

**Minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee of Assam University  
held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 11.00 AM at DELNET Guest House, New Delhi  
in Blended Mode (Physical and Video Conferencing)**

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant<br>Vice-Chancellor,<br>Assam University, Silchar   | - Chairman             |
| 2. Prof. Sivasish Biswas<br>Pro Vice-Chancellor (i/c)<br>Assam University Diphu Campus  | - Member               |
| 3. Mr. Mrutyunjay Behera<br>Economic Advisor (CU&Admn)<br>Department of Higher Education<br>Ministry of Education, New Delhi<br>(Visitor's Nominee) | - Member               |
| 4. Mr. V. Talreja<br>Under Secretary, UGC, New Delhi<br>[Nominee of Joint Secretary (CU), UGC, (Visitor's Nominee)]                                 | - Member               |
| 5. Prof. Asoke K. Sen<br>Professor, Dept. of Physics<br>Assam University, Silchar (EC nominee)  | - Member               |
| 6. Dr. P.K. Nath<br>Registrar<br>Assam University, Silchar  | - Permanent Invitee    |
| 7. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar<br>Finance Officer (i/c)<br>Assam University, Silchar   | - Ex-officio Secretary |

The following Members have attended the meeting through Video Conferencing

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| 8. Mohammed Rizwan<br>Director, (IFD)<br>Ministry of Education, New Delhi<br>[Nominee of Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser,<br>Ministry of Education, GoI (Visitor's Nominee)] | - Member |
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9. Prof. N.K. Shukla

-Member

Registrar, University of Allahabad (EC nominee)

10. Mr. Bishnu Chakraborty

-Member

Guwahati, Assam (EC nominee)

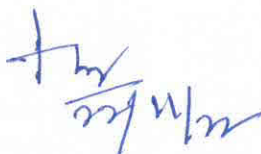
The comments of CU Bureau, Ministry of Education, Dept. of Higher Education, GoI on the agenda items have been received through e-mail dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022; the comments received from the Under Secretary, Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Education, Dept. of Higher Education with the approval of AS & FA, Ministry of Education, GoI vide letter F. No. 9-9/2017-IFD, dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and the comments received from the Under Secretary, UGC vide letter No.F.18-6/2019(CU)Vol.I, dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 with the approval of Joint Secretary (CU), UGC were presented by the Finance Officer (i/c) & Secretary, Finance Committee, Assam University before the Finance Committee and the members noted the comments & which were 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:65/01: Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Vice-Chancellor, Assam University.**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Mrutyunjay Behera, Economic Advisor (CU&Admn), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, New Delhi, (Visitor's Nominee)]; Mohammed Rizwan, Director, (IFD), Ministry of Education, New Delhi, [Nominee of Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser, Ministry of Education, GoI (Visitor's Nominee)]; Mr. V. Talreja, Under Secretary, UGC, New Delhi [ Nominee of Joint Secretary (CU), UGC (Visitor's Nominee)] and all the members for attending the meeting.

The Chairman introduced Prof. Asoke K Sen, Professor, Department of Physics, Assam University, Silchar (EC nominee) to all the members as Prof. Sen in his capacity as Member FC attended 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 also expressed his gratitude to all the members for attending the meeting.

The Chairman then requested the Secretary, Finance Committee to initiate the proceedings as per the agenda items.

**Item No. FC:65/02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

The copy of the Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 was placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item which was circulated to all the members through e-mail dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

University has not received any comments from any of the 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 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were confirmed.**

**Item No. FC:65/03: Action Taken Report of the 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

Action Taken Report on the 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 was placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item for information and necessary review.

**Resolution: The Action Taken Report of the 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were perused and noted by the members of the Finance Committee 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 Director, IFD, MoE asked for clarification on some outstanding Audit Paras pertaining to service matters and idling of equipment in the meeting. These were discussed in the meeting and the present position was explained by the Registrar, Assam University for information of all the members.

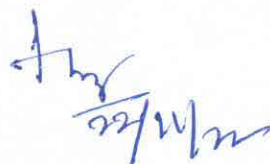
Item No. FC:65/04: Recommendation for approval of compliances of the Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2021-22.

The Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2021-22 in a separate folder and Management Letter and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) along with Annexure on the Audited Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2021-22 received from office of the Director General of Audit, Central, Kolkata vide No. OA-II(AB)/AR/2021-22/AU/461, dtd. 11.10.2022 was placed in the meeting as annexure to the agenda item for recommendation to the Executive Council of the University for consideration and adoption.

The compliance/reply to the Management Letter and Separate Audit Report (SAR) of the C&AG on the Accounts of the Assam University for the year 2021-22 has been sent by the University to the office of the Director General of Audit, Central, Kolkata vide letter No. AUF/716/2021-22/779, dtd. 17.10.2022 which was placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item for approval.

**Resolution:** The members perused the Separate Audit Report (SAR) along with Annexure of the C&AG for the financial year 2021-22 in detail and recommended to the Executive Council of the University for consideration and adoption of the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2021-22 & Audit Report of C&AG for the financial year 2021-22.

Further, the Finance Committee recommended the compliances of the Management Letter and Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2021-22 to the Executive Council of the University for approval.





**Item No. FC:65/05: Recommendation for approval of the Revised Budget Estimates for the financial year 2022-23 under the head Salary and Recurring of Assam University.**

The Revised Budget Estimates for the financial year 2022-23 under the head Salary and Recurring of the University in the UGC prescribed format as communicated by the UGC vide F.1-6/2022(CU) dated 07.11.2022. The same will be submitted to UGC a copy of which was placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item for information and recommendation to the Executive Council of the University for approval.

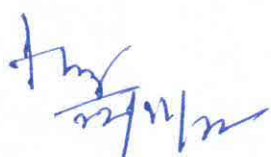
**Resolution:** The Revised Budget Estimates for the financial year 2022-23 under the head Salary and Recurring of Assam University which was sent to UGC vide letter No.AUF/AC/918/2022-23/871,dtd.14.11.2022 have been recommended to the Executive Council of the University for approval subject to the condition that the estimates are as per guidelines of preparation and submission of RE and BE and are based on a realistic assessment of requirement of funds for the University and also subject to availability of funds from the Govt. of India.

**Item No. FC:65/06: Utilization of Funds - An overview of the financial position of the University up to 31.10.2022 and unspent balance as on 01.11.2022.**

The Utilization of Funds head-wise showing an overview of the financial position of the University up to 31.10.2022 and unspent balances as on 01.11.2022 were placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item for perusal of the Committee.

**Resolution:** The Finance Committee perused & noted the Utilization of Funds head-wise showing an overview of the financial position of the University up to up to 31.10.2022 and unspent balance as on 01.11.2022 subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University, relevant provisions of GFRs 2017 and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission.

The members from the MoE and UGC insisted that the University should take adequate steps for utilization of funds under Capital Assets (OH-35) before the close of the current Financial Year.



**Item No. FC:65/07: Status of filling up of backlog vacancies.**

UGC in their letter vide No. F. 1-11/2021 (SCT), dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 intimated to include an agenda item in every Finance Committee meeting of the University giving the status of filling up of backlog vacancies.

The statement giving the report about the action taken and progress made in this regard was placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item for necessary review.

**Resolution:** The members noted the Status of filling up of backlog vacancies and directed the University to take necessary steps to fill up the backlog vacancies after due observance of reservation act and as per the Recruitment Rules at the earliest.

**Item No. FC:65/08: Details of Public Grievances pending in the University.**

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India vide letter F. No. 13-110/220-CU-Cdn, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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:65/09: Details of Parliamentary Assurances pending in the University.**

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India vide letter F. No. 13-110/220-CU-Cdn, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:65/10: Review of details of the pending C&AG Transaction Audit Paras and the Action Taken to settle/liquidate the pending Paras.**

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India vide letter F. No. 13-110/220-CU-Cdn, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 communicated a Note dated 17.12.2020 of Secretary (Higher Education), 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 status of upto date pending Audit Paras are furnished for kind information of the members.

Financial Year	No. of Audit Paras year-wise	No. of Paras dropped/deleted/settled	No. of O/S Paras as on 12.07.2022	Remarks
2012-13	01	00	01	The status of the Outstanding audit Paras has been prepared on as is basis and was placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item for information of the members. The compliances of these outstanding audit paras have been furnished to Audit during Exit Meeting held on 21.09.2022. However, the Inspection Report for the Year 2021-22 received from office of the CAG vide MemoNo.OAD/BO-GHY/UC-45/AB/2022-23/20/199, dtd 19.10.2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) did not reflect the revised status of Outstanding Paras of Previous Years. The matter has been communicated to the Office of the CAG vide e-mail dated 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2022. On receipt of the latest position of outstanding paras from CAG, compliances/reply will be submitted and subsequently placed before the Finance Committee for kind perusal. It is also informed that the Inspection Report for 2021-22 contains 16(sixteen) nos of outstanding Audit Paras pertaining to FY 2021-22.
2013-14	02	01	01	
2014-15	01	00	01	
2015-16	19	14	05	
2016-17	04	02	02	
2017-18	20	10	10	
2018-19	14	02	12	
2019-20	13	05	08	
2020-21	14	00	14	
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>54</b>	
	Less: proposed for deletion of outstanding paras by CAG Audit team		<b>16</b>	
	Less: reply of outstanding paras under review by CAG office.		<b>06</b>	
Probable Audit Paras outstanding pertaining to previous years as on 09.11.2022 *			<b>32</b>	
* subject to receipt of list of outstanding audit paras from CAG				

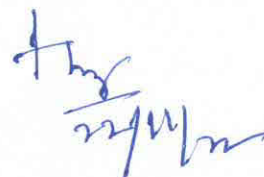
Submitted for perusal and information of the members.



**Resolution:** The Finance Officer informed the members that a considerable number of Audit Paras have been dropped since compliances to several Audit Paras have been done before sending the reply. It has also been informed in the meeting that the latest position of outstanding paras from CAG was received recently and the compliances/reply of the Inspection Report for the year 2021-22 will be submitted to the office of the CAG at the earliest. Subsequently the same will be placed before the next Finance Committee for perusal and information.

**Item No. FC:65/11: Joining time pay of Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant.**

In pursuance of appointment letter No. F.No. 9-6/2021.CU.I, dtd. 14/01/2022 issued by Deptt. of Higher Education, Govt. of India, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant reported for joining to Assam University, Silchar as Vice Chancellor on 24/01/2022 (A/N) and assumed the charge of Vice Chancellor w.e.f. 25/01/2022 (F/N) (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). He was released from his former organization NERIST w.e.f. 21/01/2022 (A/N) to 20/01/2024 by granting 2 years EOL to enable him to join the new assignment as Vice Chancellor in the Assam University, Silchar (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). Hence, there is three days gap between the release from NERIST and joining in Assam University, Silchar. Accordingly, a letter was sent to Registrar (i/c) NERIST vide No. 103/01/2022- Estt/ 561-63, dtd. 02/02/2022 requesting to grant Prof. Pant appropriate kind of leave as joining time for three days w.e.f. 22/01/2022 to 24/01/2022 from their end as per DoPT O.M. No. 19011/03/2013-Estt.(AL), dtd. 17/11/2014 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). A reminder letter was sent to Registrar (i/c), NERIST with the same request vide No. 103/01/2022-Estt./dtd. 24/05/2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). Section Officer (Estt.) of NERIST wrote a letter to Under Secretary (T.S - VIII), DHE, GOI with a copy to Registrar, Assam University, Silchar vide No. EST-666/5/97/Vol - III/7767, dtd. 14/06/2022 seeking specific direction expeditiously on the issue of granting joining time to Prof. Pant w.e.f. 21/01/2022 to 23/01/2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). Further response in this regard from NERIST is yet to receive. In the DoPT office memorandum referred to above, it is written in Sl. No. 6 that "The sanction of the admissible joining time shall be accorded by the competent authority exercising administrative control over the Government servant proceeding on transfer. However the joining time pay shall be paid for by the new administrative authority where such Government servant joins on transfer". Accordingly, Assam University, Silchar may pay





the joining time to Prof. Pant provided the regularization by granting joining time to Prof. Pant by NERIST.

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

**Resolution:** The matter was discussed in detail in the meeting and the members suggested that the matter may be forwarded to the Ministry for taking it up with the NERIST for grant of joining time leave as per established rule.

**Item No. FC:65/12: Combined service benefits in respect of Prof. Nagendra Pandey.**

Dr. Nagendra Pandey had joined Assam University to the post of Professor in the Department of Earth Science of Assam University on 20.01.2010. His application was duly forwarded by his past employer i.e. Nagaland University. Consequent upon his technical resignation from Nagaland University, his past service benefits had been transferred to Assam University as detailed below.

1. Retirement gratuity	= Rs. 9,50,460/-
2. EL encashment	= <u>Rs. 6,78,523/-</u>
	= Rs. 16,28,983/-
3. Pro-rata pension	= Rs. 22,33,413/-
4. HPL encashment	= <u>Rs. 56,764/-</u>
	= Rs. 22,90,177/-
5. Final payment of GPF	= Rs. 2,47,117/-

In accordance with the provision contained in OM issued by the Dept. of Personnel & AR, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide No. 28-10/84-Pension Unit, dtd. 29.08.1984 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) and consequent upon the transfer of Pension Liabilities, Terminal Gratuity and other service records/benefits in respect of Prof. Pandey from Nagaland University, the past service rendered to Nagaland University by Prof. Pandey w.e.f. 16.12.1985 to 19.01.2010 i.e. for 24 years 1 month 2 days was counted in Assam University and accordingly an order was issued vide No. 103/371/2010/2513-17, dtd. 21.09.2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). The combined pensionary benefits have been given to Prof. Pandey at the time of his retirement on 30.09.2022.

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The matter is placed before the Finance Committee for perusal and consideration.

**Resolution: The members noted the same.**


**Item No. FC:65/13: Consideration for allowing Prof. Sumanash Dutta in GPF-cum-Pension Scheme.**

In accordance with the provision contained in OM issued by the Dept of Personnel & AR, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide No. 28-10/84-Pension Unit, dated 29/8/1984 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) and consequent upon the transfer of service records/benefits in respect of Prof Sumanash Dutta from Tripura University, the matter regarding grant of combined pensionary benefit by incorporating Prof Sumanash Dutta into GPF cum Pension Scheme was placed in the 143rd meeting of the Executive Council of the University. The 143rd meeting of the Executive Council vide resolution no. EC:143:06-21:23 dated 29 June 2021 resolved to admit Prof Dutta into GPF cum pension scheme subject to compliance of all statutory requirement including verification of calculation sheet received from his former employer.

As per the resolution of the 143rd meeting of Executive Council an administrative scrutiny of the matter by a 3-member committee was held. The Committee recommended for incorporation in GPF cum Pension Scheme of Assam University.

As per the resolution of the 143rd meeting of the Executive Council, the matter was examined in detail to ensure compliance of all statutory requirements. It was observed that:

- i) Prof Sumanash Dutta joined Assam University on 19.10.2004. Prior to joining Assam University, Prof Dutta served in Tripura Engineering College and Tripura University from 11.04.1984 to 09.09.2002 and 10.09.2002 to 18.10.2004 respectively.
- ii) On joining Assam University, Prof Dutta applied for transfer of past service benefits. Accordingly, his pro-rata pension (Rs.8,51,366.80 vide voucher no.963 dated 27/1/2021), GPF balance (Rs.2,07,758.00 vide voucher no. 48 dated 12/4/2021), Earned Leave encashment & gratuity (Rs.1,70,355.00 + Rs. 57,062.00 = Rs.2,27,393.40(vide voucher no.963 dated 27/1/2021) were transferred to Assam University in 2021 for incorporation into GPF cum pension scheme.
- iii) The calculation of pro-rata gratuity and cash equivalent to leave salary (CELS) received from Tripura University reveal that the element of DA has not been included while calculating pro-rata gratuity and CELS. The reason of non-inclusion





of DA component has been clarified by Registrar i/c, Tripura University (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item).


- iv) Further, it was observed that Prof Sumanash Dutta didn't subscribe for PRAN (under NPS) for which the deduction made from his salary toward NPS subscription since the time of his joining in Assam University were maintained in a separate account of the University which earned interest at a lesser rate than GPF.

Accordingly, the matter has been processed by the University for incorporation in GPF cum pension scheme subject to the following conditions.

1. The deduction made from his salary towards NPS subscription retained in University bank account for non opening of NPS account since the time of his joining Assam University shall be credited to his GPF account in Assam University along with actual bank interest earned thereon. No interest at GPF rate shall be provided for this amount.
2. The leave encashment of 103 days earned leave amounting to Rs.57,062/- received from Tripura University will be provided with interest accrued from the date of receipt of the amount by this University at the time of retirement. Rest leave encashment upto maximum of 197 (300-103=197) days will be calculated as admissible under the rules.
3. He will be admitted into the GPF scheme of Assam University, Silchar from the date of submission of duly filled in GPF account application form.
4. His past service pensionary benefits received from Tripura University in the form of pro-rata pension, pro-rata gratuity and cash equivalent of leave salary shall be deposited to Assam University accounts and his GPF amount received from Tripura University shall be deposited to the GPF account of Prof Dutta in Assam University consequent upon allotment of GPF account number and interest of the GPF amount retained in Assam University will be paid on actual basis. However, Assam University will provide interest on GPF amount of Prof Dutta w.e.f. the date of his admission into the GPF scheme of Assam University as paid to other GPF account holders.

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

**Resolution:** The matter was discussed in detail in the meeting in the light of existing UGC guidelines and GoI rules. The Under Secretary, UGC was of the opinion that the matter may be referred to UGC and MoE for further directions





in this regard. The Chairman, Finance Committee expressed that the matter should be resolved immediately preferably within January 2023 as Prof. Sumanash Dutta is due for retirement on February 2023.

**Item No. FC:65/14: Matter related to conversion from CPF to GPF and the financial implications thereon in the light of the judgment of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.**

An order has been issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court against SLP (Civil) Diary Nos. 17724/2021 vide order dated 1st August 2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) in which it has been mentioned that proceedings seeking enforcement of judgment under challenge are presently pending before the High Court, those proceedings may now be taken to logical conclusion.

The Hon'ble High Court has already vide order dated 30/5/2018 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) in WP (C) 7481/2017 has directed the University "to execute the switch over of the CPF of the petitioners in WP (c) No.7485/2017 and the husbands of the petitioners of WP (c) No.7481/2017 to GPF cum Pension scheme within a period of 4 weeks ....". Subsequently, there was a contempt case for non-compliance of the said order of the Hon'ble Court vide Cont. Cas (c)/230/2019 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). The Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 15.9.2021 in Cont. Cas (c)/230/2019 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) directed that it is between Assam University, UGC and MHRD to arrange finance amongst themselves. The order of the Hon'ble High Court was conveyed to the Chairman, UGC vide letter no. F.3-2/VCS/2021/2118 dated 3.8.2021 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) and no. F.3-2/VCS/2021/2658 dated 20.9.2021 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) and Ministry of Education by Vice Chancellor, Assam University vide letter no. F.3-2/VCS/2021/2659 dated 20/9/2021 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) for providing necessary fund for compliance of the order of the Hon'ble High Court. The Ministry filed a Special Leave Petition to Supreme Court in this regard whose judgment has been announced recently vide order dated 1.8.2022 as referred to above.

A joint representation on behalf of all the petitioners (who filed cases in the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court for conversion from CPF to GPF) vide dated 2/9/2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) has been received from Shri Dalbahadur Rai (retired Asstt Registrar), Shri P R Ramesh, STA (Dept of Chemistry), Prof Geetika





Bagchi (Dept of Education), Smt Debjani Debnath (w/o Late Dr P Debnath), Dr S B Paul (retired Professor, Dept of Chemistry) and Prof Bhagirathi Biswas (Dept of Sanskrit) requesting to comply the order dated 30.05.2018, passed in WP (C) No. 7481/2017 as well as WP (C) No. 7485/2017. After receiving the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court vide dated 1/8/2022 a letter vide dated 25/8/2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) has been sent to Ms Darshana M. Dabral, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, Dept of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, New Delhi to release an amount of Rs.6,94,86,397/- for payment of arrear pension to 10 retired employees/nominees of the deceased employees. The reply from the Ministry is still awaited.

The item is placed before the Finance Committee for perusal and further direction in this regard.

**Resolution:** The Registrar, Assam University highlighted the present position of the CPF to GPF conversion cases with respect to the judgement of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India along with the financial implications for implementing the directives of the Court. The Economic Advisor (CU&Admn), Ministry of Education informed that the matter is under active consideration of the MoE.

**Item No. FC:65/15:** Revision of wages of Casual/Contractual employees of the University.

In accordance with the resolution of the 61<sup>st</sup> Finance Committee of Assam University vide No.FC:61/10 in its meeting held on 11-01-2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item), a letter was sent to UGC vide No.102/05/2020-Pers, dated 30-09-2021 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item) seeking approval for payment of wages/remuneration to 111 numbers of casual/contractual employees of Assam University, Silchar campus and 23 numbers of casual/contractual employees of Assam University, Diphu campus on the basis of equal pay for equal work as per the DoPT Office Memorandum No. 49014/1/2017/Estt(c)pt, dated 04-09-2019 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). Reminder letters in this regard were also sent to UGC vide No. 102/05/2020-Pers/596-8, dated 08-02-2022 and No. 102/05/2020-Pers/836-38, dated 24-02-2022 (copy placed in the meeting as an annexure to the agenda item). But no response from UGC is received till date.

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The matter is placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and necessary recommendation to the Executive Council.

**Resolution:** The agenda item has been discussed in the meeting and it has been resolved that the wages of Casual/contractual employees of the University may be regulated as notified by the concerned State Government.

**Item No. FC:65/16:** Recommendation for approval of the Minutes of the 104<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The minutes of the 104<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 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 minutes of the 104<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was discussed in the meeting and recommended to the Executive Council of the University for approval subject to strict compliance of the Govt. of India instructions and guidelines those issued by the CVC for undertaking the construction projects.

Further, the members felt that appropriate clause may be incorporated in the MoU and Administrative Approval to safeguard the interest of the University for delayed execution/completion of projects. The members also directed that the University should take steps for avoiding time and cost overruns for building/construction projects.

Regarding the infrastructure development project at Assam University Diphu Campus amounting to Rs. 132.90 crore, the Finance Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Building Committee for exploring funds from Ministry of Education and Ministry of DoNER as the area falls under the Sixth Schedule.





**Item No. FC:65/17: 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 and noted the same.**

**Item No. FC:65/18: 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.

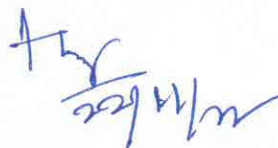
In the said minutes, it has been directed by the Chairman that, Progress of infrastructure project funded through HEFA should be an Agenda point of every Finance Committee meeting.

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 in the light of relevant provisions of GFRs, 2017 and related Government of India instructions and the members noted the same.**

**Item No. FC:65/19: Progress of infrastructure project funded under 12th Plan period/Annual Plan (2017-18).**

Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Department of Higher Education, CU Bureau vide letter F. No. 4-12/2020-CU.VII, dtd. 31.08.2021 forwarded a copy of the minutes of the meeting (through video conference) held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary



(CU) on 20.08.2021 to review the progress of infrastructure project of Central Universities (CUs) funded under 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period and Annual allocation 2017-18.

In the said minutes, it has been directed by the Chairman that, progress of infrastructure project funded under 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period/Annual Plan (2017-18), should be an Agenda point of every Finance Committee meeting till the completion of the Projects.


In view of above, the progress of infrastructure project funded under 12<sup>th</sup> plan period/Annual Plan (2017-18) 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 under 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period/Annual Plan (2017-18) was reviewed in the meeting and the members noted the same.

It has been also reported in the meeting that communications are being made with UGC for approval of extension of validity for utilization of fund for Construction of Pharmaceutical Science Department Building at Assam University, Silchar which is due for completion in December 2022 but is being presently held up as further funds could not be released for lack of extension order from UGC.

The members suggested the University to pursue the matter with UGC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

  
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