

Central University of Himachal Pradesh

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**Minutes  
Of  
37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee  
Held on 27.03.2023 at 3:00 PM**

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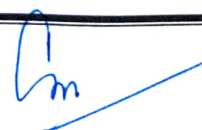
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**Minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee**  
**Held on 27.03.2023 at 3:00 PM onwards**

The 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 27.03.2023 at 3:00 PM onwards.  
The following members were present in meeting: -

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| 1. Professor Sat Prakash Bansal<br>Vice- Chancellor  | Chairman             |
| 2. Prof. Kulbhusan Chandel<br>Nominee of the Court   | Member               |
| 3. Prof. Nagesh Thakur<br>Nominee of the Executive Council                                   | Member               |
| 4. Sh. Gian Chand Raita<br>Nominee of the Executive Council                                  | Member               |
| 5. Dr. Deen Dayal Verma<br>Nominee of the Executive Council                                  | Member               |
| 6. Smt. Kiran Arora<br>Under Secretary, Govt.of India (IFD)                                  | Ex-Officio Member    |
| 7. Dr.Mriganka Sekhar Sarma<br>Deputy Secretary, UGC<br>(Nominee of Jt. Secretary (CU), UGC) | Ex-Officio Member    |
| 8. Dr. Vishal Sood,<br>Registrar, CUHP   | Special Invitee      |
| 9. Sh. Narinder Kumar<br>Finance Officer, CUHP   | Ex-Officio Secretary |

Smt. Kiran Arora, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India (IFD), Dr. Mriganka Sekhar Sarma, Deputy Secretary (CU), UGC, New Delhi and Dr. Vishal Sood, Registrar, CUHP attended the meeting through Google Meet/video conferencing (Google Meet link <https://meet.google.com/yia-sxou-kin>).



Thereafter, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about the Agenda Items tabled for discussion. After brief general discussion, each item was taken up for discussion in detail. The item-wise details of discussion held and decisions taken are as under:-

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL :**

**Item No. 37.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13.12.2022 (Annexure – 37.1)**

The minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13.12.2022 are placed at **Annexure 37.1** for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble Members.

*Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.1 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, 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 37.1 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, 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 37.1 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 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 the CU Bureau and IFD of MoE, if any, may also be considered while confirming the minutes and the ATR".*

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

**Item No. 37.2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13.12.2022 (Annexure-37.2).**

The report of action taken on the decisions of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13.12.2022 is placed before the Committee as per **Annexure-37.2** for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble members.

	<p><u><b>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.2 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote</b></u>“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”.</p> <p><u><b>Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.2 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote</b></u> “May be considered”.</p> <p><u><b>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.2 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote</b></u> “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.</p> <p><u>The observations of the CU Bureau and IFD of MoE, if any, may also be considered while confirming the minutes and the ATR”.</u></p> <p><u><b>The action taken report on the decisions of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee noted &amp; approved.</b></u></p>
<p><b>Item No. 37.3</b></p>	<p><b>To place before the Finance Committee the Budget Estimates for the Year 2023-24 (Annexure-37.3).</b></p> <p>The Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24 prepared as per provisions of Statutes 7(7) (C) and enclosed as <b>Annexure 37.3</b> for consideration.</p> <p><u><b>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.3 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote</b></u> “Subject to the condition 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, the proposal may be recommended for approval”.</p> <p><u><b>Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.3 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote</b></u> “May be discussed”.</p> <p><u><b>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.3 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote</b></u> “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, the Budget Estimate for the financial year 2023-24 for Salary, Recurring and Creation of Capital Assets of Central University of Himachal Pradesh may be recommended, subject to availability of funds from Government of India”.</p>



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	<p><u>The Finance Committee considered and approved the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2023-24 and recommended the same for approval of the Executive Council.</u></p>																
<p><b>Item No. 37.4</b></p>	<p>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-37 components for the year 2022-23.</p> <p>The UGC has released the Grant-in-aid under Recurring (31), Capital-35 and Salary(37) components for the year 2022-23 up to 15.03.2023 as per detail given below:-</p> <p align="right">(Rupees in Lakhs)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No.</th> <th>Head of Accounts</th> <th>B.E. Allocation for 2022-23</th> <th>Grant Released by UGC for 2022-23</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Recurring-31</td> <td>1406.00</td> <td>1406.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Capital -35</td> <td>2350.00</td> <td>2350.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Salary-36</td> <td>3593.00</td> <td>3593.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.4 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote "May be noted".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.4 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote "May be discussed".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.4 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote "Noted".</u></p> <p><u>The Finance Committee noted the Grants released by the University Grants Commission for the Current Financial Year.</u></p> <p><u>Recommended for perusal/approval of Executive Council.</u></p>	Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	B.E. Allocation for 2022-23	Grant Released by UGC for 2022-23	1.	Recurring-31	1406.00	1406.00	2.	Capital -35	2350.00	2350.00	3.	Salary-36	3593.00	3593.00
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<p><b>Item No. 37.5</b></p>	<p>To place before the Finance Committee Research Projects received by the University from various funding agencies since last meeting of the Finance Committee.</p> <p>The detail of Research Projects sanctioned by the different funding agencies are as under:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No.</th> <th>Title of Project</th> <th>Funding Agency</th> <th>Duration</th> <th>Sanctioned Financial Outlay (Rs.)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sr. No.	Title of Project	Funding Agency	Duration	Sanctioned Financial Outlay (Rs.)											
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1.	Sapt Sindhu Ki Lok Sanskriti: (Folk Culture of Sapt Sindhu: With Reference to Himachal Pradesh) (Sanctioned vide Letter No. 02/7418/GN/ 2021-22/ICSSR/ RP/MJ Dated 12.03.2022., Name of PI :- Dr. GireeshGourav, Assistant Professor, Dept of Sociology and Social Anthropology )	ICSSR	02 Year	5,50,000.00
2.	Invitro Micropropagation and Phytochemical Investigation of Chemical Constituents Found in Orchids of Astavarga Group. (Sanctioned vide Letter No. EEQ/2022/ 000977, Name of PI: - Dr. Jitender Kumar, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Plant Science)	SERB	03 Year	50,34,832.00

**Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.5 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote "May be noted".**

**Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.5 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote "May be discussed".**

**Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.5 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote "Noted".**

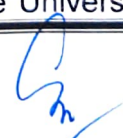
**The Finance Committee appreciated and noted the proposal and recommended for approval of Executive Council.**

**Item No. 37.6**

**To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding condemnation of University Vehicle.**

It is placed before the Finance committee that owing to the completion of prescribed mileage of the University vehicle no HP 39C-0115, the University initiated the process for condemnation of the said vehicle as per rules. The entire matter was placed before the Executive Council vide item No. 57.5 in its 57<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 wherein the Executive Council has noted and approved the Action Taken by the University in condemnation of University Vehicle No. HP 39C-0115 make Maruti SX4 car by following the due procedures.

Despite the consecutive attempts of the University for 03 times, none of the bidder turned up during open auction of the vehicle. The provisions of the e-auction were also explored, but they are applicable for defence vehicles only. Accordingly, the University recommended to dispose of the said condemned vehicle on scrap value. In the meanwhile, the University vide letter No. 4-7/



CUHP/GA/2010/Vol.-II/1077-78 dated 01.02.2023 has taken up the matter with Ministry of Education for advice and suggestions on this recommendation of the auction committee, but nothing so far has been heard from the ministry in this regard. The University shall now, as such dispose off the instant vehicle on scrap value.

It is also pertinent to submit that the University shall now initiate the process to purchase new vehicle as per prevailing Govt. of India rules.

**Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.6 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote "The University is advised to wait for advice from MoE in this regard".**

**Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.6 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote "May be considered in accordance with Gov Rules".**

**Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.6 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote "Old and unserviceable staff cars will be disposed of to the best advantage of Government with Provisions of General Financial Rules".**

**The Finance Committee noted the comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) and recommended that the matter may be expedited to obtain the advice sought for from the Ministry of Education vide letter No.4-7/CUHP/GA/2010-Vol-II/277-78 dated 01.02.2023 at the earliest and ensure further action accordingly with regard to auction of condemned vehicle.**

**Recommended for approval of the Executive Council**

**Item No. 37.7**

**To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding non-receipt of bids in tender(s) floated by the University for hiring of transport services (Buses) and building for Girl's Hostel at Dehra.**

It is submitted before the Finance Committee that University was availing Transport services from HRTC(Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation) w.e.f. 01.01.2015 vide agreement dated 31.12.2014 which was extended till Dated 31.12.2022 and further dated 31.02.2023 The University by following all the codal formalities has floated the tender vide notice dated 08.02.2023 Since, none of the bidder turned up to apply for the same the tender was again floated on 28.02.2023 and again none of the bidder turned up to apply for this tender. The University has retendered this third time now.

Keeping in view the basic need/requirement of transport facility to be provided to the students amid scattered campuses and hostel of the University, if none of the bidder will apply for the tender this time(Third time)

also, the University will continue with the existing arrangements and enter into agreement.

It is also submitted before the Finance committee that University is availing Hostel services for Girls at Dehra w.e.f. from Mr. Darpan Singh vide agreement dated 23.07.2022 which was further extended till 31.05.2023 The University, by following all the codal formalities floated the tender for hiring of Hostel services for Girls at Dehra. The University by following all the codal formalities has floated the tender vide notice dated 24.01.2023 Since, none of the bidder turned up to apply for the same the tender was again floated on dated 20.02.2023 and again none of the bidder turned up to the apply for this tender. The University has retendered this third time now.

Keeping in view the basic need/requirement of Hostel facility to be provided to the Girls students of Dehra Campus, if none of the bidder will apply for the tender this time(Third time) also, the University will continue with the existing arrangements and enter into agreement.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.7 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote "The matter may be discussed in detail in the meeting".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.7 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote "May be considered in accordance with GoI Rules".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.7 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote "May be discussed in the meeting as per the instructions given by the MoE and forwarded by Central University".

The Finance Committee noted the comments of Ministry of Education (IFD), Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) and UGC New Delhi. The members were apprised that earnest efforts have been made to hire the buses on competitive rates but despite floating of Tenders three times, none of the bidders have participated in the Tendering process. Similarly tenders to hire the hostel facility at Dehra Campus have been floated thrice but none of the bidders have applied/participated in tendering process. The Finance Committee deliberated upon both the issues in view of exigencies of services/larger academic interest and recommended as under:-

1. Efforts be continued to hire the transport services at competitive rates. However, existing arrangements as per institutional need with the HRTC on agreed terms and conditions shall continue



	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>until a suitable/responsive service provider is shortlisted.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Approval to extend the agreement on agreed terms and conditions to provide hostel facilities to the girl students at Dehra Campus in view of safety and security is granted. However the reasonability of rent be ensured by obtaining RRC from the CPWD.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Recommended for approval of the Executive Council.</u></p>
<p>Item No. 37.8</p>	<p><b>To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding representation received from Sh. Virender Sharma regarding payment of Bills and Security money.</b></p> <p>It is submitted before the Finance Committee that University has received a representation dated 28.02.2023 from Mr. Virender Sharma on behalf of M/s. Rameshwari Travels from whom the University had hired transport services during the period from 2011 to dated 31.12.2014. The representation is annexed at <b>Annexure-37.8</b>. The University called Mr. Virender Sharma to represent his case before Registrar, Finance officer, Assistant Registrar (Finance), Assistant Registrar (GA), Assistant Registrar (Academic) and dealing hand transport matters. The entire record from the Finance and General Administration of the Registrar office was perused and it was observed;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the University has hired transport services (Buses) from M/s. Rameshwari Travels (Under Proprietorship of Mr. Virender Sharma) by way of agreement during the period from 2011 to 31.12.2014 and all the bills submitted by M/s. Rameshwari Travels were paid to them including service tax. The said firm had submitted the last bill for payment on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015. Committee also observed that the CAG audit team during audit of the University for the period 2013-14 raised an audit Para that the provision of Service tax is not applicable in the Educational Institutions. Pursuant to instant audit para, the University vide letter date 11.12.2014 and 31.12.2014 informed Mr. Virender Sharma that the University has paid him an amount of Rs. 17,65,882/- towards service tax and requested him to submit copy of challan(s) towards depositions of the service tax paid by him.</li> <li>ii. That the University, amid to audit observations raised by the CAG audit team, kept on hold the last bill dated 01.01.2015 submitted by M/s. Rameshwari Travels and vide letter no Accts. 3-4/CUHP/2010/52 dated 13.01.2015 once again requested Mr. Virender Sharma to deposit the copy of challan(s) of service tax deposition for an amount of Rs. 17,65,882/- which was paid to him by this University. But Mr. Virender Sharma didn't deposit the same in this University.</li> <li>iii. That the University vide letter no. Accts./3-4/CUHP/2010/1116-18 dated 24.12.2020 again requested Mr. Virender Sharma to produce</li> </ol>



- copy of the challan(s) as evidence for deposition of service tax to the tune of Rs. 17,65,882/- paid to him as service tax by this University. The committee observed that Mr. Virender Sharma has not yet submitted the same to the University and the audit observation to this effect stands still.
- iv. That the committee observed that the allegation raised by Mr. Virender Sharma are baseless and not true to the fact. It is matter of records that as of today Mr. Virender Sharma has yet to submit the copy of challan(s) as evidence for deposition of service tax with the Govt. to the tune of Rs. 17,65,882/- which he had been paid by the University. As a precautionary measure an amount of Rs. 9,42,056/- has been kept on hold by the University on account of pending bill and security money which will be released to him soon after he submits copy of challan(s) as evidence of deposition of service tax to the Govt. to the tune of Rs.17,65,882/- as paid to him by the University. The committee has given 15 days time from 03.03.2023.
  - v. That the matter is also sub-judice before Civil Judge(Jr. Div.)-cum-JMIC-I vide case no. 10/18.
  - vi. Despite several reminders and the time given by the committee Mr. Virender Sharma failed to submit the evidence of deposition of service tax to the Govt. to the tune of Rs.17,65,882/- as paid to him by the University. However, he vide letter received on 13.03.2023 again raised baseless allegations on the University that the Registrar of the University has no authority to ask for evidence for deposition of service tax and pointed out that he is in mental stress due to non-payment of his dues and threatened that the Vice-Chancellor, Finance officer and Registrar shall be the responsible for any mishappening to him and his family.

The entire matter is of service tax and the threatening of Mr. Virender Sharma need to be placed before the court where matter is pending after taking Legal advice.

**Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.8 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote "May be discussed in detail in the meeting. Further, the allegations like hiring of HRTC buses despite non-participation in the tender process, hiring of HRTC buses on rates double than the existing terms may be clarified/ explained in the meeting".**

**Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.8 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote "May be considered in accordance with Gol Rules".**

**Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.8 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote "May be discussed in the Meeting".**

**The Members were apprised that a vender namely Sh. Virender Sharma has alleged baseless allegations vide his representation dated**

28/02/2023. The said vender on behalf of M/S Rameshwari Travels has provided Transport services to the Central University during the period of 2011 to 2014. A sum of Rs. 17,65,882/- has been paid to the said vender on account of Service Tax, but has failed to provide the copies of Challan as a token of proof of deposition with the concerned authorities. Resultantly a sum of Rs. 9,42,056/- have been kept on hold on account of pending bills and security money for which he is pressing hard to release. It was further informed that the matter is sub-judice and is pending for final decision in the Hon'ble Court of Civil Judge (Jr. Division) – cum- JMJC-1 vide case No-10/18.

The members deliberated upon the issue and were unanimous in view that further action in the matter be taken as per norms/final outcome of the decision of the Hon'ble Court. Further, the Hon'ble Court where the said matter is pending for decision shall be apprised about the threat given by Sh. Virender Sharma vide his representation dated 28.02.2023 through legal counsel of the University.

Recommended for approval of the Executive Council.

Item No. 37.9

**To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding contempt petition filed by the Six University Employees (covered under old pension scheme) to grant them higher rate of interest on GPF accumulations at par with the rates declared by Govt. from time to time.**

It is submitted before the Finance Committee that the matter regarding applicability of rate of interest of GPF accumulation received from the previous department of Employees who are granted benefits of old GPF-cum-gratuity and old pension scheme in pursuance to Ministry of Education letter no. 5-3/201-CU-III dated 02.12.2019 and court order dated 06.01.2020 passed by the Hon'ble High court of Himachal Pradesh in the matter of LPA 13/2016, was placed before the Finance committee in its 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 01.10.2021 vide item no. 32.4, where-in the Finance committee recommended that :

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

the bank rate of interest earned on year to year basis. It will also not put any additional burden on the exchequer of the University.

The above recommendations of the Finance committee were approved by the Executive Council of the University in the 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on dated 04.10.2021.

It is pertinent to mention here that the University has implemented Old GPF-cum-Gratuity and old pension scheme by granting pension to one of the retired professor namely Dr. H.R. Sharma (Retd. Professor) and family pension to the family of Dr. I.V. Malhan after his demise. However, the said employees were demanding time and again to grant them higher rate of interest on their GPF accumulations at par with the interest rates declared by the Govt. on GPF and cover them under old GPF scheme of their respective parent departments. Now they have filed a contempt petition against the Registrar (by his name) for this purpose. The copy of the petition is annexed at **Annexure-37.9**.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.9 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote "A suitable reply may be submitted before the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh based on the letter No. 19-16/2003-IFD dated 09.02.2004 issued by Ministry of Education and decisions of FC & EC in this regard".

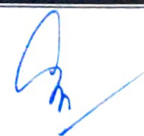
Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.9 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote "May be considered in accordance with Gol Rules".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.9 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote "The Matter is under Process".

The Finance Committee noted the comments of Ministry of Education (IFD), Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) and UGC New Delhi. The issue regarding contempt petition filed by the Six University Employees (Covered under Old Pension Scheme) with regard to grant them higher rate of interest on GPF accumulations at par with the interest rates declared by the Government discussed in detail and it was decided that a suitable reply be filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh based on the letter No-19-16/2003-IFD dated 09-02-2004 issued by Ministry of Education and decision of FC and EC followed by letter No-54-3/2012-CU-III-VOL-(II) dated 24-03-2023. The interest of Government of India in the matter shall also be defended based on aforesaid clarification/ decision.

Recommended for approval of the Executive Council

Item 37.10	No.	<p><b>To place before the Finance Committee, the matter regarding current status of Physical and Financial Progress of, "Construction Work of Permanent Campuses of CUHP at Dharamshala and Dehra".</b></p> <p>The tender for construction of the permanent campuses of the University at Dehra and Dharamshala, has been awarded to M/s Ahluwalia Contracts India Pvt. Limited as per the Detailed Project Report approved by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.</p> <p><b>At Dehra</b>, since 115 Ha of Land has already been handed over to the University therefore, preliminary construction activities viz. site clearance, ground leveling of building construction sites, taking out access/approach roads etc have been initiated. The raw material has been stocked at site and the work of fencing the boundary has also been started. Pre-fabricated Sheds for use as offices, stores etc have been set up at the site and mobilization of manpower and machinery is being done swiftly. Minor alterations in the Master Layout Plan at Dehra site viz Changes in orientation/location of the buildings have also been done by the CPWD/Architectural Consultant based upon the Technical requirements and site conditions (<b>Annexure 37.10 A</b>).The process for cutting of trees at the site has also been initiated by the State Forest Department. Simultaneously, CUHP has also requested the State Government to shift the existing Electricity and Water Supply Lines falling in the building footprint/construction zone thereat, which is yet to be done by the State Government.</p> <p>An amount of Rs. 30 lacs was transferred to CPWD for incurring expenditure on preliminary activities of survey, site clearance etc on 28.02.2022. The Utilization Certificate for the said amount has been submitted by CPWD (<b>Annexure 37.10 B</b>).</p> <p>Furthermore, an amount of Rs 25.62 Crores was also released to the CPWD as mobilization advance on 01.09.2022. Apart from this, CPWD vide their Office Letter No. (23/1)/का.अभि./ह.प्रो.मं.-2/के.विवि.हि.प्र./2022-23/15, dated 08.02.2023 (<b>Annexure 37.10 C</b>) had requisitioned an amount of Rs. 51 Crores for the tentative work planned to be executed till the last quarter of FY 2022-23 (ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023). Thereafter, UGC (Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) vide Letter No F. 29-3/2022(CU) dated 24.02.2023 (<b>Annexure 37.10 D</b>) has approved/allocated an amount of Rs 20,00,00,000/- (Rs Twenty Crore only) for the last quarter of this FY Year 2022-23 (ending on 31st March, 2023). The said amount has also been transferred to CPWD and the utilisation certificate of the said deposit/funds shall be sought before transfer of any additional amount.</p> <p><b>At Jadrangal</b> (Dharamshala) site, the FCA Clearance case of 65 Ha of Forest Land is under progress. In this regard, the Forest Advisory Committee of MoEF in its meeting held on 27.01.2023 had raised some observations pertaining to Forest Clearance of the said land (<b>Annexure 37.10 E</b>).</p> <p>The reply/compliance to above observations to the MoEF, Gol has been submitted by the User Agency i.e. SDM, Dharamshala and DFO, Dharamshala through the Nodal Officer (FCA)-cum-APCCF, HP Forest Department on 14.03.2023 and uploaded it online which is now pending with</p>
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the Nodal Officer, Shimla. The matter will now be taken up by the Forest Advisory Committee of MoEF in its next meeting.

The tender for construction work has also been floated and awarded for Jadrangal (Dharamshala) site alongwith Dehra tender, as a single entity. The construction work at Jadrangal shall be started immediately after FCA approval of the said 65 Ha Forest Land from MoEF, Gol.

The Physical and Financial Progress reports are also being submitted by CPWD on a monthly basis. The reports for the months of September, 2022 till February 2023 have been placed at **Annexure 37.10 F to 37.10 K**.

*Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.10 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote "May be discussed in the meeting in the light of GFRs, 2017 and other relevant Gol/ UGC instructions/ guidelines".*

*Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.10 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote "May be noted".*

*Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 37.10 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote "May be noted".*

The Finance Committee noted the comments of Ministry of Education (IFD), Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) and UGC New Delhi. The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about the progress of work and on-going construction activities at Dehra Campus and the status of Dharamshala campus at Jadrangal. A sum of Rs. 45.92 Crore has been released to the CPWD for the construction activity at Dehra Campus. The FCA case of Jadrangal (Dharamshala) is under process and the construction work could not be started as yet due to non receipt of FCA approval. However, the construction work shall be started as soon as the FCA approval is received. The members deliberated upon the status of on-going activities, physical & financial progress of both campuses and noted & approved the same for approval of the Executive Council.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>To place before the Finance Committee, the matter regarding the</b>
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**37.11**

**approval of Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Building Committee held on 20th March, 2023.**

The Minutes of Building Committee on 20.03.2023 at 3:00 PM at University Campus, Dharamshala. The Minutes of said meeting were submitted for consideration/approval of Finance Committee separately.


Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 37.11 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.pt dated 23.03.2023 through email dated 23.03.2023, quote "The minutes of the meeting may be discussed in detail in the meeting as per relevant instructions issued by MoE/ UGC".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 37.11 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-3/2023-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023, quote "Minutes of the 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 37.11 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 24.03.2023 through email dated 24.03.2023 quote "May be discussed in the Meeting".

The Finance Committee noted the comments of Ministry of Education (IFD), Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) and UGC New Delhi. The members perused the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Building Committee and after detailed deliberations approved/recommended the same for approval of the Executive Council.

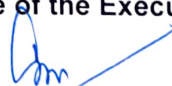
The meeting ended with a vote of Thanks of the Chair.

  
(Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel)  
Nominee of the Court

  
(Gian Chand Raita)  
Nominee of the Executive Council

  
(Prof. Nagesh Thakur)  
Nominee of the Executive Council

  
(Dr. Deen Dayal Verma)  
Nominee of the Executive Council

  
(Narinder Kumar)  
Finance Officer & Ex-Officio Secretary

Confirmed

  
Professor S. P. Bansal 27/03/2023  
Vice-Chancellor – Chairman