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The Finance Committee (FC) met on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 3.00 p.m. in the Vice-Chancellor Committee Room to consider the Revised Budget Estimates 2018-19 and Budget Estimates 2019-20 of the University. The meeting was attended by the following:

Professor Yogesh Kumar Tyagi Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
Professor J. P. Khurana Pro-Vice Chancellor	Member
Shri T. S Kripanidhi Treasurer	Convener
Shri Subodh Ghildiyal Director (CU), MHRD	Member (Visitor's Nominee)
Shri Fazal Mahmood Dy. Secretary (Finance), MHRD	Member (Visitor's Nominee)
Shri. Rajpal Singh Pawar	Member (Elected)
Dr. V.K. Agarwal	Member (Elected)
Shri Anupam Srivastava University Engineer	Invitee
Shri T. Vengadesan Finance Officer	Invitee
Professor T. K. Das Registrar	Secretary

Smt. Darshana M. Dabral, Jt. Secretary and Financial Advisor, MHRD could not attend the meeting. Shri Fazal Mahmood, Dy. Secretary (Finance), Deptt. of Higher Education, MHRD attended the meeting on behalf of Smt. Darshana M. Dabral, Jt. Secretary and Financial Advisor, MHRD.

Shri Girish C. Hosur, Jt. Secretary (CU), MHRD could not attend the meeting. Shri Subodh Ghildiyal, Director, Deptt. of Higher Education, MHRD attended the meeting on behalf of Shri Girish C Hosur, Jt. Secretary(CU), MHRD.

Shri Gaurav Anand, Assistant Registrar (Finance - II), Shri Mahesh Gupta, AIAO, Sh. Kuldeep Singh, AIAO, Sh. Rajender Singh, Executive Engineer, Sh. Jagbir Singh, Asstt. Engineer and Shri R. S. Brar, Section Officer, Budget Section, assisted the Committee in its deliberations.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor, Chairman of the Finance Committee, welcomed the members and invitees.

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The agenda items were taken up one by one for consideration.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

1.1 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7.12.2018 were circulated to all the members. During the discussions, Sh. Rajpal Singh Pawar pointed out that his dissent sent vide his e-mail dated 18.1.2019 on the agenda item No. 9.1 on HEFA be put on record.

1.2 After a brief discussion the minutes of the previous Finance Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 were confirmed duly incorporating dissent of Sh. Rajpal Singh Pawar for availing grants under HEFA.

2. **ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

2.1 Action Taken Report on agenda item No. 8.1 and 11.1 of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 7.12.2018 was presented before the committee.

2.2 In response to the Action Taken Report on the agenda item 11.1, the letter dated 22.2.2019 received from UGC in connection with the recommendations of committee constituted for revision of contractual fee/remuneration was placed before the committee which was noted.

3. **TO CONSIDER THE REVISED BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2018-19 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2019-20**

The Treasurer presented the Revised Budget Estimates 2018-19 and Budget Estimates 2019-20 before the Finance Committee as below:

3.1 **REVISED ESTIMATES 2018-19**

The Committee was informed that as against the Budget Estimates of Rs.103925.99 lakh for the financial year 2018-19, the Revised Estimates works out to Rs. 94279.82 lakh only (Rs.52159.52 lakh under grant-in-aid Salary components (36) which included salaries,

personal claims, and retirement benefits etc. and Rs. 42120.30 lakh under grant-in-aid recurring components (31) which includes pension and pensionary benefits, non-salary (other charges) and Non-NET Fellowships for M. Phil/Ph.D. holders.

After detailed deliberations, the Finance Committee recommended the Revised Estimates for the year 2018-19 to the tune of Rs. 94279.82 lakh be placed before the Executive Council for approval.

## 3.2 BUDGET ESTIMATES 2019-20

The Budget Estimates for the year 2019-20 works out to Rs.113512.87 lakh (Rs.69966.51 lakh grant-in-aid salary components (36) which includes salaries, personal claims and retirement benefits etc. and Rs. 43546.36 lakh under grant-in-aid recurring components (31) which includes pension and pensionary benefits, non-salary (other charges) and Non-NET Fellowships for M.phil/Ph.D holders). There is an increase of Rs.19233.05 lakh over the Revised Budget Estimates of 2018-19 which is mainly due to provision of full year salary for all the sanctioned vacant posts, increase in DA and provision for annual increment; provisions under 'Retirement Benefits' due to superannuation of Faculty and Non-Faculty Members. Enhancement of provisions under 'Other Contractual Services under 1 - B. Common Services & General Charges' (Other Contractual Services). Enhancement of provision under Non-NET Fellowships for M.Phil./Ph.D. holders. Salary (including allowances) for faculty and non-faculty has been taken on the basis of pay revision as per VII CPC. However, a lump sum provision under 'Salaries/Pensionary Benefits' has been provided to meet the envisaged expenditure on arrears for revision of allowances and retirement/pensionary benefits under VII CPC.

The representative of MHRD suggested that the financial estimates should be based on a realistic assessment of requirement of funds for the University and also subject to availability of funds with UGC.

After detailed deliberations, the Finance Committee recommended that the Budget Estimates for 2019-20 to the tune of Rs.113512.87 lakh be placed before the Executive Council for approval.

The Committee also discussed the Grant for Capital Assets at Part IV of the Financial Estimates 2019-20 and noted the same.

4. **TO REPORT ACTUAL EXPENDITURE INCURRED UPTO THE PRECEDING QUARTER I.E. 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2018 UNDER SALARY AND RECURRING GRANT.**

4.1 Actual expenditure incurred up-to 31.12.2018 under Salary and Recurring Grants for the financial year 2018-19 was placed before the committee and recorded.

5. **TO REPORT STATUS OF UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER UNDER PLAN AND NON PLAN GRANT UP-TO PRECEDING QUARTER I.e. AS ON 31.12.2018.**

5.1 Unspent balance up-to preceding quarter i.e. as on 31.12.2018 under Plan and Non-Plan for the financial year 2018-19 was placed before the committee and recorded.

**6. TO REPORT THE CURRENT STATUS ON AUDIT PARAS (SETTLED AND OUTSTANDING) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI.**

- 6.1 A statement containing settled and outstanding audit paras of the University was placed before the Committee.
- 6.2 Further, Sh. Fazal Mahmood suggested that settlement of outstanding audit paras be expedited.

The status on audit paras was reported and recorded.

**7. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.**

- 7.1 The recommendations of the building committee in its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 were placed and presented before the committee. The Finance Committee considered the minutes of the Building Committee and recommended the same for approval of the Executive Council.

- 7.2 Further, the Committee also desired that a status report on ongoing building projects in the prescribed format of the UGC be reported in the meetings of the Finance Committee. Shri Anupam Srivastava, University Engineer, agreed to provide the desired information in the required format before meetings of the Finance Committee which will further help in monitoring the progress of the projects by the Committee.

- 7.3 Further, the Committee recommended to first prioritize the works. Secondly, the Committee also recommended to go ahead with the relevant prioritized projects subject to availability of Funds with the University. Thirdly, the Committee further recommended to take up the rest of the projects for funding with the UGC/MHRD.

- 7.4 The representative of the MHRD suggested that the proposal for infrastructure projects to be undertaken by the Delhi University may be through project-based funding through HEFA. However, the elected members voiced their dissent and suggested that 100% funding for the projects has to come from the Government of India.

**8. TO REPORT THE REVISION OF ALLOWANCES OF TEACHERS, EQUIVALENT ACADEMIC STAFF, REGISTRAR, FINANCE OFFICER AND CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATION IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AS PER RECOMMENDATIONS OF 7<sup>TH</sup> CPC.**

- 8.1 A letter F.No.11-1/2017 (CU) dated 19.2.2019 regarding revision of allowances of Teachers, Equivalent Academic Staff, Registrar, Finance Officer and Controller of Examination in Universities and Colleges as per recommendation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC has been reported and recorded.

**9. TO CONSIDER THE ARBITRATION AWARDS**

- 9.1 The Case 1 to 5 on awards of arbitration was presented before the Committee. The Committee expressed its displeasure concerning various aspects of execution of the projects including lack of monitoring of the projects which results in arbitration.

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9.2 The cases from 1 to 5 were taken up one by one for discussion as under:

**Case - 1** Arbitration award in connection with providing & laying IAAF approved Synthetic Athletic Track Surface ("FULL PUR") cast-in-situ including base work complete in North Campus, University of Delhi (CWG-2010 Project)

**Case - 2** Arbitration award in connection with providing & fixing seating system for Common Wealth Games - 2010 at North Campus, Delhi University (CWG-2010 Project)

The Finance Committee recommended that w.r.t. cases 1 & 2, since, the payment was to be made from CWG-2010 project account funded by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the University should seek concurrence of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports before making payments.

**Case - 3** Arbitration award in connection with construction of Hostel and Flats at Dhaka Complex

As for case-3 is concerned, it was recommended by the committee, to obtain concurrence from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, DONER (Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region) and UGC/MHRD before making payments.

**Case - 4** Arbitration award in connection with construction of 200 boys' hostel, warden flats and servant quarters in the Campus of International Students Hostel

**Case - 5** Arbitration award in connection with construction of 64-C And 16-D type flats in Reids Lines, University of Delhi (Contract dated 22.3.1984)

The Finance Committee recommended that the cases No. 2, 3 and 5 need to be examined in detail by the existing arbitration committee constituted by the university and come up with the recommendations for consideration by the next Finance committee meeting to be convened shortly and at a short notice.

Further, the committee deliberated in details and recommended that a three-member Committee to be constituted by the University to fix the responsibility against the persons responsible for lapses.


**10. ANY OTHER ITEM**

10.1 The Finance Committee directed that a monthly report concerning delay in payments, if any, has to be put up to the Registrar with reasons every month.

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- 10.2 Comments of the MHRD (CU) and MHRD (IFD) received from the Under Secretary on the agenda items vide letter dated 22<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 respectively were placed before the committee and noted.
- 10.3 Comments of the UGC received from the Under Secretary vide letter dated February, 2019 on the agenda items and letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 on additional agenda items were placed before the committee and noted.
- 10.4 Comments of the MHRD (CU) and MHRD (IFD) received from the Under Secretary, vide letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 respectively on additional agenda items were placed before the committee and noted.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

  
SECRETARY

  
CHAIRMAN