

Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Finance Committee of Assam University held on November 27, 2015 at 10.30 a.m. at Silchar

The following were present:

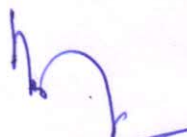
1. Prof. Debashish Bhattacharjee, Vice-Chancellor (Acting), Assam University. : Chairman
2. Prof. Amalesh Bhowal, Pro Vice-Chancellor (i/c) Assam University Diphu Campus. : Member
3. Shri Joydeep Sil, Registrar, IISER, Kolkata (EC Nominee) : Member
4. Shri Gour Krishna Pattanayak, Finance Officer Jadavpur University, Kolkata (EC Nominee). : Member
5. Prof. N. B. Biswas, Professor, Dept. of Education, Assam University, Silchar (EC Nominee). : Member
6. Prof. D.K. Pandiya, Professor, Dept. of Commerce, Assam University, Silchar. : Special Invitee
7. Prof. Samira Behera, Representative of SC/ST : Special Invitee
8. Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee, Registrar, Assam University. : Permanent Invitee
9. CMA (Dr.) B. B. Mishra, Finance Officer, Assam University. : Ex-officio Secretary

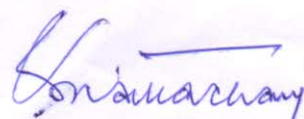
Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MHRD (Visitor's Nominee); Joint Secretary, (CU&L), MHRD (Visitor's Nominee); and Joint Secretary (CU), UGC, New Delhi (Visitor's Nominee) could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

The comments of the Administrative Bureau of MHRD issued by the Under Secretary to Govt. of India, MHRD, Dept. of Higher Education, GoI vide letter F.No.9-6/2015-Desk-U, dated 19th November 2015 and the comments provided by the Deputy Secretary (Finance), Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, GoI with the approval of JS & FA, MHRD by e-mail dated 26th November, 2015 were placed by the Secretary, Finance Committee, Assam University before the Finance Committee and the members were noted the comments.

Item No. FC: 41/01: Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Vice Chancellor, Assam University.

Prof. Debashish Bhattacharjee, Vice-Chancellor (Acting) of the Assam University and Chairman, Finance Committee welcomed Shri Joydeep Sil, Registrar, IISER, Kolkata and Shri G. K. Pattanayak, Finance Officer, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, the


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Executive Council Nominees for attending the meeting and other members of the Finance Committee.


The Chairman in his opening remarks seeking guidance from all the members for all round development and growth of the University. He requested the Secretary, Finance Committee to initiate the proceeding as per the agenda items.

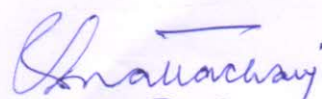
Item No. FC: 41/02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on June 23, 2015.

The copy of the Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on June 23, 2015 placed at Annexure-A was circulated to all the members vide letter no. AUF/686/FC-40/2015-16/4107-16, dated July 01, 2015. In response to the Minutes circulated, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of HRD, Deptt. of Higher Education, CU Division, New Delhi who was attend the meeting on behalf of Joint Secretary, MHRD in his letter F. No. 9-6/2015-Desk(U) dated 15/07/2015 placed at Annexure-B said that "in so far as Item No. FC: 40/05 relating to the correction of CPF to GPF-cum-Pension scheme is concerned, it was decided both the meeting the External Committee as well as in the Finance Committee that the matter may be referred to MHRD for a decision in consultation with UGC and DoPT. No decision to recommend individual cases was taken. In the light of the above, it was requested to kindly amend the minutes accordingly".

The Minutes may kindly be confirmed with the amendment to the Minutes against Item No. FC: 40/05 relating to correction of CPF to GPF-cum-Pension Scheme as communicated by the MHRD.

Resolution: The members of the Finance Committee perused the observations of the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of HRD, Deptt. of Higher Education, CU Division, New Delhi communicated vide letter F. No. 9-6/2015-Desk(U) dated 15/07/2015. Moreover, the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD, Deptt. of Higher Education, New Delhi in his letter F.No.9-6/2015-Desk-U, dated 19th November 2015 communicated the comments of the Administrative Bureau of MHRD against Agenda Item No. 41/02 relating to the correction of CPF to GPF-cum-Pension Scheme of the faculty members and others that "University has been established by the Act passed by the Parliament in 1989 and instructions of Govt. on issue of GPF was


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issued in 1987. It is not clear, how the University officers/officials and individuals have continued in CPF till now and raising the issue, now. University may take action as per GoI instructions on the issue which are quite clear and there is no need to refer the issue to MHRD as UGC has already provided the clarification on the issue".

Considering the above views of the MHRD, it was resolved that the matter may be referred to the Assistant Solicitor General (ASG) of India, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati for a legal opinion on the correction of CPF to GPF-cum-Pension Scheme of some faculty members and others. As the matter being a policy decision, the members opined that the Ministry's views, the legal opinion of ASG and the detailed issue as it was submitted to the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee may be placed to the next Finance Committee with having a regular Vice-Chancellor for necessary approval.


Further, considering the comments of the Administrative Bureau of MHRD, the Committee perused and confirmed the Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on June 23, 2015.

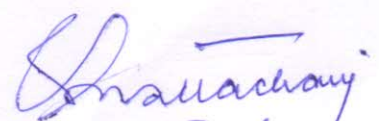
Item No. FC: 41/03: Action Taken Report of the 40th Meeting of the Finance Committee of the University.

Action Taken Report of the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on June 23, 2015 are placed at Annexure –C for information and necessary review.

Resolution: The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on June 23, 2015 were perused and noted by the Members of the FC with following observations:

01. The members expressed their concerned for non-submission of CSRF-1 for issuance of PRAN for depositing the NPS contribution by some faculty members and staffs. Considering the gravity of the matter, the members constituted a Committee comprising of (i) Prof N B Biswas, Chairman; (ii) Prof Samira Behera, Member; (iii) Registrar, Member; and (iv) Finance Officer, Member Secretary to address the issues and


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