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### MINUTES OF 26<sup>TH</sup> FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13.02.2020 AT 12:00 NOON AT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

The 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 13.02.2020 at 12:00 Noon at Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala. The Following are the Members of Finance Committee:-

1.	Prof. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2.	Prof. H.R. Sharma Pro Vice Chancellor	Member
3.	Sh. Rakesh Sharma Nominee of University Court	Member
4.	Prof. S.K. Garg, Nominee of Executive Council	Member
5.	Shri Rai Singh Thakur, Nominee of Executive Council	Member
6.	Dr. Hari Singh Nominee of Executive Council	Member
7.	Joint Secretary (CU), UGC Nominee of the Visitor	Member
8.	Joint Secretary (CU&L), MHRD Nominee of the Visitor	Member
9.	Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor, MHRD Nominee of the Visitor	Member
10.	Sh. Narinder Kumar Finance Officer	Secretary

The Joint Secretary (CU&L), MHRD, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor and the Joint Secretary (CU) UGC, could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and unavoidable reasons. These members were granted leave of absence.

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the Members especially the newly nominated Members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to make it convenient to attend the meeting. Also express the thanks for outgoing Members for their extraordinary co-operation/support extended to transact the official business of Finance Committee. Thereafter, Vice Chancellor invited



Sh. Narinder Kumar, Finance Officer – cum – Secretary to take up the agenda items. The Finance Officer before taking up the agenda items for discussion brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee, the observations/comments on the agenda items received from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Higher Education & Section Officer (IFD), Department of Higher Education, MHRD vide email dated 11.02.2020.

The observations/comments received from the MHRD, IFD, noted for compliance in future.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up for discussion along with comments of the MHRD:-

**Item No. 26.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29.06.2019 (Annexure 26.1).**

The minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29.06.2019 are placed at Annexure 26.1A for the kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble Members.

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda **Item No. 26.1** received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "*Minutes of the last meeting may be discussed and decided subject to their compliance with Government of India rules, regulations etc.*"

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda **Item No. 26.1** received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "*Agenda item 24.14 has not been recommended and the position is re-iterated. Similarly, all proposals to create posts need to be forwarded to MHRD, through UGC, for obtaining prior approval of MHRD Powers to create do not vest with VC of the University.*"

2. "*Subject to above and 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 may be confirmed*".

**In pursuance to the comments received from the MHRD vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, the Consultant (Finance) has not been appointed by the University, However, the Finance Officer has been appointed by the University as advised. Further, The observations/comments received from the MHRD, IFD, noted for compliance in future.**

**The minutes of the 25th meeting of the Finance Committee were confirmed.**

**Item No. 26.2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.06.2019 (Annexure-26.2).**

The report about the action taken on the decisions of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.06.2019 is placed before the Committee as per Annexure- 26.2A for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble members.

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda **Item No. 26.2** received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "*May be discussed.*"



Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.2 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "Agenda item 24.14 has not been recommended and the position is re-iterated. Similarly, all proposals to create posts need to be forwarded to MHRD, through UGC, for obtaining prior approval of MHRD Powers to create do not vest with VC of the University."

2. "Subject to above and 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 may be confirmed".

**The observations/comments received from the MHRD, IFD, noted for compliance in future.**

**The action taken report on the decision of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee were noted and confirmed.**

**Item No.26.3: Action Taken Report about on the decisions of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29.06.2019 (Annexure-26.3).**

The report about the action taken on the decisions of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29.06.2019 is placed before the Committee as per Annexure- 26.3 for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble Members.

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.3 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be discussed."

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.3 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "Agenda item 24.14 has not been recommended and the position is re-iterated. Similarly, all proposals to create posts need to be forwarded to MHRD, through UGC, for obtaining prior approval of MHRD Powers to create do not vest with VC of the University."

2. "Subject to above and 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 may be confirmed".

**The observations/comments received from the MHRD, IFD, noted for compliance in future.**

**The action taken report on the decision of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee were noted and confirmed.**

**Item No.26.4: To place before the Finance Committee the status of Audit Paras as directed by the MHRD for reporting vide letter F. No. 9-2/2014-IFD dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017(Annexure-26.4).**

The details of the Audit Paras and reply of the University to settle/liquidate the pending paras are given as Annexure-26.4.

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.4 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May take immediate steps to settle the pending audit paras, if any."



**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda **Item No. 26.4** received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "In response to a large number of pending audit paras, it has been stated that the pending paras pertains to Registrar Office. This reply is unacceptable, as Registrar Office is a part of the University only. Also, it is not clear if any Standing Audit Committee (SAC) under the Chairmanship of VC has been constituted to review the settlement of pending audit paras. The SAC should comprise apart from VC; the Registrar, Finance Officer and other Deans/HoDs of Departments/ Units to whom the pending audit para pertains. Meeting of SAC should be held in every three months. It is emphasized here that in case of delay in furnishing information for settling the pending audit paras or in proven cases of gross irregularities resulting in audit paras; responsibility should be fixed on the concerned officials/persons of the University. In meeting of FC, a numerical abstract of pending audit paras (year-wise) should be given clearly indicating the progress of settlement of pending audit paras. The "Pending Audit Paras" may therefore, be discussed in the FC meeting and a concerted effort may be made to settle them, at the earliest".

**The Members took note of the Audit Paras and emphasized that the replies to the Audit Paras should be submitted to get these liquidated. Finance Officer informed that the Standing Audit Committee has been constituted and meeting of the SAC will be convened soon to settle the pending audit paras.**

**Item No.26.5: To place before the Finance Committee the progress of Expenditure as on 31.12.2019 (Annexure – 26.5).**

The University Grants Commission vide their letter No. 57-1/2009 (CU) dated 29.05.2012 has asked the University to place a separate agenda item in every Finance Committee meeting on the progress of expenditure.

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda **Item No. 26.5** received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be discussed."

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda **Item No. 26.5** received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be noted after discussion in the Finance Committee, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines."

**The Finance Committee noted the position with regard to progress of expenditure as on 31.12.2019 and ratified the same.**

**Item No.26.6: To place before the Finance Committee the letter received from UGC about Budget Estimates for the year 2019-20 under Salary and Recurring Head (Annexure – 26.6).**

As per letters received from UGC, the UGC approved Budget Estimates for the year 2019-20 is Rs. 747.97 Lakhs under Recurring Head after adjusting the unspent balance Rs.103.03 Lakhs as opening balance as on 1.4.2019 and Rs. One Crore withheld on account of corrective action on irregularities has not been taken by the university on report of Fact Finding Committee which was constituted by the UGC and Rs. 1497.06 Lakhs under Salary Head out of which less Rs. 0.00 Lakhs of opening balance as on 01.04.2019 in respect of this University on the basis of Budget Estimates 2019-20 submitted by the University.

The detail of the Revised Budget Estimates 2019-20 is as under:



(1) **Recurring Head:** As per Letter F.No.29-2/2019(CU) dated 19.09.2019 (Rs. In Lakhs):

S. No.	Head	B. E. Approved by UGC (2019-20)
1.	Pension for the year 2019-20 including Pensionary Benefits namely Contribution to Pension fund and New Pension Scheme	126.00
2.	Non-Salary Items for the year 2019-20*	700.00
3.	Non-NET Fellowships for the 2019-20	125.00
4.	<b>Total Expenditure for the year 2019-2020 (1+2+3)</b>	<b>951.00</b>
5.	Less: Opening Balance as on 1.4.2019	103.03
6.	Less: Amount withheld on account for irregularities done by the University i.e. University has not taken any action on the FFC report of the UGC.	100.00
7.	<b>UGC Share recommended in B. E. 2019-2020 (4-5-6)</b>	<b>747.97</b>

\* **Note:** This includes provision of an amount of Rs.42.40 lakhs for the scheme namely (i) Travel Grant, (ii) Conference/Seminars/Workshops/ Symposis/Short Term Training Programmes, (iii) Publication Grant, (iv) Visiting Professors/Visiting Fellows, (v) Day Care Centre, (vi) Basic Facilities for Women, (vii) Faculty Development Programme (FDP) and (viii) Establishment of career and Counseling Cell in Universities. The expenditure on each scheme may be incurred strictly as per XII Plan Guidelines of General Development Assistance of Scheme.

(2) **Salary Head:** As per Letter F. No. 29-1/2019(CU) dated 19.09.2019 (Rs. In Lakhs):

S. No.	Head	B. E. Approved by UGC (2019-20)
1.	Faculty Salary Expenditure for the year 2019-20	1100.00
2.	Non-Faculty Salary Expenditure for the year 2019-20	300.00
3.	Other Components for the Items namely Leave encashment, LTC, Children Education Allowance, Retirement Benefit and Medical Reimbursement	47.06
4.	<b>Total Expenditure for the year 2019-2020 (1+2+3)</b>	<b>1497.06</b>
5.	Less: Opening Balance as on 1.4.2019	0.00
6.	<b>UGC Share recommended in B.E. 2019-2020 (4-5-6)</b>	<b>1497.06</b>

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.6 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be discussed."

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.6 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be noted after discussion in the Finance Committee, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines."

**The Finance Committee noted the Grant released by the UGC and ratified the same.**



**Item No.26.7: To place before the Finance Committee the letter received from UGC about Budget Estimates for the year 2019-20 under Capital Assets (Annexure – 26.7).**

As per letter D.O. No. F.1-3/2019 (CU) dated 10.10.2019 received from UGC, the UGC the approved Annual Allocation under Capital Assets for the 2019-20 Rs. 300.00 Lakhs on the basis of the recommendation of the Committee constituted by the UGC to assess the financial requirement of various central universities. The said approval of the Annual Allocation under **Capital Assets** for the year 2019-20 is subject to release of funds by the MHRD in respect of Central University of Himachal Pradesh as per detail below:

Rs. In Lakh		
S. No.	Name of the Item	Annual Allocation for the year 2019-20 under Capital Assets approved by UGC
1	Campus Development	50.00
2	Books & Journals	100.00
3	Equipment/ laboratories	50.00
4	Other Infrastructure including Furniture & Fixture	100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>300.00</b>

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.7 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be discussed."

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.7 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be noted after discussion in the Finance Committee, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines."

**The Finance Committee noted the Grant released by the UGC and ratified the same.**

**Item No.26.8: To place before the Finance Committee the letter received from UGC about allocation of additional funds under EWS reservation in Central Educational Institutions for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 under Salary and Recurring Head (Annexure – 26.8).**

As per letter No. F.81-1/2019 (CU) dated 10.06.2019 received from UGC, the Govt. of India/ MHRD has allocated and additional amount of Rs. 2.62 Crore under the Object Head (OH)-31,35,36 (Recurring, Capital and Salary) to Central University of Himachal Pradesh for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 towards implementations of EWS reservation. The detail is as under:

			Rs. In Crore
OH-31 Recurring	OH-35 Capital	OH-36 Salary	Total
0.22	0.00	2.40	2.62

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.8 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be discussed."

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.8 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be noted after discussion in the Finance Committee, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines."



**The Finance Committee considered the Budget Allocation made by the UGC for EWS reservation for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 and ratified the same.**

**Item No.26.9: To place before the Finance Committee the letter received from the UGC about approval of Grants-in-Aid for Salary, Recurring and Capital components for the year 2019-20 (Annexure – 26.9A).**

As per letters received from UGC, the UGC has approved and released grants -in-aid under Salary(36), Recurring (31) and Capital Assets (35) components for the year 2019-20 upto December 2019 as per detail given below:-

Rs. In Lakh			
Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	Grant Sanctioned	Grant Released upto Dec.-2019
1.	Salary-36	1497.06	1372.80
2.	Recurring-31	747.97	694.12
3.	Capital-35	300.00	300.00

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.9 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote *“May be discussed.”*

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.9 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote *“May be noted after discussion in the Finance Committee, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines.”*

**The Finance Committee noted the Grant released by the UGC and ratified the same.**

**Item No.26.10: To place before the Finance Committee the letter received from the UGC about approval of Grants-in-Aid for Salary and Recurring Head for implementation of EWS reservation for the year 2019-20 (Annexure – 26.10A).**

As per letters received from UGC, the UGC has approved and released grants -in-aid under Salary(36) and Recurring (31) Head for implementation of EWS reservation for the year 2019-20, as per detail given below:-

Rs. In lakh			
Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	Grant Sanctioned	Grant Released upto Dec.2019
1.	Salary-36	240.00	76.00
2.	Recurring-31	22.00	7.00

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.10 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote *“May be discussed.”*

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.10 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote *“May be noted after discussion in the Finance Committee, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines.”*

**The Finance Committee noted the Grant released by the UGC and ratified the same.**



**Item No.26.11: To place before the Finance Committee Office Order regarding declaring Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for making purchases through GeM (Annexure- 26.11A).**

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has ordered/declared the Finance Officer as Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for making purchases through GeM vide Office vide office order No. 1-6/CUHP/GA/2010/Vol. XII/108-114 dated 07.01.2020 in supersession of earlier office order No. No. 3-11/CUHP/GA/2010 Vol. XII/3460-67 dated 26.10.2017.

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda **Item No. 26.11** received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "*May be discussed.*"

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda **Item No. 26.11** received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "*May be noted after discussion in the Finance Committee, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines.*"

**The Finance Committee perused the Office Order No. 1-6/CUHP/GA/2010/Vol. XII/108-114 dated 07.01.2020 and decided that the earlier decision taken by the Finance Committee vide Item No. 20.7 Meeting dated 29.12.2017 should prevail in order to maintain the financial proprietary. Hence, the Drawing & Disbursing Powers shall vest with the Registrar for GeM purchases. Therefore, the said Office Order is not ratified/approved.**

**ItemNo.26.12: To place before the Finance Committee Research Projects received by the University from different funding agencies after the last meeting of the Finance Committee.**

The Research Project as per following details have been sanctioned by the funding agencies after the last meeting of the Finance Committee. These Research Projects are being implemented in the University as per the guidelines of the funding agencies:-

Sr. No.	Title of Project	Funding Agency	Duration	Sanctioned Financial Outlay (Rs.)
1.	Research Project entitled "Glacier Dynamics and Associated Processes in Shishram Glacier, East Lidder Valley, Kashmir Hamalaya"(Dr. Anurag Linda)	Science and Engineering Research Board	36 months	39,06,484.00
2.	Research Project entitled "Analysis of Programmes and Policies for Development of Tribal Communities of Himachal Pradesh." (Dr. SatishGanjoo)	Tribal Development Department, Govt. of HP	02 Years	17,00,000.00
3.	Research Project entitled "Sankramanmeinlok-	Indian Council of Social Science	12	4,00,000.00



	sanskritikparampara-Bihar kelok-sanskritikaeksamajshastriyaAdhyann.” (Dr. GireeshGaurav)	Research	Months	
4.	Research Project entitled “Handicraft tourism a source of community Development” (Dr. Suman Sharma)	Indian Council of Social Science Research	24 Months	12,00,000.00
5.	Research Project entitled “Marketing strategies for organic products: An empirical study of producers and consumers” (Dr. ChamanLal)	Indian Council of Social Science Research	24 Months	10,90,000.00
6.	Research Project entitled “Analytical and Numerical Study of Black Holes in Strong Gravity Regime” (Dr. AyanChatterjee)	Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS-DAE)	03 Years	27,37,350.00

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.12 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote “May be discussed.”

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.12 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote “May be noted.”

**The Finance Committee noted the implementation of the research projects and desired that the Executive Council may also be apprised of.**

**ItemNo.26.13: To place before the Finance Committee proposal for the establishment of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair in the University.**

The UGC has sanctioned Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair in the University vide Letter No. F.84-2/2018 (Chair) dated 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018(Annexure-26.13)

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.13 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote “May be discussed.”

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.13 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote “As per the approved norms.”

**The Finance Committee noted the establishment of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair in the University and ratified the same.**

**ItemNo.26.14: To place before the Finance Committee Creation of Teaching positions:-**

The following teaching positions have been created in the University with the approval of the University Grants Commission vide letter Nos. F. No. 1-1/2013 (CU) Vol-XVII dated



06<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and Letter No. F. No. 1-1/2013 (CU) Vol-XVIII dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 (Annexure-26.14):-

Sr. No.	Name of Department (s)	Teaching positions approved by UGC			
		Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Total
	<b>New Departments</b>				
1.	Department of Yoga	1	2	4	7
2.	Department of Sanskrit	0	0	3	3
3.	Centre for Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Studies	1	2	4	7
4.	Centre for Kashmir Studies	1	1	2	4
5.	Department of Punjabi & Dogri	1	1	2	4
	<b>Total (New Departments)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.14 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be discussed."

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.14 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "The proposal for creation of posts needs Prior approval of MHRD. This is mandatory."

The teaching positions have been approved by the UGC, New Delhi vide letter Nos. F. No. 1-1/2013 (CU) Vol-XVII dated 06th March, 2019 and Letter No. F. No. 1-1/2013 (CU) Vol-XVIII dated 14th November, 2019. The members also perused the comments of MHRD and decided that the factual position with regard to approval of MHRD for creation of posts may be ascertained with reference to record by the Registrar, CUHP and compliance be reported.

**Item No.26.15:** To place before the Finance Committee to withdraw the enhanced Traveling Allowance which were approved vide ITEM No. 24.13 of Finance Committee meeting was held on 04.06.2019.

The rates of sitting fee and travelling allowance increased by the Finance Committee in its 24<sup>th</sup> meeting on 04.06.2019 in consonance with UGC Office Memorandum No. F.No. 21-1/2015(FD-1/B) dated 08.01.2018 to be adopted in Toto as applicable the rates of sitting fee and travelling allowance (TA) in UGC. The matter was approved by the Finance Committee and recommend by the Executive Council of the University.

The CAG audit party audited the accounts of the university for financial year 2018-19 from 10.07.2019 to 01.08.2019 and pointed out in **PARA 17-A** that Guidelines / rules framed for Road Mileage Allowance in Contravention of the TA Rules framed by Govt. of India. The DOE, clearly prescribed that road mileage allowance for journey performed by the road at places where specific rates have been prescribed by the concerned state or neighbouring state will be paid as per such rate. The UGC and CUHP both ignored the said provisions of the TA rule of DOE, Govt. of India. The above TA Guideline / rule made by the university, when implemented, would result in overpayment of travelling allowances and loss to Govt. exchequer.



Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.15 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "May be decided in accordance with GoI Rules."

Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.15 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "As per extant GoI TA/DA Rules."

The Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee asked to place/explain the present position of rules for Travelling Allowance in accordance with the rates prescribed by the Directorate of Transport of the concerned State/neighborng States.

The Finance Officer stated that as per GoI Instruction issued vide OM No. 19030/1/2017-E.IV dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 regarding travelling allowance, mileage allowance for journey performed by road at places where specific rates have been prescribed will be paid as per actual fare by any type of bus including AC bus or at prescribed rate of AC taxi when journey is performed by AC taxi or at prescribed rate for auto rickshaw for journey performed by auto rickshaw, own car, scoter motorcycle etc. for pay level 14 or above. Further, for pay level 6 to 13, the mileage allowance is same as above with the exception that journey by AC taxi will not be permissible. Further, mileage allowance at places where no specific rates have been prescribed either by the Directorate of Transport of the concerned State or of the neighboring states will be paid for Journey performed in Own Car/Taxi at the rates of Rs. 24 per K.M.

Apart from above the rates applicable in the State of Himachal Pradesh has been approved by the Directorate of Transport for hiring of Taxi @ Rs. 13.14 per K.M. for Non-Tribal Area and Rs. 14.01 per K.M. for Tribal Area vide Notification No. TPT-F(5)-3/2003-I dated 13.06.2019.

After detailed deliberation on the issue, the Finance Committee recommended the adoption of rates @ Rs. 14.00 per K.M. for Own Car/Taxi and shall be applicable to the outside members/internal members/officers of the University/Employees of the University/Experts of Various Committees of University etc. for the consideration/approval of the Executive Council with immediate effect.

Item No.26.16: To place before the Finance Committee letter of MHRD about permission to allow 10 (Ten) employees of Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), who joined the CUHP after tendering technical resignation from previous office, to continue in GPF-cum—Gratuity and old Pension Scheme (Annexure-26.16A).

The matter of pension portability was under the consideration of the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla under LPA No. 13 of 2016 for the 10 (Ten) Employees of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The matter of pension portability to these employees of CUHP who have joined CUHP after tendering technical resignation in their previous institutions/departments was also under the active consideration of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India vide letter F. No. 54-3/2012-CU-III dated 02.12.2019 (Annexure-26.16) has permitted 10 (Ten) employees of Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), who were already in Government service prior to 01.01.2014, and have subsequently joined Central University of Himachal Pradesh after tendering technical resignations from their respective parent department(s) to continue to be governed by the



Old GPF-cum Pension and Gratuity Scheme of their respective parent department(S) for the continuance of Pensionary benefits in accordance with CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. The MHRD letter further states that the matter has been decided in consultation with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure and Department of Pensions and Pensioner's Welfare Government of India.

The Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla while pronouncing judgement on LPA No. 13 of 2016 on 06-01-2020 has passed the following order:-

**“Learned Senior Panel Counsel has placed on record the written instructions i. e. letter No. 1-8/CUHP/GA/2011 (CWP9311/2013/7465 dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 which reveal that the relief sought by the appellants-writ petitioners has been granted to them. Let the decision so taken be implemented in its letter and spirit within one month. The impugned judgment is modified accordingly. The appeal stands disposed of, so also the pending applications(s), if any.” (Annexure-26.16B).**

In view of the above letter from MHRD and the judgment of Honourable High Court Shimla, the University has implemented the above mentioned orders of MHRD. Further, to implement the orders of MHRD and the judgement of Honourable High Court Shimla, the University is taking all steps like opening the GPF Account of these employees, making provision for retirement gratuity fund, etc.

**Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.16** received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email; quote *“Necessary steps may be taken to implement the MHRD order.”*

**Comments of the MHRD on agenda Item No. 26.16** received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote *“May be noted, as per rules.”*

**The Finance Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the matter be implemented after examining the administrative implications to avoid further litigation and submitted for appropriate decision in the matter by the Executive Council.**

**Item No.26.17: To place before the Finance Committee the Audited Annual Accounts 2018-19 together with Separate Audit Report for the financial year 2018-19 (Annexure-26.17).**

The Annual Accounts 2018-19 were sent to the CAG after getting the approved from the Finance Committee and Executive Council vide letter dated 29.07.2019 for undertaking the audit of the accounts.

The audit party undertook the audit of accounts of the University w. e. f. 19.08.2019 to 30.08.2019. The Draft Audit Comments on the Annual Accounts were received from the CAG on dated 22.10.2019. The reply of the University was sent to CAG vide letter dated 01.11.2019.



The Audited Annual Accounts together with Separate Audit Report (English Version) of the CAG received by the University on 16.01.2020. After that accounts in bilingual have been prepared, and are placed before the Finance Committee.

As per sub-section (2) of Section 31 of the Act, a copy of the annual accounts together with the audit report thereon is required to be submitted to the Court and the Visitor along with the observations of the Executive Council. Further, as per sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Act, a copy of the Annual Accounts together with the Audit Report, as submitted to the Visitor, is also to be submitted to the Central Government, which shall cause to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.17 received vide Letter No. F. No. 54-4/2019/-CU.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "*Audited Annual Accounts may be submitted to the Ministry for laying it in Parliament during the ongoing Session.*"

**Comments of the MHRD** on agenda Item No. 26.17 received vide Letter No. F. No. 9-8/2018-IFD dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 through email, quote "*No specific comments can be given, as the University has not provided a copy of the SAR for 2018-19, alongwith the agenda papers.*"


**The Finance Committee considered the audited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2018-19, together with Separate Audit Report and the reply of the University thereto and expressed its satisfaction with the maintenance of accounts by the University. The Finance Committee recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval and further submission thereof to the Court, Visitor and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, for causing them to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.**

The Meeting ended with a vote of Thanks of the Chair.



(Narinder Kumar)

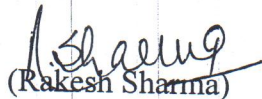
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