

**MINUTES OF THE 44TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF ASSAM UNIVERSITY
HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2017 AT 2.00 PM AT GUWAHATI**

The following were present:

1. Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice-Chancellor
Assam University : Chairman
2. Dr. Jitendra Kumar Tripathi, Jt. Secretary (CU)
UGC, New Delhi (Visitor's Nominee) : Member
3. Shri Gour Krishna Pattanayak, Finance Officer
Jadavpur University, Kolkata (EC Nominee) : Member
4. CMA (Dr.) B.B. Mishra, Finance Officer
Central University of Tamil Nadu (EC Nominee) : Member
5. Prof. Nagendra Pandey, Dean, School of Earth Science
Assam University, Silchar (EC Nominee) : Member
6. Prof. A. Bhowal, Prof-in-charge
Assam University Diphu Campus : Special Invitee
7. Prof. Samira Behera, (Representative, SC/ST,AUS)
Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, Assam University, Silchar. : Special Invitee
8. Shri Seemanta Paul, Executive Engineer
Assam University, Silchar. : Special Invitee
9. Prof. Sumanash Dutta, Finance Officer (i/c)
Assam University : Ex-officio Secretary

Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MHRD, New Delhi (Visitor's Nominee) and Joint Secretary (CU&L), MHRD, New Delhi (Visitor's Nominee) and Registrar, Assam University (Permanent Invitee) could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

The comments of MHRD (CU&L) received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, MHRD dated January 09, 2017 and comments of MHRD (Finance) received from the Dy. Secretary (Finance), MHRD dated January 18, 2017 were placed by the Secretary, Finance Committee, Assam

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University before the Finance Committee and the members noted the comments.

Item No. FC: 44/01: The Chairman and the Vice-Chancellor of the Assam University to welcome the Visitor's nominees & other members of the Finance Committee and will deliver opening remarks.

Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice-Chancellor, Assam University and Chairman, Finance Committee welcomed all the members in particular with a profound sense and gratitude with a special reference to Dr. Jitendra Kr. Tripathi, Jt. Secretary (CU), UGC for attending the meeting. The Chairman in his opening remarks sought guidance from all the members for all round development and growth of the University. He requested the Secretary, Finance Committee to initiate the proceedings as per the agenda items.

Item No. FC: 44/02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on November 19, 2016.

The copy of the Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on November 19, 2016 was circulated to all the members vide letter no. AUF/686/FC-43/2016-17/2530, dated November 22, 2016.

No comments on the minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the University has been received from the members.

The Minutes may kindly be confirmed.

Resolution: The members of the Finance Committee read and confirmed the minutes of 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on November 19, 2016 as there were no comments received from the members on it.

Item No. FC: 44/03: Action Taken Report of the 43rd Meeting of the Finance Committee of the University.

Action Taken Report of the 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on November 19, 2016 is placed for information, necessary review and approval.

Resolution: The Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on November 19, 2016 were reviewed and noted by the members.

Item No. FC: 44/04: Progress of the XII Plan expenditure viz. buildings, equipments, library, fellowship etc. - An overview of the financial position of the University.

The details of XII Plan expenditures head-wise and year-wise showing an overview of the financial position of the University as on 31st December, 2016 are prepared and placed in the meeting for perusal of the Committee.

Resolution: The progress report pertaining to this agenda item were placed in the meeting for the perusal of the Committee. The members of the Finance Committee perused and had a discussion on the pertinent points of the item and noted the progress of XII Plan expenditure as on 31 December, 2016.

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Item No. FC: 44/05: Status of Utilization of Non-Plan Grants of the University.

Utilization of Non-Plan Grants as on 31st December, 2016 under different heads are prepared and placed in the meeting for kind perusal of the members.

Resolution: The details pertaining to this agenda item were placed in the meeting for the perusal of the Committee. The members of the Finance Committee perused and noted the progress of Non-Plan expenditure as on 31 December, 2016.

Item No. FC: 44/06: Approval of modified Revised Budget Estimates of Non-Plan Grants of the University for the Financial Year 2016-17 and Budget Estimates for the financial year 2017-18 towards Pension and NPS contribution.

Based on the recommendations of the 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee held on November 19, 2016, the Executive Council of the University in its 108th meeting held on November 24, 2016 vide Resolution No. EC:108:11-16:11 approved the Revised Budget Estimates of Non-Plan grant for the year 2016-17 of Rs. 8543.06 lakhs and Budget Estimates of Non-Plan grant for the year 2017-18 of Rs. 10670.00 lakhs subject to the fulfillment of conditions laid down by the 43rd Finance Committee.

During scrutiny of accounts and taking into consideration the actual expenditure incurred as on 30.11.2016, it has been observed that the actual requirement for financial year 2016-17 for (i) Pension

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amounting to Rs. 177.96 lakhs (Rs. 150.00 lakhs approved by Finance Committee and Executive Council against Revised Budget Estimates 2016-17) and (ii) Contribution towards NPS amounting to Rs. 271.58 lakhs (Rs. 250.00 lakhs approved by Finance Committee and Executive Council against Revised Budget Estimates 2016-17). The additional fund required against these two items amounting to Rs. 49.54 lakhs against Revised Budget Estimates 2016-17. Accordingly, total of Revised Budget Estimates 2016-17 amounts to Rs. 8592.60 lakhs.

Further, the legitimate requirement for Pension against Budget Estimates 2017-18 amounting to Rs. 220.00 lakhs as against Rs. 180.00 lakhs approved by Finance Committee and Executive Council against Budget Estimates 2017-18. Accordingly, total of Budget Estimates 2017-18 amounts to Rs. 10710.00 lakhs.

The above requisition of fund has been sent to UGC vide letter No. AUF/C&A/831/2012/Vol-II, dated 05.12.2016.

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

Resolution: The Finance Committee recommended the corrected Revised Budget Estimates of Non-Plan grant for the year 2016-17 of Rs.8592.60 lac and Budget Estimates of Non-Plan grant for the year 2017-18 of Rs. 10710.00 lac to the Executive Council for approval subject to availability of funds with UGC.

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Item No. FC: 44/07: Approval of the Minutes of 87th meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 26th December, 2016 along with the Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of Building Projects.

The Minutes of 87th meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 26th December, 2016 along with the Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of Building Projects in the prescribed format is placed for consideration of approval.

The Building Committee recommended the following projects to Finance Committee for approval.

- (A) Construction of Kendriya Vidyalaya at Assam University, Silchar (vide Resolution No. BC:87:12-16:2). The Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project are placed in the meeting. The fund for the project amounting to Rs. 19,97,75,397.00 is available under XII Plan grant.
- (B) Construction of Building for School of Education (vide Resolution No. BC:87:12-16:3). The Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project are placed in the meeting. The fund for the project amounting to Rs. 4,51,19,636.00 is available under the scheme Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) for the year 2015-16.
- (C) Construction of 100 Bedded OBC Boys' & Girls' Hostel at Assam University, Silchar Campus (vide Resolution No. BC:87:12-16:4). The Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the

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- projects are placed in the meeting. Fund for the projects are not available with the University. However, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India has communicated vide their letter No. 11015/09/2016-BC-I, dated 18th July, 2016 that they would provide 90% fund for the project and rest 10% is to be provided by the University. It is proposed that 10% of the project cost may be allowed to be provided by the University from XII Plan grant/interest therefrom.
- (D) Construction of Vertical Extension of Non-Teaching Quarter at Assam University Silchar Campus (vide Resolution No. BC:87:12-16:5). The Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project are placed in the meeting. The fund for the project amounting to Rs. 1,49,68,000.00 is available under XII Plan grant.
- (E) Construction of Canteen cum Departmental Store at Assam University Silchar Campus (vide Resolution No. BC:87:12-16:6) The Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project are placed in the meeting. The total fund requirement for the proposed project is Rs. 1,25,21,000.00. The Building Committee recommended the project subject to availability of fund.
- (F) Repairing of Campus roads of Assam University, Silchar (vide Resolution No. BC:87:12-16:7) The Estimate is placed in the meeting. Fund amounting to Rs. 2,09,78,228.00 for the project is available under XII Plan (Recurring) grant.

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- (G) Construction of Vertical Extension of Mathematics building at Assam University Silchar Campus (vide Resolution No. BC:87:12-16:8). The Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project are placed in the meeting. The total fund requirement for the proposed project is Rs. 56,65,751.00. The Building Committee recommended the project subject to availability of fund.

Resolution: The Minutes of 87th meeting of the Building Committee of Assam University held on 26th December, 2016 along with the Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of Building Projects in the prescribed format is placed for consideration of approval. The Members examined the proposals contained in the said minutes and approves the same for submission to 109th Executive Council meeting of Assam University to be held on 24th January, 2017 for approval and onward submission to the Standing Committee of UGC for consideration and approval alongwith the following observations.

- (A) Construction of Kendriya Vidyalaya at Assam University, Silchar.


The Finance Committee approved the Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project, the total cost of the project being to the tune of Rs. 19,97,75,397.00 which is available under XII Plan grant. The Finance Committee also recommended that the work may be allotted to CPWD following GFR and CVC guidelines with a rider that CPWD shall have to complete the entire project and handover the same to the University within a period of 18 months from the date of

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issue of work order and that under no circumstances any escalation in project cost will be allowed.

- (B) Construction of Building for School of Education under the scheme Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) for the year 2015-16.

The Finance Committee approved the Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project, the total cost of the project being to the tune of Rs. 4,51,19,636.00. It was pointed out in the meeting that MHRD has sanctioned Rs. 3.15 crore as Non-recurring grant and Rs. 1.00 crore as Recurring for the project vide their letter No. F.No. 3-16/2015-PN.II, dated 30.09.2015 with even reference No. and date. Further, MHRD through e-mail dated 14th December, 2015 confirmed that funds to the tune of 50% of the approved proposal of Assam University had been released (vide references above). The rest 50% of the proposed amount is yet to receive from MHRD. Therefore, the Finance Committee recommends that the proposal may be placed before the 109th Executive Council meeting of Assam University to be held on 24th January, 2017 for approval and onward submission to the Standing Committee of UGC for consideration and approval for allocation of the available fund (Rs. 3.15 crore) for the project and since the payment of grant-in-aid for the project was for the Financial Year 2015-16 vide MHRD letter under reference, the Assam University authority should request MHRD for extension of the project by one year more. The execution of the work shall have to be carried out following GFR and CVC guidelines.


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- (C) Construction of 100 Bedded OBC Boys' & Girls' Hostel at Assam University, Silchar Campus.

The Finance Committee approved the Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project, the total cost of the project being to the tune of Rs. 6.00 crore. The Finance Committee observed that the proposed 10% of the building cost can be met out of the interest earned from XII Plan grant only and no additional grant will be provided by UGC for this project. The work is to be executed subject to receipt of 90% of the fund from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI and following GFR and CVC guidelines.

Subject to above observations, the Finance Committee recommends the proposal for placing the same to the 109th Executive Council meeting of Assam University to be held on 24th January, 2017 for approval and onward submission to the Standing Committee of UGC for consideration and approval.

- (D) Construction of Vertical Extension of Non-Teaching Quarter at Assam University Silchar Campus.

The Finance Committee approved the Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project, the total cost of the project being to the tune of Rs. 1,49,68,000.00 which is available under XII Plan grant and recommends that the same may be placed before the 109th Executive Council meeting of Assam University to be held on 24th January, 2017 for approval and onward submission to the Standing Committee of UGC for consideration and approval for execution of the work following GFR and CVC guidelines.

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- (E) Construction of Canteen cum Departmental Store at Assam University Silchar Campus.

The Finance Committee observed that the proposal may be agreed upon in principle as it appeared to be genuine need for the University. However, this can be taken up subject to availability of fund. The same may be placed before the 109th Executive Council meeting of Assam University to be held on 24th January, 2017 for approval and onward submission to the Standing Committee of UGC for consideration and approval of Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project.

- (F) Repairing of Campus roads of Assam University, Silchar.


It is pointed out in the meeting that the fund for the work is available under XII Plan (Recurring grant). However, the proposal and the estimate submitted are agreed upon in principle by the Committee if the repairing work is due. It should be certified that the work is really due now as per relevant rules in extant. Finance Committee further recommends that a Project Monitoring Committee including experts in this area should be constituted for monitoring the quality of the work and the payment should be made on the basis of recommendation of the Project Monitoring Committee. The Finance Committee recommends that the proposal may be placed before the 109th Executive Council meeting of Assam University to be held on 24th January, 2017 for approval and onward submission to the Standing Committee of UGC for consideration and approval.

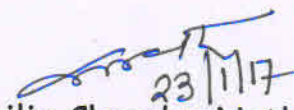
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- (G) Construction of Vertical Extension of Mathematics building at Assam University Silchar Campus.

The Finance Committee observed that the proposal may be agreed upon in principle. However, this can be taken up subject to availability of fund. The same may be placed before the 109th Executive Council meeting of Assam University to be held on 24th January, 2017 for approval and onward submission to the Standing Committee of UGC for consideration and approval of Abstract of Cost and Rate Conformity Certificate of the project.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. Sumanash Dutta)
Ex-Officio-Secretary
Finance Committee
Assam University, Silchar


(Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath)
Chairman
Finance Committee
Assam University, Silchar
