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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
(2023-2026)
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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairperson, Committee on Public Accounts, having been authorised by the Committee to present this Report, on their behalf present the Seventieth Report on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2004-06).

The Committee considered and finalised this Report at the meeting held on 4th September, 2024

Thiruvananthapuram
8th October, 2024

SUNNY JOSEPH
Chairperson,
Committee on Public Accounts.

REPORT

This Report deals with the Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2004-06).

The Hundred and Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2004-06) was presented to the House on 15th March 2006. The Report contained twelve Recommendation relating to Higher Education Department. The Report was forwarded to Government on 18.04.2006 seeking the Statements of Action on the recommendation contained in the Report and the final reply was received on 11.11.2014.

The Committee examined the Statements of Action received from the Government at its meeting held on 28.01.2015. The Committee was not satisfied with the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendation in Para No. 16 and decided to pursue further. This recommendation, reply furnished there on and further recommendation of the Committee are included in Chapter I of this Report.

The Committee decided not to pursue further action on the remaining recommendations in the light of the replies furnished by the Government. Such recommendations of the Committee and the Action Taken by Government are included in Chapter II of this Report.

CHAPTER I

RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT IS NOT SATISFACTORY AND WHICH REQUIRE REITERATION.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 5, Para No. 16)

1.1 The Committee is convinced that in the construction work of faculty buildings for the MG University an avoidable expenditure of ₹ 2.98 lakh was incurred. This was due to the arbitrary decision of the University Engineer who fixed the rate of wood work done with Anjili wood which was substituted for Teak wood at the market rate instead of the scheduled rate of Public Works Department for such work. The admissible rate of 10dm³ Anjili wood was ₹ 37.90 as per the schedule, but the Engineer fixed the rate at ₹180 per dm³. The Committee understands that this is a sheer violation of Rules by the Engineer and the possibility of his connivance with the contractor cannot be ruled out. The Committee is surprised to note that the University had not initiated any disciplinary action against the delinquent officer so far. The Committee therefore, recommends that an enquiry should be instituted in the matter and the University Engineer who was responsible for the malpractice should be brought to book even though he was working there on deputation.

Action taken

1.2 The University authorities have informed that as the person concerned has already left the service and retired, no action could be initiated. Instructions are also issued to be more vigilant in such cases.

Further Recommendation

1.3 The Committee vehemently criticises the Higher Education Department for not taking any action on the recommendation of the Committee in time. The Committee directs the department to examine whether the delinquent University Engineer would come under the purview of Section 3 of the Kerala Public Accountants Act 1963 and in the light of such examination a report should be furnished to the Committee on what actions are initiated against him.

CHAPTER II

RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT DESIRE TO PURSUE IN THE LIGHT OF REPLIES FURNISHED BY GOVERNMENT

HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 1, Para No. 4)

2.1 The Committee would like to point out that the Syndicate of a University being the apex body would be heavily laden with many duties and responsibilities and hence it would not be able to prioritise the list of business placed before it for its approval. It was the duty of the University officials to have brought to the notice of the Syndicate the importance and urgency of taking a final decision on the tender for construction of the three storeyed building for providing facilities to the teaching staff. The Committee finds that the lapse on the part of the University officials had resulted in an avoidable extra expenditure of ₹13.08 lakh. The Committee recommends that the Registrar of the University and the persons who assist him in his responsibilities should handle matters of such urgency and importance more carefully and diligently.

Action taken

2.2 The Registrar, University of Calicut has reported that the lapses occurred pointed out from the part of University has been taken into account with due importance and steps have been initiated for issuing circular to all concerned so as to avoid such lapses in future. Moreover the University has constituted a technical Committee for scrutinizing the estimates received from the University engineer before approval and also for further scrutiny after completion of work, before passing final bills for payment to the concerned, for avoiding such lapse in future.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 2, Para No. 5)

2.3 The Committee finds that the financial powers of the Registrar is limited to ₹ 500 only. Since this is a very paltry sum, most of the files including those of a routine nature which could have been disposed of at the Registrar's level had to be sent to Vice Chancellor for approval. This in turn is eating up the valuable time and

attention of the Vice Chancellor in petty administrative matters instead of concentrating more in academic matters. The Committee, therefore, recommends that necessary amendments should be made in the University Statutes granting more powers including financial powers to Registrars and Vice Chancellors of the University in Kerala.

Action taken

2.4 CUSAT has enhanced financial powers of Registrar, and Vice Chancellor (Copy enclosed)(Annexure). M.G. University has enhanced the financial powers of Registrar from ₹ 500/- to ₹ 5000/- and that of Vice Chancellor from ₹ 1,50,000/- to ₹ 5,00,000/-. University of Kerala and University of Calicut have also enhanced the financial powers of Vice Chancellor and Registrar (Copies enclosed).(Annexure).

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 3, Para No. 9)

2.5 The Committee finds it irregular to have retained in the Calicut University the 121 posts ordered to be transferred to the Kannur University. The failure to transfer the posts acquires a more serious nature when it is understood that while the posts are retained in Calicut University itself, equivalent number of posts to accommodate the posts transferred to Kannur University were created there and due to the non transfer of posts, the vacancies created in Kannur University were being filled up by new appointments. The contention of the Registrar that the work load in Calicut University had increased considerably due to increase in the number of courses offered, introduction of semester system and conduct of more examinations is not acceptable to the Committee. If there had been an increase in work load, that should have been properly assessed and new posts created instead of retaining the posts which are ordered to be transferred. The Committee therefore recommends that the decision to transfer the posts should be implemented. The Committee also recommends that a scientific study should be conducted on the work load of the University and cancellation/abolition of posts should be done on the basis of the work study.

Action taken

2.6 Only the limited works related with the academic matters including the conduct of exams of 26 affiliated colleges were transferred to Kannur University. All other workers related to the exams of Pre-Degree and on going regular/Supplementary exams of U.G. and P.G. courses and the entire works of private students from the area of Kannur University were the burden of Calicut University. The University was unable to make appointments in the cadre of Assistants for the period 1998 to 2009 due to

pendancy of litigation. Considering the gravity of the situation, the Hon'ble High Court even permitted the university to fill up the vacancies by making provisional appointments from the short list maintained by the University. The No. of affiliated colleges has increased from 104 in 1996 to 328 in 2010 increasing the work load to more than three fold. The number of professional colleges and the colleges offering new generation courses have also increased. The enrolment of students have increased to four lakh at entry level and about 6.5 lakh students are taking various examinations. Besides this, the university has started its own teaching departments. The University could not create even a single post of Assistants since May 1996. the present strength of Assistants is only 514 against a sanctioned strength of 750 which is not sufficient to cater the needs of hour.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 4, Para No. 13)

2.7 The Committee finds that the Higher Education Department had directed the University to recover urgently the House Rent Allowance sanctioned to the calicut University employees at inadmissible rates without Government approval. But it is seen that University had not taken heed to the directive of Government. In this context, the Committee opines that the Committee is not against payment of additional emoluments to the employees. At the same time, the Committee emphasizes that the payment should be in accordance with law. Hence the Committee strongly recommends that the University, Higher Education Department and Finance Department should look into the matter and come to a consensus urgently. The Committee desires to have the details of action taken on this recommendation within six months of the date of presentation of this Report.

Action taken

2.8 There was no specific Pay revision orders, exclusively for the Universities till the issue of 9th Pay Revision orders. All the Universities were following the Secretariat pattern and had issued separate orders in respect of each University, based on the State Pay Revision Orders. Now Government have issued separate Pay Revision Orders for University employees. In this order specific guidelines have been given for calculating HRA. Based on this order, University of Calicut has stopped the practice of payments of HRA at higher rates and the rates admissible as per the Pay Revision Order 2009 are being paid from April, 2011. Instructions have been given to the

other Universities also to stop the practice of payment of HRA at higher rates and to give HRA in accordance with the 9th Pay Revision Order. Considering the above facts and the practical difficulties for calculating the excess paid HRA especially in respect of those persons who have deceased and retired, the University may be exempted from the recovery of excess amount paid to the large no employees.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 6, Para No. 18)

2.9 The Committee finds that, the audit observation that the payment of campus and outstation allowances to the MG University employees was irregular, is correct. The Committee understands that the action of the University was in violation of relevant rules and it was later ratified by the Government as fait accompli. In the note submitted by the Government, it was stated that the Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi University had been directed not to take a decision on issues like this, which involve financial commitment to the university without proper concurrence of the Government in future. The Committee endorses the action of the Government and recommends the university to strictly adhere to the direction of the Government in future.

Action taken

2.10 Strict instructions has been issued to the University authority concerned vide circular No. 13519/B4/2006/H.Edn. dated 25.08.2014 to follow the suggestions of the Committee in future. Copy of the circular is enclosed for reference. (Annexure).

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 7, Para No. 20)

2.11 The Committee feels that the delay in accepting the tender for supply of PVC pipes could have been avoided had the authorities of the Mahatma Gandhi University shown prudence in such matters involving huge financial commitments. The Committee reminds all concerned to be vigilant so as to avoid such instances in future.

Action taken

2.12 Strict instructions has been issued to the University authority concerned vide circular No. 13519/B4/2006/H.Edn. dated: 25.08.2014 to follow the suggestions of the Committee in future.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 8, Para No. 24)

2.13 The Committee finds that there was laxity on the part of the University Officers in placing the tender for construction of Senate Hall Auditorium before the Syndicate for its approval which in turn resulted in extra expenditure of ₹ 33 lakh. The Committee recommends that the Registrar of the University and the officers concerned with various construction works of the University should be more diligent and bestow special attention to issues involving financial commitment and give top priority in bringing them to the notice of the Syndicate.

Action taken

2.14 Strict instructions has been issued to the University authority concerned vide circular No. 13519/B4/2006/H.Edn. dated: 25.08.2014 to follow the suggestions of the Committee in future.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 9, Para No. 40)

2.15 The Committee cites the incident of the infructuous expenditure on purchase of KSHB by M.G. University for providing accommodation for its staff as an ideal example of wasting of Public money. The Committee observes that the university had failed miserably to protect its interest in the purchase of houses and that agreement executed between the university and KSHB was extremely biased and absolutely protecting only the interest of the KSHB. The purchase of agreement of the buildings which were constructed in 1986–91 period was executed in 1998. The University very well knew that the houses were built in 1984 and were lying unused for years. Yet they had not made inspection before purchasing the houses to make proper assessment on the condition of the buildings. It could be inferred that the university had made the purchase agreement fully knowing that the houses were not new ones and therefore maintenance was essential. Even then the university did not provide any provision in the agreement to claim compensation for maintenance.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 10, Para No. 41)

2.16 The Committee also feels that although legally KSHB was more on the safer

side, the fact remains that they had also failed to discharge their obligation. Selling houses without house numbers, water and electricity connection and that also at an exorbitant rate by a government controlled institution was beyond the limit of expectation. When the Committee visited the houses, a mass memorandum was submitted by the allottees of Gandhi Nagar Housing Board Colony which is near to the houses purchased by the University. In the memorandum, the allottees had complained about the steep hike in the cost of the houses made by the Board over the tentative cost fixed in the agreement. The Board had not in the first instance enlightened the purchasers about the interest, development charge, supervisory charge etc., properly. This compelled the allottees who more or less belong to the middle income group, to pay interest compounded with penalty, which resulted in unaffordable payment. The Syndicate members of the University who had attended the PAC Meeting also complained against the poor condition of the houses. The representatives of one of the Employees, Unions of the University submitted that the employees were not willing to occupy those quarters, which lacked all basic amenities. The Committee was also convinced of the dilapidated condition of the houses. It has come to the notice of the Committee that the authorities as well as the employees of the University have the same view in not taking over those houses as quarters for the employees. In this context, the Committee desires to know the reason for the non implementation of the decision taken at the high level meeting convened by the Additional Chief Secretary on 03.06.2004 in which it was decided that the Housing Board would return the amount of ₹ 225 lakh paid to the Board by the University and terminate the agreement. The Committee finds that public money has been blocked up for the last 10 years and the entire expenditure as per the present position has become infructuous. This situation has to be changed. Hence, the Committee strongly recommends to settle the issue at the Chief Secretary level. The Committee also recommends the Secretaries of Higher Education, Housing and Finance Departments and the Registrar of University to furnish relevant files/ documents to the Chief Secretary to settle the matter in this financial year itself. It also recommends that responsibility should be fixed on the officials who had entered into an agreement with the Housing Board for the purchase of the houses without ascertaining their condition.

Action taken on Para No. 40&41

2.17 With respect to paras 40, 41 regarding the expenditure on purchase of houses from Kerala State Housing Board by Mahatma Gandhi University, the Mahatma Gandhi

University had resolved the purchase of 55 houses at a cost of ₹ 369.98 lakh from the Kerala State Housing Board and an agreement was executed in September 1998 and the houses were taken over by the university in April 2000 and a total amount of ₹ 225 lakh was also paid by the university to the KSHB in April 2000. Even though it had been decided in the High Power Committee Meeting that the KSHB would return the amount paid to the University and terminate the agreement, nothing has taken place. Therefore the Public Accounts Committee had recommended that the issue may be settled at the level of Chief Secretary. Accordingly, the Chief Secretary convened a meeting on 11.07.2007. Thereafter the Minister (Forest and Housing) has also convened a meeting on the issue on 20.07.2007. In accordance with the decisions taken in the above Meetings, valuation of 55 units were made and found that the total cost come to ₹408.05 lakh. The Housing Board on 23.07.2007 has decided to take back all the 55 units and repay the amount paid by the university in installments after selling the units. The Syndicate of the university considered the matter on 17.10.07 and had resolved to inform the KSHB to refund ₹225 lakh paid by the university urgently as the university had already decided to construct staff quarters in the campus itself. Decision of the Syndicate of the M.G. University had been communicated to the Housing Department and the M.G. University had been instructed to enter into an agreement with KSHB at the earliest, in the matter of return of 55 houses to KSHB and for repayment of

₹ 225 lakh by KSHB to M.G. University as decided in the meeting convened by the Chief Secretary on 11.01.07. The Registrar has forwarded copy of the agreement regarding taking back of the property and 55 houses by KSHB by repaying ₹ 225 lakh in lumpsum at the earliest, signed by the Registrar by the University and the Executive Engineer, KSHB Kottayam Division on KSHB's behalf (copy enclosed)(Annexure). The KSHB has already refunded the amount to the university and the matter is already settled.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 12, Para No. 45)

2.18 After the examination of the audit paras pertaining to the various Universities of the State, the Committee concludes that a lot of effort has to be made for a more efficient financial management of these academic institutions. The recommendations on the basis of the general discussion are as follows:-

1. The Committee observes that the syndicate being the apex body of the University would be taking up for discussion matters of utmost importance during their meetings. Hence, they would not be able to prioritise the agenda placed before them. Hence it is the duty of the Registrar to place matters of urgent nature before the Syndicate for their decision. The Committee therefore recommends that matter having financial implications and which need urgent attention and sanction of the Syndicate should be placed before them in time. Any lapses in this regard should be severely dealt with and the Registrar of the University should be made personally responsible.
2. The Committee recommends Government to initiate steps to amend the University Statutes of all the Universities of the State delegating more financial powers to the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar. More powers have to be delegated to Registrar regarding the expenditure of routine nature thereby enabling the Vice Chancellor to spend more time on academic matters rather than spending time on administrative matters of routine nature.
3. Some of the Universities are taking decision without taking into account the huge financial task involved in the decision. The Government and the University should work hand-in-hand to avoid unnecessary expenditure especially the expenditure for establishment matters.
4. The representative of the Accountant General who attended the PAC meeting pointed out that due to the non forwarding of the relevant accounts/records to the audit party they are experiencing difficulty in auditing. The Committee views this very seriously and directs all concerned to take stringent action against delinquent officers and employees who do not co-operate or commit dereliction of duty with the audit party of Accountant General/ Finance Department/ Local Fund Audit Department. A team of officers in the University should be entrusted with the task of making all the accounts upto date with the support of relevant documents/vouchers other registers as per provision in the respective Codes.

Action taken

- 2.19 1. Strict instructions has been issued to the University authority concerned vide circular No. 13519/B4/2006/H.Edn. dated 25.08.2014 to follow the suggestions of the Committee in future.

2. The financial powers of the Registrar has been enhanced from ₹ 500/- to ₹5,000/-. The financial powers of Vice- Chancellor has been increased to ₹5 lakh.

3. Strict instructions has been issued to University authority concerned vide Circular No. 13519/B4/2006/H.Edn. dated 25.08.2014 to follow the suggestions of the Committee in future.

4. The University authorities have informed that the accounts of the University have been updated and the University is giving all the informations as required by the Audit team properly.

Thiruvananthapuram
8th October, 2024

SUNNY JOSEPH,
Chairperson,
Committee on Public Accounts.

APPENDIX
SUMMARY OF MAIN CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

Sl No.	Para No.	Department Concerned	Conclusion/Recommendation
1	13	Higher Education	The Committee vehemently criticises the Higher Education Department for not taking any action on the recommendation of the Committee in time. The Committee directs the department to examine whether the delinquent University Engineer would come under the purview of Section 3 of the Kerala Public Accountants Act 1963 and in the light of such examination a report should be furnished to the Committee on what actions are initiated against him.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT
(Planning & Development Branch)

Calicut University .P.O.
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KERALA (INDIA)

No. PI.D.B3/2907/2005.

Dated: 03.07.2012

From

The Registrar

To

Principal Secretary to Govt.
Higher Education Department
Govt.of Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

Sub:- Pending Audit Paras-Para No.4 Report No.115/2004-06-reply-reg.

- Ref:- (1) Your office letter No.20678/B1/12/H.Edn dtd. 22.06.2012.
(2) U.O.No.PI.D.B3/1512/2012 dtd.17.04.2012.
(3) U.O.No.PI.D.B3/1512/2012 dtd.02.04.2012.

While inviting your kind attention to the reference cited, I am to inform you that the lapses pointed out occurred from the part of the University has been taken into account with due importance and concern. In this regard steps has been initiated for issuing circulars to all concerned so as to avoid such lapses in the future.

Further it may also be kindly noted that as per the orders read as (2) and (3) above a technical committee has been constituted for scrutinizing the estimates received from the University Engineer before approval and also for further scrutiny after completion of the work, before passing final bills for payment to the concerned, for avoiding any such lapses in future.

In the circumstances kindly accept our reply on the matter and may be pleased to drop the objection.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Registrar (PI.D)
for Registrar

Encl:- As above

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UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT
(Abstract)

Engineering Unit – Works – Forthcoming constructions in the University – Technical Committee constituted – Orders issued.

Planning and Development Branch II

No. P.I.D.B3/1512/2012

Dated, Calicut University, P.O., 02.04.2012

Read: Note No. VC/2012/72 dated 30.03.2012 from the Vice Chancellor.

ORDER

The Honourable Vice Chancellor, as per the note read above, has directed that all ensuing construction works in the University is to be carried out only with the approved specification and standards as specified by the technical committee constituted with the following members.

1. Dr.Kouzer .K.M., Department of Civil Engineering, Government Engineering College, Calicut, Phone No: 9744449580.
2. Dr.Babu K.K., Principal, Thejus Engineering College, Thrissur, Phone No: 9846567102.
3. Dr.Sasidharan, Department of Civil Engineering, NSS Engineering College, Palakkad, Phone No: 9447197645.
4. Dr.Pradeep.C, Department of Electrical Engineering, Nss Engineering College, Palakkad, Phone No: 9446224500.

The Deputy Registrar (P.I.D II) will provide necessary support in the Technical Committee.

The First meeting of the Technical committee is scheduled to be held on 11.04.2012.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (P.I.D-II)
For REGISTRAR

To

The Individual Concerned.

Copy to: The University Engineer/PS to VC/PS to PVC/ PA to Registrar/Finance/Budget/JDLFA/FC

Forwarded/By Order

[Signature]
SECTION OFFICER

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UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

(Abstract)

Engineering Unit - Works - Discrepancies found out in construction of buildings in the Calicut University Technical Committee - Reconstituted - Modified orders issued.

Planning & Development Branch-II

No. Pl.D.B3/1512/2012

Dated. Calicut University, P.O., 17/04/2012.

- Read: 1) Minutes of the meeting of Syndicate held on 09.03.2012 (Item No. 2012.248).
2) U.O. of even no. dated 22.03.2012.
3) Minutes of the meeting of technical committee held on 17.04.12.

ORDER

As per the U.O. read above, a technical committee was constituted conducting a technical enquiry on the discrepancies found out in the construction of buildings in Calicut University. The Vice-Chancellor in the meeting of the committee held on 17.04.2012 ordered to include Dr. Shashidharan, NSS Engineering College, Palakkad in the committee. The technical committee is thus reconstituted with the following members:

- 1) Prof. Kouzer (Chairman),
Department of Civil Engineering,
Government Engineering College, Kozhikode.
- 2) Dr. K. K. Babu
Principal,
Thejus Engineering College,
Vellarkkad.
- 3) Dr. Shashidharan,
NSS Engineering College,
Palakkad.
- 4) The Deputy Registrar/Joint Registrar (Convenor),
Planning & Development Department-II
- 5) The Deputy Registrar/Joint Registrar,
Finance Branch.

The U.O. read (2) above stands modified to the above extent.

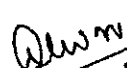
Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
For Registrar

To
The Individuals concerned

Copy to: PS to VC/PS to PVC/PA to FO/PA to Registrar/UE/Finance/Budget/JDLFA/SE/JD-FC

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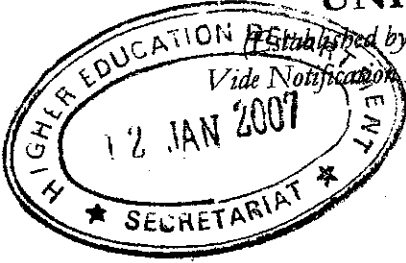


UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Established by the Kerala State Legislature by Act 17 of 1974
Vide Notification No.3878-F1/72/Law dated 27th July, 1974 of the
Government of Kerala)

Thiruvananthapuram

Dated:



No.

KA HASHIM
Registrar

D.O. No.Ad.AV.1.1764/95 dated 05.01.2007

Dear Shri M Archangelo,

Adverting to your letter D.O. No.10935/B1/06 H.Edn dated 15.11.2006, I write to inform you the following:

1. The Financial power of the Registrar to sanction provisional payments upto a maximum of Rs.500/- (Rs. Five hundred only) to meet expenditure of urgent nature has already been enhanced to Rs.5,000/- (Rs. Five thousand only) vide item No.17 of the Powers Delegated to the Registrar in the U.O. No.Ad.AV.1.6186/02 dated 15.03.2002.
2. A copy of the said U.O. enclosed may please be seen for the powers/ functions delegated to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Controller of Examinations by the Vice-Chancellor by virtue of the provisions contained in the Statute - 6 of Chapter II of Kerala University First Statutes 1977.
3. The question of granting more powers including financial powers to the Registrar and the Vice-Chancellor as proposed from that end, by amending the Kerala University Statutes will be considered by the University.

Yours Sincerely,

SHRI M. ARCHANGELO,
Joint Secretary to Government
Higher Education Department
Government of Kerala.

Attention: K.R. Sasikumar, Under Secretary
Higher Education Department.

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Mahatma Gandhi University

KOTTAYAM - 686 560



No.FOS/PAC/109/2010

Date 22.09.2010

From

The Finance Officer

To

The Principal Secretary to Government
Higher Education (B) Department
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

Sub:- M.G.University - Committee on PAC (2004-06) 115th Report - Enhancement
of financial powers of Vice-Chancellor and Registrar - action taken - reg.
Ref:- Fax Message No.10935/B1/06/H.Edn. dated 22.09.2010.

With reference to the above, I am to inform you that in this University, the
financial powers of Registrar has been enhanced from Rs. 500/- to Rs.5000/-
and the financial powers of Vice-Chancellor has been enhanced from
Rs.1,50,000/- to Rs.5,00,000/- by the Syndicate.

Yours faithfully,

FINANCE OFFICER

23/9/10 11.15 AM

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127 COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(Abstract)

Delegation of financial powers to the Heads of Departments,
Registrar, Vice-Chancellor etc. - Revision/modification -
Sanctioned - Orders Issued

ADMINISTRATION 'C' SECTION

Ad.C2/12823/02

Dated, Kochi-22, 30.12.2002.

Read:- Item No.454.30 of the minutes of the meeting of the
Syndicate held on 9.12.2002.

O R D E R

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 9.12.2002 vide item read above considered the matter of revising/modifying the existing delegation of financial powers of Heads of Departments, Registrar, Vice-Chancellor etc. for administrative convenience.

Resolved that the existing delegation of financial powers of Heads of Departments, Registrar, Vice-Chancellor etc. be revised/modified as per the following guidelines.

- I. Registrar/Heads/Directors of the Departments/Schools/Centers/Principals of Colleges which come under the financial and administrative control of the University/Principal investigators of Schemes and Projects/other Officers competent to utilise funds or financial assistance from any funding agency are entitled to incur an expenditure upto
 - 1) Rs.7,000/- on any item(s) without inviting quotations/proforma invoice.
 - 2) Rs.15,000/- on any item(s) after inviting sealed competitive quotations.
 - 3) Rs.35,000/- on any items of scientific equipments after inviting sealed competitive quotations.
- II. Prior sanction of the University is not necessary for purchase of Chemicals, Reagents, Glasswares, Labwares, Dispensing Systems and other Laboratory Consumables which are proprietary items (having valid proof on such proprietary) or under rate contract of the University.
 - 1) Upto Rs.1,00,000/- (one instance expenditure)
 - 2) For above Rs.1,00,000/- prior sanction of the University may be obtained.
- III. Prior sanction of the University be obtained for
 - 1) Purchase of furniture
 - 2) Purchase/Services from sole agents/sole distributors/sole manufactures etc. of the respective items.

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- IV. Vice-Chancellor shall be authorised to approve expenditure upto Rs.5,00,000/- after inviting sealed competitive quotations/tenders as per rules.
- V. For items having centralised purchase system proposals should be sent to the University Office by end of April of every year.
- VI. Public advertisement in one or two leading dailies be given when the expenditure involved towards purchase/service is above Rs.3,00,000/-.
- VII. Financial powers granted to Principal Investigators of project/scheme continues subject to Store purchase rules of the University.
- VIII. In the case of School/Departments all expenditure above Rs.7,000/- needs the recommendations of the Department/School Council.

Orders are issued accordingly.

All other University Orders on delegation of financial powers to authorities/officers of the University regarding purchase and service of stores stand cancelled to this extend.

Sd/-
Dr.K.V. KUNHIKRISHNAN
REGISTRAR

To
The Finance Officer/The Deputy Director of Local Fund Audit(HG)
All Head of Departments/Directors of Departments/Schools/
Centers/Principals of Colleges which come under the financial
and administrative control of the University/The Principal
Investigators of Schemes and Projects/RUDAT//INFOCUS/CELOS//MHO
The Joint Registrar (Exam.)/Academic/All Deputy Registrars/
The Planning and Development Officer/The Controller of
Examinations/All Assistant Registrars/IA & I/Audit Sections/
Exam.C/Conference/Ad.C/Finance/Accounts Section/
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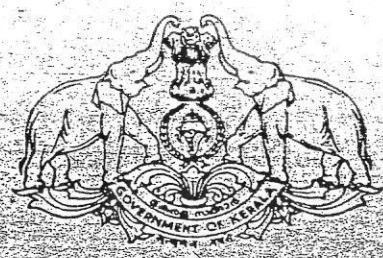
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PART III

University of Calicut

NOTIFICATION

No. CAI-FI/853/2006

4th October 2007

General and Academic Branch-1

It is hereby notified that the following amendment to Statute 13 (B) and 27(2) in Chapter 2 of Calicut University First Statute 1977 financial powers of Vice-Chancellor and Registrar has been approved by the Senate at its meeting held on 8-3-2007 and has been assented to by the Chancellor on 22-9-2007.

AMENDMENT TO STATUTE 13 (B) AND 27(2) IN CHAPTER 2 OF CALICUT UNIVERSITY FIRST STATUTE 1977

The following Clauses in Statutes 13 (B) and 27 (2) in Chapter 2 of Calicut University First Statutes 1977 be amended as follows

13 (B) Financial

- 4. To accord sanction for all works, original or repairs upto a maximum of Rs. 2,50,000 (Rupees Two lakhs and fifty thousand only) where the following conditions are satisfied viz.
 - (a) The work is one included in a scheme approved by the Syndicate and
 - (b) Funds have been provided in the University Budget.
- 6. To sanction advances for departmental purposes, exceeding Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only) and upto a limit of Rs. 2,50,000 (Rupees Two lakhs and fifty thousand only) against specific budget provision where the concerned scheme has been sanctioned by competent authority.
- 8. To accept tenders for works and tenders or quotation for supplies required upto Rs. 2,50,000 (Rupees Two lakhs and fifty thousand only) when they are the lowest and in other cases upto Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only)

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- 11 To dispose of unserviceable articles and building where the book value exceeds Rs. 10,000 (Rupees Ten thousand only) in each case.
- 14 To sanction allowances to the employees for extra work done not exceeding Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only) at a time subject to availability of funds and subject to the condition that the expense is of non recurring nature.
- 15 To sanction expenditure upto Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only) including grants for which no provision has been made in the budget subject to the condition that all such expenditure shall subject to the approval of Syndicate at its next meeting.
- 16 To sanction refund of deposits of earnest money, securities etc. exceeding Rs. 10,000 (Rupees Ten thousand only) on the basis of the recommendation of Heads of Departments.
- 17 To sanction re-appropriation of funds upto Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One lakhs only) from one major head to another provided that specific and convincing reasons are mentioned and also that such re-appropriation does not involve any recurring liability, that is a liability which extends beyond the financial year in question.

27 (2) Other Powers - The Registrar shall also have power

- 7 To sanction purchases for the use of University Office upto Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five thousands only)
- 9 To sanction expenditure incurred against orders issued by the competent authority upto Rs. 25,000 (Rupees Twenty five thousand only)
- 10 To sanction cyclic advance, mosquito net advance and such other advances for which there is budgetary provision and the amount of advance in individual cases does not exceed Rs. 2,000 (Rupees Two thousand only)
- 12 To confirm auction the total amount of which does not exceed Rs. 10,000 (Rupees Ten thousand only)
- 14 To sanction T. A. advance upto Rs. 3,000 (Rupees Three thousand only) or the monthly ceiling of the officers whichever is less.
- 20 To sanction refund of security deposits and similar other deposits not exceeding Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only)
- 28 To sanction petty items of contingent expenditure upto Rs. 500 (Rupees Five hundred only) on each occasion in the University Office under the allotment "Office Expenses and Miscellaneous"
- 31 To sanction expenditure on special contingencies for amounts not exceeding Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only) in each case provided that
 - (a) The purchase has been previously approved administratively by a competent authority, and
 - (b) The expenditure proposed for sanctioning is derived from quotations approved by the Stores Purchase Committee and the Vice-Chancellor.

Explanation

his monetary limit of Rs. 1,000 (Rupees One thousand only) will not apply to cases of refund of receipt erroneously credited to the University Account and claimed for refund. In each case the refund will be sanctioned fully by the Registrar.

sanction refund of deposits of earnest money, securities for works etc. not exceeding Rs. 1,000 (Rupees One thousand only) on the basis of the recommendation of Heads of Departments.

sanction departmental advances upto a maximum of Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only) to meet expenditure of recurrent nature subject to the rules and procedures followed by the University against specific budget provision.



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

No. 13519/B4 /2006/H.Edn

Higher Education (B) Department
Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 25.08.2014**CIRCULAR**

Sub:- Higher Education Department - 115th Report of the Committee
on Public Accounts (2004-06) – instructions issued -reg.

Ref:- Recommendations of PAC (2004-06) in its 115th Report.

The Committee on Public Accounts (PAC 2004-06) in the recommendation in para 18, ~~the committee had~~ found that the payment of campus and outstation allowances to the Mahatma Gandhi University employee was irregular and hence the committee had endorsed the action of the Government on issuing direction not to take a decision on issues like this involving financial commitment to the University. The Committee had also recommended the University to strictly adhere to the directions of the Government in future.

As per para 20 of the above report, it was suggested that the delay in accepting the tender for supply of PVC pipe could have been avoided had the authorities of the University shown prudence in such matters involving huge financial commitments. Hence the committee reminds all concerned to be vigilant so as to avoid instances in future.

In para 24 of the above report the Committee found that there was a laxity on the part of the University officers in placing the tender for construction of Senate hall auditorium before the Syndicate for its approval which in turn resulted in extra expenditure of Rs. 33 lakhs. Hence the Committee recommended that the Registrar of the University and the Officers concerned with various construction work of the University should be more diligent and bestow special attention to issues involving financial commitment and give top priority in bringing them to the notice of the Syndicate.

Vide para 45 (1) of the recommendation, the Committee observes that the Syndicate being the apex body, the University would be taking up for discussion matters of utmost importance during their meeting. It is the duty of the Registrar to place the matter of urgent nature before the Syndicate for decision. The committee has recommended that the matter involving financial implications and needs urgent need and attention and sanction of the Syndicate should be placed before the Syndicate in time.

In para 45 (3) it was observed that some of the Universities are taking decisions without taking into account that huge financial task involved in the decision. The Government and the University should work hand – in hand to avoid unnecessary expenditure especially the expenditure for establishment matters.

Government found it necessary to issue instructions to the concerned University to adhere to the recommendations of the committee on Public Accounts (PAC) and to follow the suggestions strictly. Instructions are also issued to the authorities of the Mahatma Gandhi University to ensure that the suggestions are following strictly.

The receipt of this circular may be acknowledged.

S. Ajikumar
Special Secretary to Government

To

The Registrar,
Mahatma Gandhi University,
Kottayam

Forwarded By Order

[Signature]
Special Secretary

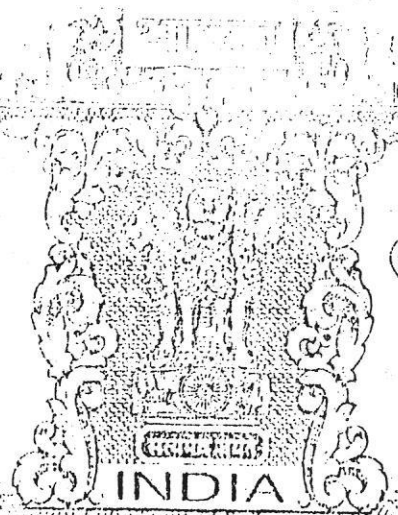
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AGREEMENT FOR TAKING BACK THE PROPERTY AND THE BUILDING

THIS DEED OF AGREEMENT executed on this 20th day of October two thousand and eight between THE KERALA STATE HOUSING BOARD, a body corporate constituted under K.S.H.B. Act 1971 represented by Sri. Santhosh Cherian, Executive Engineer, KSHB, Kottayam Division (hereinafter called the Board) of the FIRST PART and The MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, Kottayam, a body corporate constituted under the M.G.University Act 1984 represented Sri. M.R. Unni, Registrar, Mahathma Gandhi University, Kottayam (Hereinafter called the party of the SECOND PART) of the other part.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Kerala State Housing Board
Kottayam Division
Kottayam-686 004



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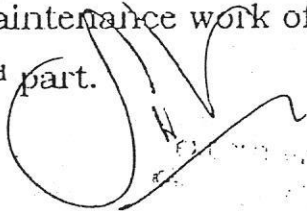
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WHEREAS the Board had framed a housing scheme called GANDHINAGAR Housing Accommodation Scheme at Kottayam. The Board had in pursuance of the application made by the party of the 2nd part agreed to sell 55 plots with the buildings from the aforesaid scheme.

An agreement had been entered into by both the parties on 29-09-1998 for the sale on mutually agreed conditions as briefed below:

1. The party of the 2nd part is permitted to be in possession of the property pending payment of balance tentative cost in five yearly instalments and transfer the title of the property.
2. The cost of the property so fixed/refixed by the Board shall be binding on the party of the 2nd part.
3. The tentative cost of the property is fixed as Rs.3,69,98,281/- (Rupees three crores sixty nine lakhs ninety eight thousand two hundred and eighty one only). The interest on the balance amount shall be paid by the party of the 2nd part at rates fixed by the Government if the party of the 2nd part refuses to pay the said interest to the Board.
4. On finalisation of the price of the property, the party of the 2nd part shall pay to the Board together with the interest at the rates fixed on the basis of the difference between tentative price and final price.

AND WHEREAS the 55 buildings with property has been handed over to the party of the 2nd part on 6.4.2000. But, the party of the 2nd part had not occupied the buildings, and hence the Board had carried out maintenance work of the buildings twice as required by the party of the 2nd part.



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WHEREAS the party of the 2nd part has remitted Rs.225 lakhs (Rupees two hundred and twenty five lakhs only) as shown below.


27.3.1995	25 lakhs
20.1.1996	50 lakhs
29.1.1997	50 lakhs
18.11.1998	50 lakhs
29.5.2000	<u>50 lakhs</u>
	<u>225 lakhs</u>



WHEREAS the Board had made additional arrangements for provision of water supply lines to the property agreed for sale incurring expenditure of Rs.38 lakhs (Rupees thirty eight lakhs only)

WHEREAS the party of the 2nd part was not ready to remit the entire cost of the building together with the interest as claimed by the party.

WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee has taken up the issue as recommended to settle the issue at the level of the Chief Secretary. In the meeting held on 11.1.2007, the Chief Secretary has directed the Board to take back the buildings from the party of the 2nd part after executing an agreement.

WHEREAS the Mahatma Gandhi University Syndicate on 11.1.2007 agreed with the proposal to take back the plot with buildings from the party of the 2nd part on the condition of the Board repaying the amount of Rs.225 lakhs (Rupees two hundred and twenty five lakhs only) in instalments.


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Public Works Department
State Planning Board

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NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board shall take back the 55 buildings with property handed over to the party of the 2nd part on 6.4.2000 immediately on execution of this agreement.
2. The amount of Rs. 225 lakhs paid by the party of the 2nd part to the Board shall be repaid by the Board in lumpsum at the earliest.

WITNESSES WHEREOF the parties to this agreement Sri.Santhosh on behalf of the Kerala State Housing Board and Sri. M.R.Unni on behalf of M.G.University hereto set their hands on the day, month and year as above written.

[Signature]
A. Cherian
 ENGINEER
 Housing Board
 Division
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[Signature]
M.R.Unni
 REGISTRAR



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