

Central University of Himachal Pradesh

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**Minutes
of
40th Meeting of the Finance Committee
Held on 19.02.2024 at 10:30 AM
Venue: - Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat
Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla**

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1. Professor Sat Prakash Bansal
Vice- Chancellor Chairman
2. Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel
Nominee of the Court Member
3. Prof. Nagesh Thakur
Nominee of the Executive Council Member
4. Sh. Gian Chand Raita
Nominee of the Executive Council Member
5. Dr. Deen Dayal Verma
Nominee of the Executive Council Member
6. Sh. Mukesh Kumar
Deputy Secretary (IFD)
Ministry of Education
(Nominee of Jt. Secretary & FA, MoE) Ex-Officio Member
7. Dr. Mriganka Sekhar Sarma
Deputy Secretary (CU), UGC
(Nominee of Jt. Secretary (CU), UGC) Ex-Officio Member
8. Prof. (Dr.) Pardeep Kumar,
Dean (Academics), Central University of Himachal Pradesh Special Invitee
9. Prof. (Dr.) Suman Sharma,
Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh Special Invitee
10. Sh. Narinder Kumar
Finance Officer, CUHP Ex-Officio Secretary

Sh. Mukesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary (IFD), Ministry of Education, Dr. Mriganka Sekhar Sharma, Deputy Secretary (CU), UGC, New Delhi and Dr. Gian Chand Raita Nominee of the Executive Council attended the meeting through online (Google Meet link <https://meet.google.com/iuu-qcsp-xqf>). The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members present offline and online mode. Thereafter, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor directed the Finance Officer-cum-Member Secretary to present the Agenda Items. The item-wise details of discussion held and decisions taken are as under:-



ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL :**Item No. 40.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.10.2023 (Annexure - 40.1)**

The minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.10.2023 are placed at Annexure 40.1 for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble Members.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 40.1 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 , quote "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 Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 40.1 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-5/2024-CU.III dated 14th February, 2024 through email dated 14th February, 2024 , quote "Minutes of the last meeting may be discussed and decided subject to their compliance with Government of India rules, regulations, etc."

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 40.1 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 quote " The Minutes may be confirmed, 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 observations of IFD & CU-Bureau of Ministry of Education, if any, may also be considered while confirming minutes".

The Observations of MOE (IFD), MOE (CU Bureau) & UGC noted and the minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 40.2 Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 39th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.10.2023 (Annexure-40.2).

The report of action taken on the decisions of the 39th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 04.10.2023 is placed before the Committee as per Annexure- 40.2 for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble members.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 40.2 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 , quote "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 action taken may be noted".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 40.2 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-5/2024-CU.III dated 14th February, 2024 through email dated 14th February, 2024 , quote "May be considered".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 40.2 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 quote " The Minutes may be confirmed, 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 observations of IFD & CU-

	<p><u>Bureau of Ministry of Education, if any, may also be considered while confirming minutes”.</u></p> <p><u>The action taken report on the decisions of the 39th Meeting of the Finance Committee noted & approved.</u></p>
<p>Item No. 40.3</p>	<p>To place before the Finance Committee the Budget Estimates for the Year 2024-25 (Annexure-40.3).</p> <p>The Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25 have been prepared as per provisions of Statutes 7(7) (C) and is enclosed herewith as Annexure 40.3 A for consideration.</p> <p>Further, the University Grants Commission vide Letter No. F.No.11-1/2017(CU)C-89253 dated 09th February, 2024 has forwarded the OM. No. 1.17011/11(4)/2016-H-III dated 09.11.2017(Annexure 40.3 B) of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Housing-III Section, Govt. of India regarding grant of House Building Advance (HBA) as per 7th CPC to the University Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 50.00 Crore has been requested to allocate under appropriate head/component code (<i>Provision made under Recurring Head vide Sr. No. 4 Page No.-9 in the Budget Estimate 2024-25</i>).</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 40.3 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 , quote “BE - 24-25 is more than 2.5 times of Tentative amount of 2023-24, University may clarify this in meeting. It may be noted that the estimates are based on a realistic assessment of requirement of funds for the University and also subject to availability of funds with UGC”.</u></p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 40.3 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-5/2024-CU.III dated 14th February, 2024 through email dated 14th February, 2024 , quote “May be discussed”.</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 40.3 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 quote “Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25 may be recommended, subject to the condition that the estimates are based on the realistic assessment of requirement of funds for the University and also subject to availability of funds from the Govt. of India”.</u></p> <p>The Finance Committee deliberated upon the budget estimate tabled for discussion. The members were apprised that the budget estimate for the financial year 2024-25 are based on realistic assessment and the hike is due to demand of grants worth Rs. 100 Crores for construction activities at Dehra Campus under Component Code-35, Rs. 50 Crores for HBA under Component Code-31 and Rs. 16 Crores under Component Code-36 based on actuarial evaluation to meet out the retiral benefits. The members were further apprised that the Central University HP has not received the required funds Worth Rs. 100 Crores for construction activities as yet and thus the construction work has suffered adversely due to want of funds. The time bound release of funds is essential to achieve the target fixed to complete the work as per Tender Document. The members UGC present in the meeting assured the release of funds by the end of February, 2024 positively.</p> <p><u>Based on aforesaid discussion, the Finance Committee considered and approved the proposed Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2024-25 and recommended for approval of the Executive Council.</u></p>



Item No. 40.4 To place before the Finance Committee the information regarding Grants-in-Aid released by the UGC, New Delhi under Recurring-31, Capital-35 and Salary-36 components for the year 2023-24.

The UGC has released the Grant-in-aid under Recurring (31), Capital-35 and Salary(36) components for the year 2023-24 up to 31.01.2024 as per detail given below:-

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	B.E. Allocation for 2023-24	Grant Released by UGC for 2023-24
1.	Recurring-31	2143.29	1548.44
2.	Capital -35	400.00	297.23
3.	Salary-36	4600.00	3641.75

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 40.4 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 , quote "May be noted after detailed discussion in the Finance Committee Meeting as per GFRs, 2017 and other relevant Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 40.4 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-5/2024-CU.III dated 14th February, 2024 through email dated 14th February, 2024 , quote "May be discussed".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 40.4 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 quote "May be noted".

The Finance Committee noted the Grants released by the University Grants Commission for the Current Financial Year.

Item No. 40.5 To place before the Finance Committee Research Projects received by the University from various funding agencies since last meeting of the Finance Committee.

The detail of Research Projects sanctioned by the different funding agencies are as under:-

Sr. No.	Title of Project	Funding Agency	Duration	Sanctioned Financial Outlay (Rs.)
1.	हिमाचल प्रदेश में संस्कृत की वर्तमान स्थिति एवं सम्भावनाएँ :- <u>Dr. Narender Pandey, Assistant Professor</u>	ICSSR	01 Year	5,00,000.00
2.	Impact of Skill India Mission on Youth: A Study of B.Voc Programme in Himachal Pradesh :- <u>Dr. Surya Rashmi Rawat, Professor</u>	ICSSR	06 Months	12,00,000.00
3.	Teachers Awareness, Perceptions and Preparedness towards National Education Policy 2020: A Study of Pathankot and Kangra District :- <u>Dr. Shivarama Rao K, Associate Professor</u>	ICSSR	06 Months	10,00,000.00
4.	Sukanya Samridhi Yojana: Economic Status, Awareness and Attitude Towards the Scheme Among Tribal Community of Himachal Pradesh :- <u>Dr. Lalit Mohan Sharma, Assistant Professor</u>	ICSSR	06 Months	8,00,000.00

5.	Socio Economic Impact of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme: An Empirical Study in Select Area of Himachal Pradesh:- <u>Dr. Shashi Punam, Associate Professor</u>	ICSSR	06 Months	5,00,000.00
6.	Updation of 117 People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) in Different Districts of Himachal Pradesh:- <u>Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Professor</u>	Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board	01 Year	9,36,000.00

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 40.5 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024, quote "May be noted".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 40.5 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-5/2024-CU.III dated 14th February, 2024 through email dated 14th February, 2024, quote "May be discussed".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 40.5 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 quote "May be discussed in the FC Meeting".

The Finance Committee noted and appreciated the efforts to obtain funds/projects from ICSSR & HPSBB.

Item No. 40.6

To place before the Finance Committee Incentive for acquiring fresh higher qualifications, in the 7th CPC Scenario.

The Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Govt. of India has issued guidelines vide O.M. No. 1/5/2017-Esttt (Pay-I) dated 15th March, 2019 (Annexure-40.6) regarding Incentive for acquiring fresh higher qualifications, in the 7th CPC Scenario. In this context, the University has received the requests from Non-Teaching Staff Members to grant of incentive for acquiring fresh higher qualifications. As per para sr. no. 7 "the grant of incentive for the qualifications listed above shall be considered by the administrative authorities in consultation with their IFD and necessary orders shall be issued after ensuring that the criteria laid down in the para 8 below are fulfilled". Pars 8 of aforesaid letter is reads as under:-

8. Criteria/guidelines for granting incentive for acquiring fresh higher qualifications, in the 7th CPC Scenario, are as under:

8.1. The incentive will not be available for the qualifications which are laid down as essential or desirable qualifications in the recruitment rules for the post.

8.2. No incentive shall be allowed for acquiring higher qualification purely on academic or literary subjects. The acquisition of the qualification should be directly related to the functions of the post held by him/her, or to the functions to be performed in the next higher post. There should be direct nexus between the functions of the post and the qualification acquired and that it should contribute to the efficiency of the government servant.

8.3. The quantum of incentive will be uniform for all posts, irrespective of their classification or grade or the department.

8.4. The incentive shall not be admissible where the government servant is sponsored by the government or he/she avails study leave for acquiring the qualification.

	<p>8.5. The incentive would be given only for higher qualification acquired after induction into service.</p> <p>8.6. No incentive would be admissible if an appointment is made in relaxation of the educational qualification. No incentive would be admissible if employee acquires the requisite qualification for such appointment at a later date.</p> <p>8.7. The qualifications meriting grant of incentive should be recognized by University Grants Commission, respective regulatory bodies like AICTE, Medical Council of India, etc. set up by Central/State Government or recognized by the Government.</p> <p>8.8. The incentive shall be limited to maximum two times in an employee's career, with a minimum gap of two years between successive grants.</p> <p>8.9. The Government servant should prefer the claim within six months from the date of acquisition of the higher qualification.</p> <p>Accordingly the matter is placed before the Finance Committee for consideration & approval please.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 40.6 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 , quote "The guidelines issued by DoPT are specifically for Central Government employees and does not directly applicable to the employees of Autonomous bodies. The proposal may be considered only if UGC/MoE have extended theses guidelines to the employees of Central Universities".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) upon Agenda Item 40.6 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-5/2024-CU.III dated 14th February, 2024 through email dated 14th February, 2024 , quote "May be considered in accordance with UGC Guidelines/Gol Rules".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 40.6 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 quote "May be discussed in the FC Meeting".</u></p> <p><u>The Finance Committee deliberated on the guidelines issued by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Govt. of India and held that these guidelines issued by the DoPT are specifically applicable to the Central Government employees and the MoE/UGC have not extended these guidelines for the employees of Central University. Hence, the proposal considered and rejected.</u></p>
<p>Item No. 40.7</p>	<p>To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding purchase of Office Vehicles for official use.</p>
	<p>It is apprised to the Finance Committee that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh has expanded its Administrative and Academic Activities in many fold and functionality from three different campuses which are situated at distance 50 Kms each other. Moreover, amid expanded academic and administrative affairs the mobility of its officials across campuses, within state and to the Ministry of Education at Delhi has become functional thrust. The University is in urgent need of at least two vehicles to meet out the very purpose as follows:-</p> <p>i. One in lieu of condemned vehicle No. HP 39C-0115 (Maruti Suzuki SX4) for which all procedural and codal formalities stand completed with due approval of F.C. in its 38th Meeting held on 27.07.2023 vide Item No.</p>



38.2 and followed by the approval of Executive Council in its 62nd Meeting vide Item No. 62.1.

- ii. One 2nd vehicle which was purchase in the year March, 2010 and has covered the mileage of more than two lakh kilometers (2 Lakh kms. Vehicle No. HP 07B-0331 Maruti Suzuki SX4). The vehicle is in dilapidated condition and has gone beyond economical repair/running. The fuel efficiency has decreased and the cost of repair & maintenance has increased due to frequent breakdown. The non-availability of spare parts has aggravated the situation further.

Keeping in view the emerged situation, the vehicle needs premature condemnation and a new vehicle in lieu of said vehicle is urgently required to ensure smooth mobility of Statutory Officers/Engineering Staff amongst all the campuses.

Both the vehicle shall be purchased within the ceiling prescribed by the OM. No. 18 (23)/E.Cood.-2021 dated 1st September, 2022 of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India. The disposal of condemned vehicle shall be ensured in compliance of O.M. No. 01(18)/2022-E.II (A) dated 09.12.2022 (Annexure 40.7) of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 40.7 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 , quote "The proposal may be considered strictly as per the instructions issued by Department of Expenditure vide OM No. 18(23)/E.Coord-2021 dated 01.09.2022. Further disposal of condemned vehicle may be done as per schedule-VII of DFPR Rules, 1978 and Department of Expenditure OMs in this regard".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 40.7 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-5/2024-CU.III dated 14th February, 2024 through email dated 14th February, 2024 , quote "May be considered in accordance with UGC Guidelines/GoI Rules".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 40.7 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 quote "May be discussed in the FC Meeting. However, the purchase of vehicle may be regulated strictly as per O.M. No. 18(23)/E.Coord-2021 dated 01st September, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, which states that Cars upto Net Dealer Price of Purchase of Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs), available on GeM only shall be considered for purchase as staff car for official use".

The Finance Committee considered/ noted the comments of MoE(IFD), MoE(CU Bureau) & UGC and approved the proposal for purchase of 02 Staff Cars within ceiling prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India vide OM dated 01.09.2022 and recommended for approval of the Executive Council.

<p>Item No. 40.8</p>	<p>To place before the Finance Committee, the matter regarding the approval of Minutes of the 9th Meeting of Building Committee held on 07th February, 2024.</p> <p>The 9th Meeting of Building Committee held on 07th February, 2024 at University Campus, Dharamshala. The Minutes of said meeting placed at Annexure-40.8 for consideration/approval of the Finance Committee please.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 40.8 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 , quote "Item No. 9.2 & 9.3: The University should ensure that construction work of the permanent campus is completed within the approved cost and time limit and also strictly as per the approved DPR. Physical and financial progress of the works may also be placed before the Finance Committee</u></p> <p><u>Item No. 9.5: The approval of the competent authority may be obtained for any deviation in the approved project".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 40.8 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-5/2024-CU.III dated 14th February, 2024 through email dated 14th February, 2024, quote "Minutes of the meeting may be discussed and decided subject to their compliance with Government of India rules, regulations, etc."</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 40.8 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 16th February, 2024 through email dated 16th February, 2024 quote "UGC has no objection on the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Building Committee held on 07th February, 2024. However, the proposal under HEFA is being considered by the MoE directly. Therefore, the observations of the CU Bureau and IFD of MoE, if any, may be considered while considering the progress of HEFA projects".</u></p> <p>The members were apprised about the recommendations of Building Committee and the latest physical and financial status of the construction work of permanent campuses of CUHP at Dehra and Dharamshala. The construction at Dehra Site is in full swing and around 40% physical progress stand achieved, but the construction activities at Jadrangal could not be started as yet due to non handing over Jadrangal Site although the tender for construction of both the sites were floated together as single entity on the assurance of Central Government (Ministry of Education) and State Govt. before the call of tender that the FCA clearance shall be expedited and approval thereof shall be accorded within six months by all means. Further, despite Stage -I clearance, the State Govt. has not deposited the requisite amount of Rs. 30,03,94,254/- on account of NPV and CAMPA despite repeated requests. Resultantly, the milestones could not be achieved and the contractor has also served upon a notice to foreclose the part contract in respect of Jadrangal site w.e.f. 03.01.2024. Consequent upon the receipt of aforesaid notice, the matter was taken up with the Ministry of Education, GoI and the Ministry of Education vide letter No. 54-4/2024-CU.III Dated. 01.02.2024 has directed that matter may be placed before University Building Committee, Finance Committee and Executive Council for appropriate decision in the matter. Accordingly, the issue was placed before the Building Committee in its meeting held on 07.02.2024. The minutes of Building Committee and recommendations made therein are placed before the members for perusal/considerations/approval. The members deliberated upon the recommendations of Building Committee in detail and were unanimous in view that keeping in view the delay in</p>
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5	<p>depositing the requisite amount by the state government on account of NPV and CAMPA for Jadrangal Site and resultant possibility of excessive prolongation of contract as well as contractual complications/ claims and foreclosure request received from the contractor, the Jadrangal Site may be foreclosed at the earliest so as to avoid any sort of contractual implications, financial obligations, litigation and escalation in cost due to revision of prices, arbitration claims etc.</p> <p>Apart from above, it was further apprised that due to delay in FCA approval of Jadrangal (Dharamshala) Site, the Building Committee vide Agenda Item No 9.5 had deliberated upon the matter and provisionally approved the proposal under consideration by the CPWD for creating need based infrastructure at Dehra to facilitate the Staff, Students and Academic activities at large.</p> <p>Considering the aforementioned circumstances, including the delay in Stage-II FCA Clearance by the State Government for the Jadrangal Site, the Finance Committee considered the recommendations of Building Committee vide Item No. 9.5 and suggested to submit a comprehensive proposal to the Ministry for approval of the Competent Authority within permissible limits, without change in scope of work and as per approved DPR.</p> <p>Based on these recommendations the FC accorded its approval to foreclose the Jadrangal site. Further, the Minutes of 9th Building Committee were also approved subject to the submission of comprehensive proposal for approval of Competent Authority as suggested herein above. Recommended for approval of the Executive Council.</p>
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The meeting ended with a vote of Thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. Deen Dayal Verma)
Member


(Sh. Gian Chand Raita)
Member

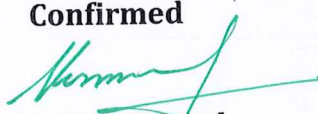
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Member

Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel
(Member)


(Prof. Pardeep Kumar)
Special Invitee


(Prof. Suman Sharma)
Special Invitee


(Narinder Kumar)
Finance Officer & Ex-Officio
Secretary

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Professor S. P. Bansal
Vice-Chancellor - Chairman