



No.F.TU/FIN/FC/36/2023

Date: 3rd August, 2023

Minutes of the 36th meeting of the Finance Committee of Tripura University held on 28 - 07-2023 at 2:30 p.m. through hybrid Mode (online / offline).

Members present:

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| 1. Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Mukesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary (IFD) MoE, DoHE, GoI, New Delhi, Representative of JS & FA (Visitor's Nominee) | Member |
| 3. Shri Praveer Saxena, Under Secretary (CU - V) MoE, DoHE, GoI, New Delhi, Representative of Additional Secretary (CU-V) (Visitor's Nominee) | Member |
| 4. Dr. Mriganka Sekhar Sarma, Deputy Secretary (CU), UGC MoE, GoI, New Delhi, Representative of Joint Secretary (CU) (Visitor's Nominee) | Member |
| 5. Dr. Deepak Sharma, Registrar, Tripura University | Member |
| 6. Prof. Badal Kumar Datta, Dean, Faculty of Science, Tripura University | Member |
| 7. Dr. Neeraj Tripathi, Former Registrar, Banaras Hindu University | Member |
| 8. Sri Nirmal Reang, Finance Officer(i/c), Tripura University | Ex-Officio Secretary |

At the outset, the Chairman, Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain welcomed all the distinguished members of the Finance committee. He then, expressed his gratitude to Shri Mukesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary (IFD), Shri Praveer Saxena, Under Secretary(CU- V), Dr. Mriganka Sekhar Sarma, Deputy Secretary (CU), UGC, Dr. Neeraj Tripathi, Former Registrar, Banaras Hindu University, Dr. Deepak Sharma, Registrar, Tripura University and Prof. Badal Kumar Datta, Dean, Faculty of Science, Tripura University for attending and participating in the meeting.

The comments of Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education & Central Universities Bureau (CU-V Desk), Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education and UGC (Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) on the Agenda points received before the meeting were also taken on records. Thereafter, the Agenda item wise were taken up for discussion and deliberation as follows:

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 01

To confirm the Minutes of the 35th meeting of the Finance Committee held through Virtual mode (online) dated 15th March, 2023.

Resolution: Confirmed.

M. Reang

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 02

Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 35th Finance Committee meeting.

Resolution: Reported and Noted.

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 03

To report and approve on action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University on submission of pre-audited Annual Accounts for the year 2022-23 to Accountant General (Audit), Tripura for Audit.

Resolution: Reported and approved.

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 04

To consider approval for reallocation of fund from one sub-Head to another under Capital Assets 35 Head.

| (Rs. in lakhs) | | | |
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| Sl. No | Name of the Item | Allocation for the year 2023-24 under Capital Assets, approved by UGC | Re-allocation Proposed |
| 1 | Books/ Journals | 100.00 | 75.00 |
| 2 | ICT enabled infrastructure for online learning and content development and procurement of e-resource (perpetual) | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| 3 | Small Equipment/ laboratories | 150.00 | 112.50 |
| 4 | Campus Development | 150.00 | 112.50 |
| 5 | Others infrastructure including furniture & fixture | 175.00 | 275.00 |
| 6 | Additional Grant for committed liabilities related to ongoing projects/ CPWD | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| Total | | 1700.00 | 1700.00 |

Resolution: A detailed proposal be sent to UGC (MoE, Govt. of India) for its approval with proper justifications for re-allocation of fund under Capital Assets (35).

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 05

To consider and approve for purchase of 150 Numbers of Desktop Computers for establishment of CUET Centre at Tripura University along with 150 nos. computer tables / chairs, 4 nos. 10 KVA online UPS and 20 nos. Air Conditioned Machines.

Resolution: After detailed discussion, it is resolved that a revised detail proposal with proper justifications be sent to UGC / Ministry of Education, IFD & CU (V), GoI, New Delhi for consideration and approval.

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 06

To consider approval for purchase of 700 numbers of Joint Benches for classes directly from Tripura Forest Development and Plantation Corporation Ltd., Govt. of Tripura Undertaking.

Resolution: Not considered. However, the University is requested to review and write a letter to UGC / Ministry of Education, IFD & CU (V), GoI, New Delhi with detail justifications for consideration and approval and the items be purchased through GeM only.

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 07

To consider for placing revised budget estimate for the financial year 2023-24 in regard to Additional Grant for Committed liabilities related to ongoing project works under taken by CPWD, Tripura, Agartala.

Resolution: Discussed & considered that a letter be written to UGC for additional fund.

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 08

To report and approve up gradation of pay of Sri Nirmal Reang, Deputy Registrar from pay level 12 to pay level 13 in accordance with Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education), Department of Higher Education, New Delhi vide NO..1-7/2017-U.ii(2) dated 2nd November, 2017 scheme of revision of pay for the post of Registrar, Deputy Registrar etc.

Resolution: Noted and agreed for up-gradation of pay from pay level – 12 to pay level 13 (7th CPC) with no change in the designation subject to recommendation of DPC.

Agenda No: FC: 36:2023: 9

To report the progress of work for 150 seats Boys Hostel Building construction work under NEC Project (Ministry of DONER, Govt. of India)

Resolution: Reported and Noted.

Agenda No:FC:36:2023:10

To report the order/judgement passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura, Agartala in Case No WP(c)/891/2021 Sri Bhanu Lodh VS Tripura University & 3 others.

Resolution: Noted and discussed.

As per the official records, Shri Bhanu Lodh was engaged as OSD (Finance) in Tripura University vide appointment letter No. dated 11.12.2018 purely on contract basis for a period of 1 (one) year on a monthly remuneration (last Salary drawn, Rs 1,11,960 – pension, Rs 2703) i.e., Rs. 1,09,257/- per month. Shri Lodh was engaged in Tripura University purely on contractual basis w.e.f. 01.01.2019 to 30.11.2019.

Shri Bhanu Lodh has approached the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura for re-fixation of his monthly remuneration as per the pay revision by his previous employer, i.e. Tripura Jute Mill Ltd. (A Public Sector Undertaking), Govt. of Tripura vide order dated 05.11.2019.

Accordingly, his prayer for re-fixation of his monthly remuneration (last drawn salary - pension) as per the revised pay of his previous employer including his claims for leave encashment and half pay leave were not accepted as he was purely engaged on contractual basis in Tripura University. The Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India vide its letter dated 03.07.2023 has also given its views and directed the University to follow the guidelines of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Govt. of India, vide OM dated 9th December, 2020 on the matter.

Agenda No:FC:36:2023:11

To consider and approve proposal for setting up of wifi internet service at Tripura University under capital Asset (35) Head, ICT enabled infrastructure for online learning and e-recourses in the financial year 2023-24.

Resolution: Deferred to be placed in the next meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair,

N. Reang
(Nirmal Reang)
Finance Officer (i/c)
&
Ex -Officio Secretary

G. Prasad
03/08/2023
(Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain)
Vice-Chancellor
&
Chairman