


**Minutes of the 61ST Meeting of the Finance Committee of
Assam University held on 28TH JUNE 2021 at 11.30 AM
at Assam University, Silchar through Video Conferencing**

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath
Vice-Chancellor, Assam University | - Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Dipendu Das
Dept. of English
Assam University, Silchar (EC Nominee) | - Member |
| 3. Prof. Paritosh Mondal
Chairman, Advisory Committee,
Central Instrumentation Laboratory (CIL),
Assam University, Silchar | - Special Invitee |
| 4. Dr. P.K. Nath
Registrar, Assam University | - Permanent Invitee |
| 5. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar
Finance Officer (i/c), Assam University | - Ex-officio Secretary |

The following were attended the meeting through Video Conferencing:

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| 6. Prof. Sivasish Biswas
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Assam University, Diphu Campus | - Member |
| 7. Dr. Jitendra Kumar Tripathi, Joint Secretary (CU)
University Grants Commission, New Delhi (Visitor's Nominee) | - Member |
| 8. Mr. Subhash Chand Sharu,
Director, (CU-I/II)
Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, New Delhi
[Nominee of Additional Secretary (CU),
Ministry of Education, GoI (Visitor's Nominee)] | - Member |
| 9. Mohammed Rizwan,
Director, (IFD)
Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, New Delhi
[Nominee of Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser,
Ministry of Education, GoI (Visitor's Nominee)] | - Member |


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10. Prof. N.K. Shukla - Member
Registrar
University of Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh (EC nominee)
11. Mr. Bishnu Chakraborty - Member
Finance Officer, K.K. Handique State Open University,
Guwahati (EC Nominee)

The comments of Additional Secretary (CU), Ministry of Education, Dept. of Higher Education, GoI on the agenda items received from ASO (CU-I), Ministry of Education vide his e-mail dated 25th June 2021; the comments received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, IFD, Dept. of Higher Education, Ministry of Education with the approval of JS & FA, Ministry of Education, GoI vide letter F. No. 9-9/2017-IFD.pt, dated 23rd June 2021 and the comments of the Joint Secretary (CU), UGC received from the Under Secretary, UGC vide letter No. F. 18-6/2019 (CU)Vol.I, dated 25th June 2021 were presented by the Finance Officer (i/c) & Secretary, Finance Committee, Assam University before the Finance Committee and the members noted the comments & put on record.

The Vice-Chancellor, Assam University assured that the observations of the Ministry and UGC will be strictly followed by the University in true letter and spirit.

Item No. FC: 61/01: Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Vice-Chancellor, Assam University.

Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice-Chancellor, Assam University and Chairman, Finance Committee welcomed Dr. J.K. Tripathi, Joint Secretary (CU), UGC, (Visitor's Nominee), Mr. Subhash Chand Sharu, Director, (CU-I/II), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, New Delhi, [Nominee of Additional Secretary (CU), Ministry of Education, GoI (Visitor's Nominee)], Mohammed Rizwan, Director, (IFD), Ministry of Education, New Delhi, [Nominee of Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser, Ministry of Education, GoI (Visitor's Nominee)] and all the members for attending the meeting.

The Chairman also introduced the new members of the Finance Committee of the University Prof. N.K. Shukla, Registrar, University of Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh

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(Executive Council nominee to the Finance Committee of Assam University) in place of Dr. B.K. Mohapatra who has completed his term as Executive Council nominee to the Finance Committee of the University; and Prof. Dipendu Das, Department of English, Assam University, Silchar (Executive Council nominee to the Finance Committee of Assam University) in place of Prof. M.K. Sinha who has completed his term as Executive Council nominee to the Finance Committee of the University, to all the members as Prof. Shukla and Prof. Das in their capacity have been attending this meeting for the first time.

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

Item No. FC: 61/02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 60th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 22nd March 2021.

The copy of the Minutes of the 60th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 22nd March 2021 was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item which was circulated to all the members vide letter No. AUF/686/FC-60/2020-21/1527, dtd. 24.03.2021.

Shri Bishnu Chakraborty, Member, Finance Committee, Assam University has communicated his observation on the minutes as under:

"The minutes is found in order as per discussion in the meeting."

University has not received any comments from other members.

The Minutes may kindly be confirmed.

Resolution: Subject to strict compliance of the relevant Statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, the Minutes of the 60th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 22nd March 2021 were confirmed.

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Item No. FC: 61/03: Action Taken Report of the 60th Meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 22nd March 2021.

Action Taken Report on the 60th Meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 22nd March 2021 was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item for information and necessary review.

Resolution: The Action Taken Report on the 60th Meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 22nd March 2021 were perused and noted by the members of the Finance Committee.

Item No. FC: 61/04: Recommendation for approval and adoption of Annual Accounts of Assam University for the financial year 2020-21.

The Annual Accounts of the Assam University i.e. Receipt & Payment Account, Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and relevant Schedules for the financial year 2020-21 in the Revised Format of Accounts communicated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India vide their letter no. 29-4/2012-IFD dated 17th April, 2015 with the approval by the Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, vide their letter no. RC (AB)/ Misc./ Format of A/cs./ 04-31/2013 dated 10th April, 2015 were placed in the meeting in a separate folder.

The Finance Committee under Section 19 (7) of the Statutes of the University may kindly recommend for approval & adoption of the Annual Accounts for the year 2020-21 by the Executive Council of the University and submission to the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for certification.

Resolution: The agenda item has been discussed in detail and the Finance Committee under Section 19 (7) of the Statute of the University recommended the Annual Accounts of Assam University i.e. Receipt & Payment Account, Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and relevant Schedules for the financial year 2020-21 prepared in the Revised Format of Accounts communicated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India vide their letter no. 29-4/2012-IFD dated 17th April, 2015 with the approval by the Office of the Comptroller &

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Auditor General of India, vide their letter no. RC (AB)/ Misc./ Format of A/cs./ 04-31/2013 dated 10th April, 2015 to the Executive Council of the University for approval & adoption and submission to the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for certification.

Item No. FC: 61/05: Capitalization of Assets procured out of Sponsored Project Funds.

Assets procured out of various sponsored project fund/grants were not capitalized in absence of clearance from the sponsoring agencies even after submission of final utilization certificate by the Principal Investigators to the sponsoring agencies though substantial period has lapsed after completion of these projects. The Audit has raised observations for non-capitalization of assets procured out of these project funds in the Books of Accounts.

Therefore, it is proposed that said assets procured out of the sponsored project funds will be capitalized if no response regarding the same is received from the sponsoring agency within three years from the date of submission of final utilization certificate. These assets will be treated as assets of Assam University and accordingly necessary entries will be made in the Book of Accounts of the University.

Submitted for perusal and recommendation of the Finance Committee to the Executive Council of the University for approval.

Resolution: The item has been discussed in detail and after threadbare discussion the Finance Committee recommended the proposal to the Executive Council of the University for approval subject to fulfillment of relevant provisions of GFR 2017 and Government of India instructions and without any financial liability on the part of Govt./UGC.

Item No. FC: 61/06: Approval of the Budget estimates for the financial year 2021-22 under the head Salary, Recurring and Capital Assets of the University.

The Budget Estimates for the financial year 2021-22 under the head Salary and Recurring of the University as required by the UGC in the prescribed format have since been submitted to UGC vide letter No. AUF/C&A/831/2012/Vol-V/77, dtd. 12.04.2021 (copy was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item) and the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2021-22 under the head Capital Assets has been sent to UGC vide letter No. AUF/C&A/831/2012/Vol-V/219, dtd. 11.06.2021 which was placed in

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the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item for information and approval of the Finance Committee.

Resolution: Budget estimates for the financial year 2021-22 under the head Salary, Recurring and Capital Assets of the University were recommended subject to the condition that the estimates are based on a realistic assessment of requirement of funds for the University and also subject to availability of funds with UGC.

Further, the members of the Finance Committee suggested the University to take necessary steps for enhancing Internal Revenue Generation through consultancy services and by harnessing solar energy and water management resources etc.

Item No. FC: 61/07: Recommendation for approval of the Minutes of the 100th meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 19th January 2021.

The minutes of the 100th meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 19th January, 2021 was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item for recommendation to the Executive Council of the University for approval.

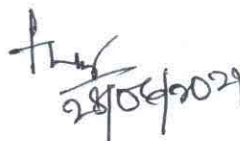
Resolution: The Finance Committee observed that the University may take up only those projects for which funds are available as no additional funds will be provided by UGC/MoE for construction projects. Further no escalation in cost of the projects will be entertained due to time overrun.

Subject to strict compliance of above conditions, the minutes of the 100th meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 19th January, 2021 was recommended to the Executive Council of the University for approval.

Item No. FC: 61/08: Proposal for funding from HEFA (Window III) for sophisticated equipment for Central Instrumentation Laboratory, Assam University, Silchar.

Sophisticated analytical instruments are vital for pursuing science and technology in the present competitive era. As emphasized in the National Education Policy 2020, along with cutting-edge research, generation of manpower skilled in advanced scientific techniques to face the challenge of current genera is also a current demand.

In this proposal, Assam University requests for a one time grant of Rs. 10 Crore from HEFA under Window-III for up-gradation of the existing Central Instrumentation


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Laboratory catering as a centralized facility of the University by procuring the following equipment,

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| 1. | 500 MHz NMR Spectrometer | Rs. 450 Lakh |
| | With multi-nuclear, variable temperature, wide bore probe, Solid state probe, auto-sampler and a Liquid Nitrogen Plant.
(Through buy-back of existing 12 years old 400MHz NMR) | |
| 2. | Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) with EDS | Rs. 350 Lakh |
| 3. | MiSeq Next Generation Sequencer | Rs. 200 Lakh |

Total: Rs. 1000 Lakh

Brief Justification:

1) Upgradation of NMR Spectroscope:

The 500 MHz NMR Spectrometer with multi-nuclear, variable temperature wide bore probe, Solid-state probe, Auto-sampler and a Liquid Nitrogen Plant to be procured **through buy-back** of the existing 400 MHz NMR Spectrometer. The existing one is about 12 year old machine of lower frequency. It is presently out of service and beyond serviceability by the manufacturers because of many console spares being out of production. Further, spectral data of **500 MHz NMR Spectrometer** is routinely required by the user community (and for research publications in standard journals). Thus, the University is in a critical need for a 500 MHz NMR Spectrometer, replacing the existing older equipment of lower frequency and lower magnetic field strength.

To run NMR spectrometer, **regular supply of Liquid Nitrogen is absolutely essential**. Therefore, a **Liquid nitrogen plant is required to keep the NMR up and ready round the clock**. Silchar has no uninterrupted supply chain of liquid nitrogen and the same has to be procured from Guwahati, which is about 400 Km away. During long distance transportation considerable loss of the cryogenic liquid occurs frequently.

Being a very versatile and multidisciplinary equipment (required in both Biological and Material research), NMR has a very large pool of users and therefore **Auto-sampler** is required for maximal utilization of the equipment. Very low running cost per sample is notable feature of it.

2) Procurement of Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) with EDS:

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM), another multidisciplinary equipment of this proposal, is used by scientists in a variety of fields to learn more about the composition and topography of man-made and naturally occurring materials. The equipment has a large

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pool of users and is routinely required by Materials science as well as Biological science researchers for their research, quality control and failure analysis. The **EDS analysis (Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy)** is an important analytical technique used for the elemental analysis or chemical characterization of a sample. Like NMR, the SEM-EDS is a non destructive method of analysis. It has a very low running cost per sample.

3) Procurement of MiSeq Next Generation Sequencer:

The MiSeq is an integrated instrument that performs clonal amplification, genomic DNA sequencing, and data analysis with base calling, alignment, variant calling, and reporting in a single run. The equipment makes large-scale whole-genome sequencing (WGS) accessible and practical for the user researchers. Being an important equipment of multidisciplinary application, the **Next Generation Sequencer** has a wide pool of users.

Financial self-sustainability of the new equipment:

Since, the proposed equipments have large user pool, it is expected to generate handsome revenue once operational. The analytical service from the proposed equipment may be utilized by any user/organization (internal/external) on payment of nominal charges as decided by the authority. The revenue earned through analytical charges will be utilised to meet operational expenditure, general maintenance and other relevant expenses.

Copies of the (i) Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting of the Central Instrumentation Laboratory, Assam University, Silchar held on 28th April 2021 was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item (ii) Proposal for procurement of sophisticated equipment for Central Instrumentation Laboratory, Assam University, Silchar through HEFA Funding (Financial Window III) was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item and (iii) Outline of the revenue generation scheme for operational Self-sustainability of the equipments was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item for perusal of the members.

Proposal is submitted for consideration and recommendation of the Finance Committee to the Executive Council of the University for approval before forwarding the proposal to HEFA.

Resolution: The agenda item has been discussed in detail and after threadbare discussion the Finance Committee suggested to send the detailed proposal with valid justification to the Ministry of Education for consideration of the proposal under Window-III of HEFA.

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Item No. FC: 61/09: Transfer of combined service benefits and pension benefits of the employees of Assam University from previous organizations.

It has been observed that the University has been facing following types of issues concerning service benefit of employees:

1. To transfer combined service benefit of employees by taking into account past services where the service benefit of employees from previous organization has never been transferred in full to Assam University during his/her service in Assam University.
2. Employees having past service record and who were in GPF cum Pension Scheme are not subscribing to NPS upon joining Assam University with an anticipation that their service benefit from former organization will be transferred to Assam University. Further, their service benefits from former organization are also not transferred for years for which the University is not able to bring them under any pension scheme. As a result, University has already received Audit observations.

A related case in respect of (1) above Dr. Ram Chandra Majhi was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item. Similarly, the case of Prof. Subhas Ch. Singh, a superannuated Professor from Assam University in respect of (2) above was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item for perusal of the members.

The matter is placed for direction from the Finance Committee regarding policy to be adopted for transfer of combined service benefit of employees in respect of (1) above and inclusion of services under GPF-cum-Pension Scheme for employees who are having past service in respect of (2) above.

Resolution: The agenda item has been dropped.

Item No. FC: 61/10: Proposal for revision of wages of casual/contractual staff of Assam University.

Assam University is having shortage of regular non-teaching staff against regular teaching staff. For this, University was under constraint to manage the day to day office work of the University administration smoothly. There are presently 362 non-teaching sanctioned posts against 454 sanctioned teaching posts which is below the teaching non-teaching ratio as per UGC norm which is 1:1.1 for affiliating Central Universities. So,

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there is shortage of at least 137 non teaching staff. Accordingly University has recruited time to time casual/contractual staff on need basis whose wages are proposed to be revised as per details given below:-

- A. There are 10 contractual staffs in the University who are appointed on need based basis for a term not exceeding 6 months at a time rendering essential services like medical, website administration etc. The wages of such contractual staff were last revised and fixed on consolidated basis in 2016. Since the wages of these contractual staff have not been revised for a considerable period of time hence, a Committee was constituted to revise the rate as per Government of India norms. The Committee examined various Govt. of India guidelines in this respect and in tune with DoPT office memorandum No.49014/1/2017-Estt(c)pt, dated 04-09-2019 recommended that 'where the nature of work entrusted to the casual workers and regular employees is the same, the casual workers may be paid at the rate of 1/30th of the pay at the minimum of the relevant Pay Scale plus Dearness Allowance for work of 8 hours a day.' The recommendation of the Committee was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item (and DoPT guidelines was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item) for approval. Total financial involvement per month at the initial shall be Rs. 55,000/- (approx).
- B. Similarly, a Committee was constituted to review the wages of other casual employees like DEO, Office Assistant etc. whose wage was last reviewed in 2016. The Committee in similar lines of 'equal pay for equal work' has submitted recommendation in tune with DoPT office memorandum no.49014/5/2019/Estt(c), dated 13-02-2020. The recommendation of the Committee was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item (and DoPT guidelines was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item) for approval. Total financial involvement per month at the initial shall be Rs. 5.5/- lakh(approx).

The matter is placed before the Finance Committee for perusal and for recommendation to the Executive Council of the University for approval.

Resolution: The members discussed the agenda item in detail and after threadbare discussion the Finance Committee resolved that the proposal may be sent to UGC with detailed justification for consideration and concurrence of the proposal.

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Item No. FC: 61/11: Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension Scheme) Rules, 2021 - Seeking options in the prescribed Form I & II under the Rule 10 of CCS (Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021.

In persuasion of the Gazette of India published on 30th March 2021 and OM of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide F.No. I-34014/01/2020-Ad.II dated 31st May 2021 (copy was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item), all officers/officials covered under NPS are to exercise an option in Form I for availing benefits under NPS or under the CCS Rules 1972 or the CCS (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 1939 in case of his death or discharge on invalidation or disability of Government servant/subscriber during service. Employees who are already in Government service and are covered by the NPS shall also exercise such option as soon as possible after the notification of these rules. They also need to furnish details of family in Form 2 to Head of Office along with Form I.

The matter is placed for perusal and recommendation of the Finance Committee for adoption of the same by the Executive Council of the University.

Resolution: The agenda item has not been recommended.

Item No. FC: 61/12: Review of details of the pending C&AG Transaction Audit Paras and the Action Taken to settle/liquidate the pending Paras.

Indian Audit & Accounts Department has sent Inspection Report on the accounts of the University for the period from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020 vide Memo No. OAD/BO-GHY/UC-44/2020-21/10/35, dtd. 01.02.2021 which was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item.

On receipt of the Inspection Report, University has prepared the reply with proper justifications and furnished the reply to the Indian Audit & Accounts Department vide letter No. AUF/715/2019-20/198, dtd. 04.06.2021 which was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item).

Submitted for perusal and information of the members of the Finance Committee.

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India vide letter F. No. 13-110/220-CU-Cdn, dated 22nd December 2020 communicated a Note dated 17.12.2020 of Secretary (Higher Education),

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Ministry of Education with a direction to include complete details and status of audit paras as Standing Agenda items in every meeting of the Finance Committee.

The pending Audit Paras upto 2018-19 are furnished for kind information of the members.

Financial Year	No. of O/S Paras year-wise	No. of Paras dropped/deleted/settled	No. of O/S Paras as on 11.06.2021	Remarks
2012-13	01	0	01	The compliances to the outstanding Audit paras upto 11.06.2021 have been prepared on the basis of the resolutions taken in the meeting of the Standing Audit Committee of the University held from time to time.
2013-14	02	01	01	
2014-15	01	0	01	
2015-16	19	08	11	
2016-17	04	0	04	
2017-18	20	10	10	
2018-19	14	01	13	
Total			41	

The details of the Transaction Audit Paras up to the financial year 2018-19 with up-to-date Action Taken (with small description of the Audit Paras) to settle/liquidate the pending paras were placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item for review by the members of the Finance Committee.

Resolution: The Finance Officer briefed before the Finance Committee the reply furnished to the Indian Audit & Accounts Department on the Inspection Report on the accounts of the University for the period from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020 and the members perused and noted the same.

The Finance Officer also clarified the details of the Transaction Audit Paras up to the financial year 2018-19 along with a Status Report showing the up-to-date Action Taken.

The members discussed the C&AG Inspection Audit Paras up to the financial year 2019-20 and the compliances of the University in the light of relevant provisions of GFRs, 2017 and related Govt. of India instructions and resolved/suggested

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the following:

- (i) The University should comply with the suggestions/instructions of the Audit and efforts should be made to settle/drop the Audit Paras on priority basis.
- (ii) The compliances to the Outstanding Audit Paras may be taken up with the C&AG for early settlement/liquidation of the same.
- (iii) The constituted Standing Audit Committee (SAC) should review all pending Audit Paras and settle the Audit Paras urgently in a time bound manner.

Moreover, the members specifically discussed and pointed out the following pending audit paras:

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1.	2016-17	Part II B/2	Providing of undue benefit of Rs. 1.07 Crore to Contractors.
2.	2019-20	Part II B, Para 2.10	Irregular Grant of Senior Scale to Shri Debashish Chakraborty, Dy. Registrar.
3.	2019-20	Part II B, Para 2.11	Irregular Promotion under CAS to direct recruit Professor.
4.	2019-20	Part II B, Para 2.12	Appointments made by past employers without mandatory qualification(NET/SLET)

After threadbare discussion on the above mentioned audit paras, the Finance Committee instructed the University to take necessary steps to settle/liquidate the paras at the earliest.

Item No. FC: 61/13: Details of Public Grievances pending in the University.

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India vide letter F. No. 13-110/220-CU-Cdn, dated 22nd December 2020 communicated a Note dated 17.12.2020 of Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education with a direction to include Public Grievances pending in the

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Institutes as Standing Agenda items in every meeting of the Finance Committee.

In this regard, this is for information of all members of the Finance Committee that there are NO Public Grievances pending in the University.

Resolution: The Finance Committee noted the same.

Item No. FC: 61/14: Details of Parliamentary Assurances pending in the University.

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India vide letter F. No. 13-110/220-CU-Cdn, dated 22nd December 2020 communicated a Note dated 17.12.2020 of Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education with a direction to include Parliamentary Assurances pending in the Institutes as Standing Agenda items in every meeting of the Finance Committee.

In this regard, this is for information of all members of the Finance Committee that there are NO Parliamentary Assurances pending in the University.

Resolution: The Finance Committee noted the same.

Item No. FC: 61/15: Utilization of Funds - An overview of the financial position of the University up to 31st March 2021 and unspent balance as on 1st April 2021 and up to 31st May, 2021 and unspent balance as on 1st June 2021.

The Utilization of Funds head-wise showing an overview of the financial position of the University up to 31st March 2021 and unspent balances as on 1st April 2021 and Utilization of Funds up to 31st May 2021 and unspent balances as on 1st June 2021 were prepared based on the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2020-21 and the same have been placed in the meeting for perusal of the members.

The Utilization of Funds under EWS sanctioned for the financial year 2019-20 vide sanction No. F.18-16/2019 (CU), dated 21st October 2019 under Salary head and No. F.18-17/2019 (CU), dated 21st October 2019 under Recurring head upto 31st May, 2021 was prepared based on the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2020-21 and the same has been placed in the meeting for perusal of the members.

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Resolution: The Finance Committee perused & noted the Utilization of Funds head-wise showing an overview of the financial position of the University up to 31st March 2021 and unspent balances as on 1st April 2021 and Utilization of Funds up to 31st May 2021 and unspent balances as on 1st June 2021 and the Utilization of Funds under EWS sanctioned for the financial year 2019-20 under Salary head and Recurring head upto 31st May, 2021 subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission and UGC instructions thereof.

Item No. FC: 61/16: Review of progress of the ongoing construction activities of the University.

UGC in the letter F. No. 1-1/2012 (CU), dated 25th August 2015 intimated that a separate agenda item on progress of Building Projects in the prescribed format of the UGC should be placed in the meeting of Finance Committee for necessary review of the overall progress of the developmental activities in the University.

The statement of progress of ongoing Building Projects was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item for necessary review.

Resolution: Progress of the ongoing construction projects of the University has been reviewed by the members. It was reported in the meeting that the construction work of Pharmaceutical Science building (One Time Special Grant 2017-18) has started recently and is unlikely to be completed within the extended period permitted upto 30.09.2021 communicated vide UGC D.O. letter No. F.1-3/2019 (CU), dated 10 October 2019. The University was asked to approach UGC for time extension in this regard with necessary justification.

Item No. FC: 61/17: Progress of infrastructure project funded through HEFA.

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Department of Higher Education, CU Bureau vide letter F. No. 4-7/2020-CU.VII, dtd. 11.09.2020 forwarded a copy of the minutes of the meeting (through video conference) under the chairmanship of JS (CU & IISER) on 27.08.2020 to review the progress/issues of HEFA funded infrastructure project of 6 Central Universities (CUs) including Assam University.

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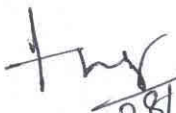
In the said minutes, it has been directed by the Chairman that, Progress of infrastructure project funded through HEFA should be an Agenda point of every Finance Committee meeting.

In view of above, the Status of proposals funded through HEFA in respect of Assam University was placed in the meeting as an Annexure to the agenda item for perusal and necessary review.

Resolution: Progress of infrastructure project funded through HEFA was reviewed in the meeting and the members noted the same.

The University reported in the meeting that the progress of work of Construction of 100 bedded Boys Hostel including furniture at Assam University Diphu Campus has been delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, the members advised that the University should approach HEFA with necessary justification for time extension of the project.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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