

# Central University of Himachal Pradesh

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**Minutes  
Of  
32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee  
Held on 01.10.2021 at 11:00 AM**

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## Minutes of 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee

Held on 01.10.2021 at 11:00 AM onwards

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 01.10.2021 at 11:00 AM onwards.  
The following members were present in meeting: -

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| 1. Professor Sat Prakash Bansal<br>Vice- Chancellor  | Chairman             |
| 2. Professor S. K. Garg<br>Nominee of the Executive Council  | Member               |
| 3. Sh. Rai Singh Thakur<br>Nominee of the Executive Council  | Member               |
| 4. Dr. Hari Singh<br>Nominee of the Executive Council  | Member               |
| 5. Sh. Mohamed Rizwan<br>Director (IFD)<br>Ministry of Education<br>(Nominee of Jt. Secretary & FA, MOE) | Ex-Officio Member    |
| 6. Sh. C.P. Ratnakarn<br>Under Secretary, MOE<br>(Nominee of Additional Secretary (CU), MOE)             | Ex-Officio Member    |
| 7. Sh. Ravi Shankar<br>Under Secretary, MOE<br>(Nominee of Director (CU-III), MOE)                       | Ex-Officio Member    |
| 8. Sh. V. Talreja<br>Under Secretary<br>(Nominee of Joint Secretary, UGC)                                | Ex-Officio Member    |
| 9. Dr. Suman Sharma<br>Registrar (Addl. Charge)  | Special Invitee      |
| 10. Sh. Narinder Kumar<br>Finance Officer  | Ex-Officio Secretary |

Prof.S.K. Garg, Nominee of Executive Council, Sh. Mohamed Rizwan, Director (IFD), Ministry of Education, Sh. C.P. Ratnakarn, Under Secretary, MOE, Sh. Ravi Shankar, Under Secretary, MOE and Sh. V. Talreja, Under Secretary, UGC attended the meeting through Google Meet/video Conferencing.

At the very outset the Vice Chancellor has apprised the members about the status of land for Dharamshala Campus and Dehra Campus. Dr.G.S. Tiwari, Dy. Director General, Geological Survey of India (NZ) Chandigarh alongwith his 05 Members team comprising Directors, Senior Geologists, Engineer Geologist and officers of CUHP along with Prof.A.K. Mahajan expert in the field of Earth and land slide visited the different polygon of proposed construction site for construction of Dharamshala Campus at Jadrangal on 25<sup>th</sup>& 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2021 to evaluate the suitability of the site for construction activities. The preliminary investigation shows that around 75 hectare Forest Land and 24.55 hectare Non-Forest Land is found suitable but it requires detailed Geological Investigations which will be completed within a month. The report is awaited.

With regard to status of Dehra Campus, a separate Agenda Item No. 32.7 has been tabled for discussion.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about the Agenda Items tabled for discussion. After brief general discussion, each item was placed for discussion as under:-

**Item No. 32.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.08.2021 (Annexure - 32.1)**

The minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.08.2021 are placed at **Annexure 32.1** for the kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble Members.

With reference to the Minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee circulated on dated 27.08.2021, the Comments of IFD are as follows:-

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.1 received vide letter No. F. No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 02.09.2021 through email dated 02.09.2021 & Letter even No. dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021, quote:-

*"The Minutes have been perused and our comments on the agenda item No. 31.8 sent vide letter of even no. dated 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 are re-iterated.*

*It is requested that these comments may be suitably incorporated in the minutes and revised minutes may be issued".*

*"1. It is again re-iterated that purchase of new vehicle for VC should be within the ceiling prescribed by Department of Expenditure vide their O.M No. 03(1)/E-11A/2009 dated 06.08.2014.*

*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".*





Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.1 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021 quote "The Minutes of the meeting has been examined in UGC office and seems to be in order except item no. 31.8. University may amend the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27.08.2021 that the purchase of staff cars be regulated strictly as per O.M. No. 03(1)/E-IIA/2009 dated 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure regarding revision of guidelines for purchase of staff cars which provides that the Models of cars with Net Dealer Price (NDP) of upto Rs. 4,75,000/- available in the DGS&D Rate Contract only can be considered for purchases as staff cars".

The Comments of the IFD stand incorporated in the Minutes circulated on dated 27.08.2021 at Page No. 10. Hence revised Minutes need not to be issued.

The Comments of IFD as quoted above were discussed by the Members and it was decided that the decision taken by the majority be given due cognizance and implemented. Further all the Comments as stated above be placed before the Executive Council for final decision.

Based on above recommendations the minutes were confirmed and recommended for the approval of the Executive Council.

**Item No. 32.2: Action Taken Report about on the decisions of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.08.2021.**

The report of action taken on the decisions of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.08.2021 is placed before the Committee as per **Annexure- 32.2** for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble members.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.2 received vide letter No. F. No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021, quote "As above".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.2 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021 quote "As above".

The action taken report on the decision of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee noted, approved and recommended for ratification and approval of Executive Council.

**Item No. 32.3 To Place before the Finance Committee:-**

1. Investment of Funds in Scheduled Commercial Banks.
2. Investment of GPF accumulation in Scheduled Commercial Banks.
3. Collection of Fee through Gateway Facility of Scheduled Commercial Banks.

1. It is submitted that the issue regarding investment of funds was placed before the Finance Committee in 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 10.08.2020 vide Item No. 28.9. The Comments on the said agenda item received from the Ministry of Education and UGC are as under:-

**Comments of MHRD on Agenda Item 28.9 received vide letter**



**F. No. 54-4/2020-CU.III** dated 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 through email dated 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, quote "May be considered in accordance with UGC Guidelines/Gol Rules."

**Comments of MHRD (IFD) on Agenda Item 28.9** received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 through email dated 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, quote "The matter may be considered strictly as per Government of India Rules. The extant instructions / guidelines do not permit Co-operative Banks for Government Business."

**Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 28.9** received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 through email dated 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, quote "May be discussed in the Finance Committee meeting. However, to safeguard the interest of Govt. of India. University may be advised to invest the funds in nationalized banks".

Based on above comments, the Finance Committee examine the proposal and the members were unanimous in view not to make investment in Private Banks and Kangra Co-operative Bank because the investment of funds in Nationalized Banks is always safer and hence may continue with the existing investment policy.

The CUHP is making investments in the shape of FDR(s) at the higher rate of interest offered by the Nationalized Banks based at Dharamshala. Presently the Canara Bank is offering highest rate of interest as compare to remaining nationalized banks based at Dharamshala.

The Govt. o India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure has issued clarifications vide O.M. No. S-11012/2/3(1)/Bank/2006/RBD/583 dated 08.07.2011 for handling the financial transactions including Govt. Grants and Funds generated by the Institution concerned from their own resources. A copy of said letter is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- 32.3**for perusal.

Pursuant to the above clarifications, a comparison of rate of interest being offered by the Nationalized Banks & Scheduled Commercial Banks based at Dharamshala has been worked out as follows:-

COMPARISON FOR FIXED DEPOSIT RATES OF NATIONALIZED AND SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS									
AMT.	TENURE	ROI	SBI	PNB	CANARA	AXIS	HDFC	ICICI	YES
RATES OF INTEREST			5.00%	5.00%	5.10%	5.10%	4.90%	5.00%	6.00%
50 LAKH	18 MONTHS	VALUE OF FD ON MATURITY	5386915.00	5386915.00	5394901.00	5394901.00	5378940.00	5386915.00	5467216.00
		INTEREST ACCURED	386915.00	386915.00	394901.00	394901.00	378940.00	386915.00	467216.00
1 CRORE	18 MONTHS	VALUE OF FD ON MATURITY	10773831.00	10773831.00	10789802.00	10789802.00	10757880.00	10773831.00	10934432.00
		INTEREST ACCURED	773831.00	773831.00	789802.00	789802.00	757880.00	773831.00	934432.00
2 CRORE	18 MONTHS	VALUE OF FD ON MATURITY	21547663.00	21547663.00	21579605.00	21579605.00	21515760.00	21547663.00	21868865.00
		INTEREST ACCURED	1547663.00	1547663.00	1579605.00	1579605.00	1515760.00	1547663.00	1868865.00



Based on above stated comparison, may consider the Scheduled Commercial Banks for investment of funds including Govt. Grant to fetch more competitive rate of interest.

2. Secondly, may consider the Scheduled Banks for investment of GPF accumulations of 10 (Ten) beneficiaries covered under the Old GPF-cum-Gratuity and Pension Scheme, 1972 in order to bridge the gap between the interest earned through investment and the rate of interest applicable on GPF accumulation to the Central Govt. Employees.
3. Thirdly, the Scheduled Commercial Banks like ICICI, AXIS &HDFC are handling its own gateway for collection of revenue/receipt without any additional transactional charges. The Canara Bank (Nationalized Bank) is providing the gateway facility for fee collection through third party agency. The said agency levied transaction charges @ Rs. 96/- per Student over and above the Fee prescribed in the Prospectus. The Students are agitating the additional transaction charges. Likewise in case of refund of fee etc. transactional charges at applicable rates are being levied from the Institution which is a direct revenue loss to the Institution.

Based on above facts may allow to avail the gateway facility being provided free of additional levies/charges etc. byHDFC Bank, ICICI Bank& AXIS Bank etc. for which Technical Expert Committee has been constituted to examine the software of all the banks i.e. Scheduled Commercial Banks& Nationalized Banks based at Dharamshala. The Bank(s) whose software would be most user friendly will be shortlisted for collection of fee through Gateway in the larger interest of the Students.

*Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.3 received vide letter No. F. No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021. quote"May be noted after detailed discussions in the Finance Committee meeting, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines".*

*Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.3 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021quote " May be discussed in the Finance Committee meeting".*

**1. & 2. :-The Members deliberated upon the proposal in detail and also perused the Circulars issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India. The comparison drawn with regard to rate of interest offered by the Nationalized Banks and Scheduled Commercial Banks based at Dharamshala was also examined thoroughly&recommended to consider the Scheduled Commercial Banks alongwith Nationalized Banks for investment of surplus/un-utilized funds pertaining to the beneficiaries covered under Old GPF-cum-Gratuity and Pension Scheme, 1972. This is essential to bridge the gap of rate of interest applicable to the Central Govt. Employees of GPF subscription.**

**3. The Collection of Fee through gateway of Scheduled Commercial Banks can also be considered in the larger interest of Students provided the said bankers are having its own gateway and the facility is free from**



**all levies/transactional charges vis-a-vis user friendly.**

**Recommended for consideration and approval of Executive Council.**

**Item No. 32.4 To place before the Finance Committee proposal regarding Applicability of Rate of Interest on GPF.**

The Finance Committee is informed that the Ministry of Education vide its letter No. F. No. 54-3/2012-CU-III dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019 has given the permission to allow 10 (Ten) Employees of Central University of Himachal Pradesh who joined the CUHP after tendering technical resignation from previous office to continue in Old GPF-cum-Gratuity and Pension Scheme. The beneficiaries under the Scheme are as follows:-

Sr. No.	Name	Particulars
1.	Dr. I.V. Malhan	Retired & Expired on 26.01.2021 and Family Pension has been granted.
2.	Dr. H.R. Sharma	Retired on 30.06.2020 and Pension stand released.
3.	Dr. R.L. Sharma	Covered under Old GPF-cum-Gratuity and Pension Scheme
4.	Dr. B.C. Chauhan	
5.	Dr. Mohinder Singh	
6.	Sh. Hem Raj	
7.	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar	
8.	Sh. Hind BhushanKutlehria	Not covered yet.
9.	Dr. A.K. Mahajan	
10.	Dr. A.K. Agrawal	Benefits released under NPS

Pursuant to the decision taken the subscription of GPF in above stated employees were got transferred to the CUHP. The details of amount of subscription received in respect of each employees is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Subscriber	Transferred Amount	Date of Receipt
1	Sh. Hind BhushanKutlehria	2120154.00	10.08.2020
2	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar	2895150.00	10.08.2020
3	Dr. Mohinder Singh	283409.00	13.08.2020
4	Dr. Bhag Chand Chauhan	622127.00	05.11.2020
5	Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma	1137966.00	13.11.2020
6	Dr. Mohinder Singh	153722.00	20.01.2021
7	Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma	675518.00	20.01.2021
8	Sh. Hem Raj	5473292.00	05.03.2021

The above stated funds alongwith the amount received on account of monthly subscription have been invested in Canara Bank as the said Bank offered comparatively higher rate of interest as compare to remaining nationalized Banks at Dharamshala. Now the interest payable on the above stated funds accumulations has become due/payable for the Financial Year 2019-20 and

2020-21.

The UGC vide Letter No. F. No. 16-1/2018 (CU) dated 05.07.2018 has issued a clarification on shortfall in the rate of interest of GPF accumulation as follows :-

*“Your kind attention is invited to this office letter number F.30-2/2003 (CU) dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 regarding clarification on shortfall in the rate of interest of GPF accumulations. On the basis of the clarification given by the MHRD vide its letter No. 19-16/2003-IFD dated 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2004. Now, it is again reiterated that since PF regulations of Central Universities are notified under PF Act, 1925, in terms of section 8 (2) of the said Act, it is mandatory to follow the rate of interest noticed by the Government Lesser rate of interest can be depending upon the financial position of the institution, but higher rate of interest cannot be paid. Quite obviously, the budget of an institution can in no case be augmented in order to meet the shortfall between the interest liability of the institution on PF subscription and the income earned on the investment of Provident Fund. In the circumstances, in the event of shortfall between the interest liability of a institution on PF subscription and the income earned on the investment of Provident Fund, as institution would have no option but to pay interest at lesser rate, unless financial position of the institution permits to follow the rate of interest notified by the Government”.*

The Copies of Letter No. F. 19-16/2003-IFD dated 09<sup>th</sup>February, 2004 is also enclosed herewith.

The GPF accumulations as stated above and the subscriptions were invested in the shape of FDR(s) at the higher rate of interest offered by the nationalized bank (Canara Bank). The details of interest earned in respect of each beneficiaries has been tabulated as follows:-

Amount in Rupees

Financial Year 2019-20 (Tentative/Un-audited Interest Calculation)				
Sr. No.	Name of Subscriber	Amount of Subscription	Interest Earned on Investment payable @ 2.85 % p.a.	Interest as per Central Govt. Rates (shown for comparison @ 7.90% p.a.)
1.	Sh. Hem Raj	100038.00	356.00	988.00
2.	Sh. Hind BhushanKutlehria	40000.00	143.00	395.00
3.	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar	40000.00	143.00	395.00
<b>Total (Rs.)</b>		<b>180038.00</b>	<b>642.00</b>	<b>1778.00</b>



Amount in Rupees

<b>Financial Year 2020-21 (Tentative/Un-audited Interest Calculation)</b>				
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Subscriber</b>	<b>Amount of Subscription</b>	<b>Interest Earned on Investment payable @ 4.00 % p.a.</b>	<b>Interest as per Central Govt. Rates (shown for comparison @ 7.10% p.a.)</b>
1	Sh. Hem Raj	6423709.00	39527.00	70161.00
2	Sh. Hind BhushanKutleheria	2455299.00	64443.00	114387.00
3	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar	3175295.00	84010.00	149117.00
4	Dr. Mohinder Singh	687171.00	12996.00	23068.00
5	Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma	1918154.00	27466.00	48752.00
6	Dr. Bhag Chand Chauhan	712487.00	11875.00	21078.00
<b>Total (Rs.)</b>		<b>15372115.00</b>	<b>240317.00</b>	<b>426563.00</b>

*Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.4 received vide letter No. F. No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021, quote "May be discussed in the Finance Committee meeting, in the light of Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines".*

*Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.4 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021 quote "UGC has no objection, for the notified rate of GPF interest by the Govt. of India with the condition that in the event of shortfall in the income earned as a result of reduced interest rates on investment, if any, the subscribers shall be paid interest at a lesser rate, unless the financial position of the university permits to follow the notified rate of interest. UGC vide its letter dated 05.07.2018 has already clarified to all central universities in consultation with MHRD and Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure).*

**The Members deliberated upon the issue in detail and were unanimous in view that the compliance of letters/clarifications issued vide letter No. F. 19-16/2003-IFD dated 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 by Ministry of Education and UGC regarding shortfall in the rate of interest of GPF accumulations be ensured invariably as the institution is not having any other source to bridge the gap at present. It was therefore, recommended that the interest earned on the subscriptions of the beneficiaries towards their GPF accumulations be allowed at par with the bank rate of interest on year to year basis. It will also not put any additional burden on the exchequer of the University.**

**Recommended for approval of the Executive Council.**

**Item No. 32.5: To Place before the Finance Committee proposal regarding Issuance of Prepaid Debit Card for Permanent Imprest and Contingent Advance.**

The Finance Committee is informed that the Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide O.M. No. e-File No. R/20001/1/2020-GBA-CGA/548-658 dated 14.07.2021 has issued guidelines for use of Prepaid Debit Card for Permanent Imprest and Contingent Advance. Prepaid Debit Card (PDC) can be used for incurring petty expenditure currently done through cash withdrawn for imprest and in lieu of Cash Payment currently being paid for incurring expenditure through



Contingency Advance. PDC issued by accredited bank of the Ministry/Department can be charged as per requirement for meeting day to day contingent and emergent expenditure. The Official defined under Rule 322 and 323 of GFR 2017 can use this PDC at any Portal/Shop/POS for making digital payment by following the procedure laid down in Rule 31 and 99 of the Receipt and Payments Rules, 1983 (as amended from time to time). All transactions being made through Cash for petty expenditure can now be made digitally through PDC. The procedure for its introduction, usage, security and accounting contained in the aforesaid Office Memorandum vide Sr. No. I to VI shall be taken care of. A copy of the said Memorandum is enclosed as **Annexure-32.5** for perusal and consideration.

*Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.5 received vide letter No. F. No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021, quote "-do-".*

*Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.5 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021 quote " May be discussed in the Finance Committee meeting".*

**The Finance Committee considered the proposal and accorded its approval to adopt the Prepaid Debit Card for Permanent Imprest and Contingent Advance upto the limit Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) to Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) and authorised the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to fix the limit on case to case basis as per institutional need. Further proper account of the expenditure incurred and safe custody of the said debit card shall be ensured by the card holder.**

**Recommended for approval of the Executive Council.**

**Item No. 32.6: To Place before the Finance Committee proposal regarding Self Financing Scheme for UG& PG Courses in CUHP.**

It is submitted that the Govt. of India, Ministry of Higher Education vide letter No. 61-1/2018-Desk (U) dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 has advised to increase Internal Receipt Generation (IRG) to attain self sufficiency. Clause (vi) of the said letter reads as under :-

***"Internal Receipt Generation (IRG) of the Central Universities needs to be increased gradually to attain self sufficiency and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 229 (vi) of GFR, 2017, the University shall review user charges/sources of IRG at least once a year and inform the administrative Ministry. This exercise should preferably be completed before the formulation of Union Annual Budget".***

In order to achieve the desired end, the Management of CUHP has decided in Principle to initiate the Courses of UG& PG under Self Finance Scheme for which a committee of expert has been constituted to examine the proposal with regard to fee structure etc. and codal formalities to be fulfilled before start of such Courses. The resources so augmented shall be utilized to strengthen the infrastructural facilities of the concerned department vis-a-vis the University Campus at large.



Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.6 received vide letter No. F. No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021, quote "Detailed proposal may be forwarded to Ministry of Education through UGC for consideration".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.6 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021 quote "UGC is not agreed to introduce the self financing courses for UG and PG courses.

**The Finance Committee were informed that a meeting of Academic Council was held on 29<sup>th</sup> of September, 2021 with regard to Self Finance Seats in various departments for UG& PG Students in CUHP.**

**The Finance Committee deliberated upon the recommendations of the Academic Council and recommended that 05 seats under Self Financing and 05 (Five) seats for International Students/NRI as per recommendations of the Academic Council may be created supernumerary in each department. It will help the university to be self-reliant in near future. However it is further re-iterated that no additional posts shall be given for said supernumerary seats. Accordingly the recommendations of Finance Committee be placed for approval of Executive Council.**

**Item No. 32.7: To Place before the Finance Committee proposal regarding Construction of Building at Dehra, District-Kangra (H.P.).**

The Finance Committee is apprised that the Govt. of India, Ministry of Higher Education vide letter No. 61-1/2018-Desk(U) dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 has advised that any proposal which has some financial implications including construction proposal first goes to Finance Committee and only with the FC's recommendations they are considered by the Executive Council.

It is submitted that the State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has provided 81 hectare Forest Land and 34 hectare Non-Forest Land at Dehra, Distt.-Kangra (H.P.).

Pursuant to the handing over of the possession of land, the work relating of boundary pillars etc. has been initiated with the assistance of Forest Department of State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. The said department has submitted a preliminary estimate valuing of Rs. 10,28,000/- for need based site clearance to facilitate the demarcation work and to erect the boundary pillars. The said estimation/actual expenditure is likely to enhance with the scope of work. **The building(s) proposed at Dehra are part of DPR approved by the Ministry of Education.**

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.7 received vide letter No. F. No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021, quote "May be discussed in the meeting".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.7 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021 quote "University may intimate that whatever the said proposal has been considered by the Building Committee".



The Members were apprised by the Vice-Chancellor, CUHP that efforts are on to start the construction at the earliest as the land comprising 81 hectare Forest land and 34 hectare Non-Forest land has been handed over by the State Govt. for construction activities at Dehra. The procedural formalities to start the demarcation of land and erection of boundary pillars/burjees etc. is in progress and the said work expected to be completed shortly.

Recommended for approval of Executive Council.

**Item No. 32.8: To Place before the Finance Committee Proceedings of Building Works Committee.**

The Finance Committee is informed that the demarcation of land and erection of boundary pillars at Dehra has been commenced.

The building works committee has been constituted and a meeting of said committee is scheduled to be held on 28.09.2021 at Dharamshala. The proceedings of the said committee shall be made available for perusal/consideration of Hon'ble Members on 29.09.2021 through E-mail or the day of meeting itself.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.8 received vide letter No. F.No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021, quote "May be noted".

*Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.8 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021 quote "The proposal constructions of building projects are not seems to be justified. University has not proposed any academic building which should be first priority of the University. Further, MoE has sent the following negative list of works which would not be sanctioned from Government of India grant:-*

- 1) Swimming Pools.
- 2) Shopping complexes.
- 3) Eatery/Food courts.
- 4) Stadium.
- 5) Convention Halls with more than (500) capacity.
- 6) Ring Road in the entire campus.
- 7) Construction of Director/Faculty/Staff quarters in excess to the entitlement as per CPWD norms.
- 8) Guest House with more than (20) rooms.
- 9) Any wok in excess of the limits prescribed in the priority list.

*In view of the above, University may reconsider the construction of building projects as duly recommended by Building Committee. The recommended by Building Committee. The estimate cost of each of the building alongwith the area of the building and the abstract cost proforma for each of the building may also be provided".*

The Finance Committee deliberated upon the proceedings of Building Works Committee and accorded its approval including the MOU. The committee further deliberated upon the observations submitted by the UGC and MOE and decided that the new agency i.e. CPWD shall prepare the need based new DPR with minor changes(additions/alterations) as per requirement. Finance Committee appreciated the view point of



Building Works Committee that the executing agency i.e. CPWD shall ensure the quality construction work inclusive of all infrastructural basic amenities, furniture & fixture etc. and ready to use possession of all the proposed buildings, Auditorium, Examination Centre etc.. Further it was decided that the CPWD should ensure the execution of work in a time bound manner so that Academic activities do not suffer on this score.

Recommended for approval of Executive Council.

**Item No. 32.9: To Place before the Finance Committee proposal regarding consideration of remuneration to Driver and Cook.**

It is submitted that the services of Drivers and Cook have been hired through outsource agency. The driver deploy to ply the official attached vehicle of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor is required to perform the duty beyond normal working hours including Saturday, Sunday and Gazetted Holidays. Further, also being deployed to perform the duties outside the headquarters during official tours of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The drivers being an employee of outsource agency is not entitled for perks and allowances at par with regular driver.

The Cook deployed at official residence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor is also similar situated worker. The said cook is also required to work beyond normal working hours including Saturday, Sunday and Gazetted Holidays.

Both the workers cannot be compensated with 'Weekly Off' and compensatory leave as no suitable substitutes are available due to shortage of staff. Further the additional manpower can also not be engaged over and above the sanctioned strength fixed for outsourced staff.

Thus both the officials are performing their duties beyond normal working hours for which consolidated remuneration of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) per month in each case for excessive duty hours and TA/DA at the rates applicable to corresponding categories in the case of driver while on official tour is proposed for consideration as it is very difficult to an employee working at lowest rung to perform duties outside the headquarter especially in expensive localities like Delhi & Shimla etc.

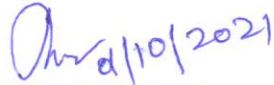
Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 32.9 received vide letter No. F. No.9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 30.09.2021 through email dated 30.09.2021, quote "The agenda item is not recommended".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 32.9 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) dated 01.10.2021 through email dated 01.10.2021 quote "UGC is not agreed with the proposal of the University. University may regulate the additional remuneration as per the rules of Govt. of India by way of providing overtime allowance as per rules form the Govt. of India".

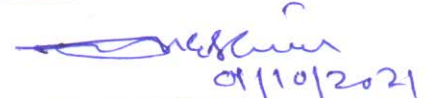
This being an Administrative issue may be decided at administrative level and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor authorized to take a final view in

the matter. Hence, Agenda item withdrawn.

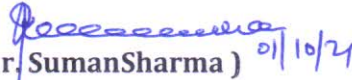
The meeting ended with a vote of Thanks of the Chair.



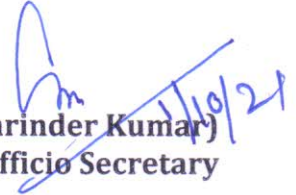
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(Dr. Suman Sharma)  
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(Narinder Kumar)  
Finance Officer & Ex-Officio Secretary

Confirmed



Professor S. P. Bansal  
Vice Chancellor - Chairman