheme (CAS), 1998.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

- 2.03** To consider revised rates of TA/DA/ Honorarium payable to Official and Non-Official members and experts for attending meetings conducted by the Commission.

**Noted and Approved.**

**Action : JS (F)]**

- 2.04** To consider the Report of the two member Committee constituted by UGC to take stock of the developments in the Central University of Jharkhand before release of funds to the University under Capital Head.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

- 2.05** To consider the report along with the guidelines on establishing university – industry linkage centres in universities.

**Noted and Approved.**

**[Action : JS (CPP-II)]**

- 2.06** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee for allocation of Plan Grant (General Development Assistance) to Central Universities during XII Plan.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

- 2.07** To consider the matter of Rationalization of the posts and pay scales of Accounts officer and Section officer (Admn) to Administrative officer (Accts) and Administrative officer (Admn) in Consortium of Educational Communication (CEC) at par with other IUC.

**It was decided to refer the matter to the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance for their expert opinion.**

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

- 2.08** To consider the request received from Government of India, MHRD for amendment in Clause 4.5(i) (Quorum for a Board of Management meeting) of the Annexure-1 of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

# 6

- 2.09 To consider the appointment of Director, IUCAA, Pune, Director, UGC-DAE-CSR, Indore and Director, NAAC, Bangalore.

**Noted the recommendations made by the Search Committee and Approved.**

[Action : JS(IUC)]

## **SECTION-3 (REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**(There is no item in this section)**

## **SECTION-4 (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)**

- 4.01 (i) To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on CPEPA and amendment in the XII Plan guidelines for "Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas" (CPEPA) and (ii) To consider the inclusion of State Private Universities along with Deemed to be Universities while framing the guidelines for new scheme for Deemed to be Universities and State Private Universities.

**Noted and Approved.**

[Action : JS (PE)]

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

- 5.01 To consider the report of the UGC Fact Finding Committee which visited Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management (EILM) (Private University), Jorethang, District Namchi, Sikkim to look into various complaints received against the University for conducting courses through unauthorized study centre(s), franchising of higher education, issuing degrees without conducting exams, misleading students, offering distance education programmes without approval, etc.

**Noted and Approved. The Commission further resolved to issue a Public Notice in this regard and also approach the Ministry of DEITY for banning the website of EILM.**

[Action : DS (CPP-I)]

- 5.02** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted to evolve norms/parameters for granting funds (Plan & Non-Plan) to the Colleges/Institutions/Universities including Deemed to be Universities other than those which are established & fully funded/sponsored by the Government of India.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

- 5.03** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Cholgamsar, Leh (Ladakh), Jammu & Kashmir for the status of Deemed to be University (Under De-Novo Category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

- 5.04** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM) (Deemed to be University), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh to start off-campus at Yendada, Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) in the name of GITAM Institute of Medical Sciences & Research.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

- 5.05** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges, and other matters related to autonomous colleges.

**Noted and Approved.**

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

# 8

## SECTION-6

### (MISCELLANEOUS)

**6.01** To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission

**Recorded separately.**

**(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)  
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)  
CHAIRMAN**