

6:2 Appointment/Confirmation/Release etc.

- (ix) Extension of the term of appointment of Prof. S.K. Gupta as Visiting Professor

The Executive Council vide resolution NO:EC:106:2000:6:2:(vi) held on 13.4.2000, approved the appointment of Prof. S.K.Gupta as Visiting Professor in the Department of Physics on contract initially for a period of one year, w.e.f 1.9.2000, under Ordinance OE-7 against one of the 7(seventh) floating Posts.

On the expiry of the term of one year i.e 31.8.2001 the Executive Council vide resolution No:110:2001:3:(xiii) approved the extension of appointment of Dr.S.K.Gupta as Visiting Professor for another period of one year w.e.f 1.9.2000 to 31.8.2002, under the same terms and conditions.

Dr.S.K.Gupta in his letter dtd 10.3.02 at Annexure-I, requested to consider for extension of his appointment as Visiting Professor w.e.f 1.9.2002 to complete the teaching & research activities & supervision of transfer of nuclear equipments from Bijni complex to NEHU permanent complex.

The Head of Department Physics, in his letter dtd 16.7.02 at Annexure - II forwarded the minutes of the special Deptt. faculty meeting of the Deptt.of Physics held on 9.7.02 for considering the application of Dr.S.K.Gupta for extension for one more year Annexure - III.

A letter dtd 11.6.02 from the HOD Physics to Dr. S.K.Gupta called for a seminar talk from Dr.S.K.Gupta to comment on his extension is placed at Annexure - iv. Dr.S.K.Gupta's on his letter dtd 19.6.02 has however replied to the HOD's letter dtd 11.6.02 that he would in due course give a seminar on the topic of his interests as per his convenience & not as suggested by the Head -Annex-V.

Registrar's letter dtd.26.6.02 Annex - VI conveying the deep concern of the Vice-Chancellor on his letter dtd 19.6.02 at Annexure - VII addressed to Dr.S.K.Gupta on the matter of his extension of his appointment as Visiting Professor.

Further five teachers of the Deptt., i.e Prof.C.S. Shastri, Prof.Y.S.T.Rao, Prof.K.Kumar, Dr(Ms)P.Nongkynrih, Dr(Mrs) B.Jyrwa has through a separate letter addressed to the Chairman Executive Council, has recommended and suggested that the case of extension of appointment as Visiting Professor in respect of Dr.S.K.Gupta be considered favourably Annexure - VIII.

Under Clause 4 of OE on Floating Posts all appointments under floating posts will initially be made ordinarily for 1(one) year and efforts should continue for filling these posts in the normal course. The University has advertised 2(two) posts of Readers on 29.07.0000 and the candidates were called for interview on 23.03.02 but the Selection Committee could not be held for lack of quorum.

The Vice-Chancellor
NEHU, Shillong-793002

Shillong, 10th May 2002

The matter is placed before the Council for a decision.

Dear Sir

I have been working as visiting Professor in Dept of Physics since 2000. I have been actively involved in teaching and research activities of the department. I am also supervising the installation of nuclear physics equipment from Bijnor Complex and maintaining it in NEHU permanent Campus. We hope to complete the installation work soon and use it for carrying out research work in first element analysis using neutrons and X-rays. I have been involved with faculty in academic discussions, designing new courses and setting the teaching lab experiments functional. I have also been guiding several 4th semester M Sc Physics students in their project work. I will like to continue my academic activities here in coming years and therefore request you to consider for my appointment from 1/1/2002 for a period of one year or more.

Sincerely yours,
(S. K. Gupta)

Head, Physics Department, NEHU, Shillong.

ANNEXURE-I

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Department of Physics
School of Physical Sciences
North-Eastern Hill University

From: Prof. Santosh Kumar Gupta
Department of Physics, NEHU, Shillong.

To
The Vice-Chancellor
NEHU, Shillong-793002

Shillong, 10th May 2002

Subject : reappointment from 1/9/2002 for one year

Dear Sir,

I have been working as visiting Professor in Dept of Physics since 1/9/2000. I have been actively involved in teaching and research activities of the department. I am also supervising transfer of nuclear physics equipment from Bijni Complex and reinstalling it in NEHU permanent Campus. We hope to complete the installation work soon and use it for carrying out research work in trace element analysis using neutrons and X-rays. I have been involved with faculty in academic discussions, designing new courses and getting the teaching lab experiments functional. I have also been guiding several 4th semester M Sc Physics students in their project work. I will like to continue my academic activities here in coming years and therefore request you to consider me for reappointment from 1/9/2002 for a period of one year or more.

Thanking you,

Sincerely Yours,

S/d

(S K Gupta)

Through,

Head, Physics Department, NEHU, Shillong.

ANNEXURE-'II'

To

Dated: 16.7.02

The Vice-Chancellor
(Chairperson, Executive Council)
NEHU, Shillong-793022.

Sub: Forwarding the reappointment application of Dr.S.K.Gupta
Sir,

The application of Dr.S.K.Gupta for reappointment was placed before the Departmental faculty Meeting held on 9.7.02. The minutes of the meeting (Annexure-I) and comments of the faculty members are enclosed along with the application of Dr.Gupta. Furthermore,

(1) I had requested Dr.Gupta to give a seminar covering his contributions over the last two years of his visit. However, he has refused to do so. My letter to Dr.Gupta and his reply are enclosed for your kind perusal (Annexures II and III).

(2) In the old bio-data available in the Department of Physics, Dr.Gupta has never mentioned if he has obtained M.Sc. degree in Physics. Neither has he submitted an up-to-date bio-data in support of his application. My request to Dr.Gupta to supply details in this regard, has not been answered. Instead, I have received a letter from the University Administration enclosed as Annexure-IV.

(.) The question of verification of M.Sc. degree of Dr. Gupta, if any, before considering his application has been raised by several members.

(3) As Dr.Gupta was Scientific Officer, and not a Professor before joining the University, the justification of giving him the designation of Visiting Professor during his appointment in NEHU may be questionable.

Even though five faculty members have supported the application of Dr.Gupta, there is no unanimity on the issue of reappointment without verifying his M.Sc. degree in Physics.

Thanking you,

with best regards,

Sincerely

M.K.Parida
Head Deptt. of Physics
N.E.H.U.

Minutes of the Special Departmental Faculty

Meeting of the Physics Department, NEHU held on 09.07.02 at 02.00p.m

Members Present

1. Dr. M.K. Parida (in Chair)
2. Dr. P.N. Pandita
3. Dr. C.S. Shastry
4. Dr. P. Nongkynrih
5. Dr. K. Kumar
6. Dr. B. Jyrwa
7. Dr. Y.S.T Rao
8. Dr. P. Shukla
9. Dr. Y.S. Jain

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting with a single agenda for considering the application of Dr. S.K. Gupta for reappointment for one year on contract basis. The Chairman read out the application and clarified that Dr. Gupta did not submit any up-to-date bio-data in support of his application. At this stage some members raised the question regarding Dr. Gupta's academic qualification, particularly, whether Dr. Gupta has an M.Sc. degree.

The Chairman clarified that he has not received any reply in this regard from Dr. Gupta. The Chairman further informed that Dr. Gupta has also refused to give any seminar on his contributions, if any, during the last two years' stay in the Department.

The Chairman asked for the opinion of all members present on the application of Dr. Gupta and recorded them in each case. Out of nine members present, five supported the application for re-appointment. Three members opposed reappointment of Dr. Gupta without verifying his M.Sc. degree in Physics, if any. One member expressed his opinion that the visiting appointment should not be done through a vote.

By the time the recording of opinions was completed, most of the members who had requisitioned the meeting, had left the meeting. The chairman thanked the members present and the meeting came to an end.

Date: 09.07.2002

Sd/-

M.K. Parida, Professor &
Head, Physics Department
NEHU: SHILLONG-22

Comments and opinions of faculty members of the Physics Department on the application of Dr.S.K.Gupta for reappointment as recorded in the Special Departmental Faculty Meeting dated 09.07.2002.

1. Prof.P.N.Pandita is of the opinion that since Dr.S.K. Gupta has not submitted his complete biodata, no re-appointment/visiting position should be given without examining his basic qualifications, especially the M.Sc. degree in Physics. In case Dr.Gupta does not possess the M.Sc.degree in Physics, his case should not be considered. Dr.Gupta should have also given a seminar covering his two year contributions, if any, in the Department.
2. Prof.Y.S.Jain expressed his opinion that it is quite unfortunate that the earlier Heads of the Department of Physics have misled the university about the academic qualification of Dr.S.K.Gupta while recommending his case for appointment. It is essential that the basic qualification of Dr.Gupta, particularly whether he has M.Sc degree in Physics, should be examined and verified before considering his application for reappointment. Otherwise, giving reappointment without the degree would create a very bad precedent for the Department as well as the University. Dr.Gupta should have given a seminar summarising the work done, if any, over the past two years.
3. Prof.M.K.Parida is of the opinion that Dr.Gupta should have submitted a bio-data and given a seminar talk covering his contributions, if any, during the past two years of stay in the Department. It is essential to verify if Dr.Gupta possesses M.Sc.degree in Physics. He should not be considered for reappointment if he does not possess the M.Sc.degree. Dr.Gupta was serving as a Scientific Officer before joining NEHU. The validity of giving him the designation of Visiting Professor should be examined.
4. Prof.P.Shukla is of the opinion that Visiting appointments should not be decided by a vote. He refused to make any more comment for record.
5. Prof.K.Kumar is of the opinion that since Dr.Gupta has worked for two years his recommendation should go for a period as requested.
6. Prof.Shastry is of the opinion that his case should be recommended for one year more for reappointment as requested.
7. Prof.Y.S.T.Rao is of the opinion that reappointment may be given as requested.

- (8) Dr.(Miss) P.Nongkynrih gave the opinion that since Dr.Gupta has been working satisfactorily for almost two years and no appointment has been made so far, we need helping hand in the Department especially in the experimental laboratory. Moreover, since the University has got a project to establish baseline data in the Uranium site at Domiasia, we need more experimentalists. She strongly recommends the case for reemployment.
- (9) Dr(Mrs)B.Jyrwa stated her opinion that she had seen the Bio-data of Dr.S.K.Gupta and she is convinced that the person is an eminent scholar which is one of the conditions necessary for visiting Professors. She also opined that Dr.Gupta is internationally well known. He also took maximum teaching load during the current semester.Dr.Gupta's proposed project on tea leaves and Domiasia Uranium project will be an asset to this region. According to her opinion, his proposed American Collaboration with Brookhaven National Laboratories will bring international fame to the University. Therefore in all humility she recommends Dr.Gupta's extension for three years.

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ANNEXURE-IV

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES
NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY
SHILLONG-793022

June 11, 2002.

To

Dr.S.K.Gupta,
Visiting Professor
Department of Physics
NEHU, Shillong-793022

Subject: Request for a Seminar Talk

Dear Dr.Gupta,

It would help in commenting upon and recommending your application for extension of appointment if you could kindly deliver a seminar talk covering teaching/research contributions during your visiting professorship in the Department so far.

You may suggest a title and choose any date between 21st - 25th June, 2002. Anticipating an early response.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

sd/-

(M.K.Parida)
Prof & Head

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ANNEXURE-V

From:

Prof.Santosh Kumar Gupta,
Visiting Professor
Department of Physics,
NEHU,Shillong.

To

The Head,Department of Physics,
NEHU,Shillong.

Ref:Your letter No.77 dt.June 11,2002

Shillong 19/6/02

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your above letter.

There is no requirement for giving the seminar on the topic suggested by you in connection of my request for re-appointment in the department. Hence, I will not give the seminar on the dates suggested by you. However, in due course I may give a seminar on the topic of my interest as per my convenience.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours

sd/-

(S.K.Gupta)

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NEHU CAMPUS, SHILLONG-793022

Professor D.T.Khating
REGISTRAR

No.3-1:REGR:2002:1736
Dated:26th June,2002.

To

Professor M K Parida
Head,
Department of Physics,
NEHU, Shillong.

Dear Sir,

I am to convey the deep concern of the Vice-Chancellor on your letter dated 19.06.2002 addressed to Dr.S.K.Gupta, Visiting Professor on the matter of his employment. Your now seeking the Masters Degree documents of a Visiting Professor whom your Department has utilized over the last two years is rather unfortunate and it is requested that your letter may kindly be withdrawn.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely,

sd/-

(D T Khating)

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ANNEXURE-VII

NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY
SHILLONG-22

Department of Physics

To

Date: 19.06.2002.

Dr.S.K.Gupta,
Visiting Professor,
Department of Physics,
NEHU,Shillong-793 022.

Subject: Your application for employment

Dear Dr.Gupta,

While assigning M.Sc.(Physics) teaching courses in theory or practical, it would be quite useful if the Department is kindly provided with relevant information on your academic background.

In this respect I would greatly appreciate if you could kindly let this Office know , particularly , whether you have obtained M.Sc. degree in Physics and the names of the courses offered therein.

This would also help in commenting upon your application for employment.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

sd/-

M K Parida
H.O.D.(Physics)

ANNEXURE-VIII

To

The Chairman(Vice Chancellor)
Executive Council,
North-Eastern Hill University,
Shillong-793022.

Dated: 10.7.02

Sub: Recommendation for Dr S.K.Gupta's extension

Respected Sir,

We are writing this letter in connection with Dr S.K. Gupta (retired from BARC) who is a Visiting Professor in the Physics Department since September, 2000. He has been of great help to the Department since he has contributed significantly to the teaching as well as research laboratory. He is interested in continuing in the Department, and his case was considered in the department during a Special meeting held on 9.7.2002. It was evident that a majority of the faculty members were in favour of his extension as we feel that his presence in the department will help in the teaching and research lab further. He being a person of experimental activities in the laboratories.

He is an eminent scholar which clearly satisfies the requirement given in OE-7 Clause Nos:-3 for the appointment of Visiting Professor.

During his short tenure in the Department, he has taught various courses in M.Sc (Physics) satisfactorily. He has also guided several M.Sc Projects successfully.

Therefore, we request that his case should be considered favourably by granting the extension as requested.

In the minutes of the Deptt. meeting held on 9.7.02 on the above matter, our individual positive opinion about Dr S.K.Gupta are not reflected. Hence we give this letter with a strong recommendation that Dr S.K.Gupta's services as Visiting Professor should be extended by at least one year.

Thanking you,

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(Prof.C.S.Shastry)

(Prof.Y.S.T.Rao)

(Prof.K.Kumar)

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Dr(Miss) P.Nongkynrih

Dr(Mrs) B.Jyrwa

(vi) Appointment of Head, Department of Commerce.

EC:113:2002:6:2:(vi): This item is read alongwith Item No. 3 (iv).

(vii) Re-employment of Prof. YST Rao.

EC:113:2002:6:2:(vii): The Council considered the re-employment of Prof. YST Rao and while observing that the office should not have written to him asking for his consent for re-employment as he was due to retire in the month of August, 2002 and that since the Department has not given its comments for his re-employment, the Council RESOLVED that he may be re-employed until the next meeting of the Council and the views of the Department may be sought during the intervening period.

(viii) Appointment of Head, Centre for Supportive Learning Systems.

EC:113:2002:6:2:(viii): The Council considered the appointment of the Head for the Centre for Supportive Learning Systems and RESOLVED that since Prof. MM Singh does not appear to be interested in the assignment since he has not taken charge the offer of appointment as HOC may be given to Prof. B. Lyndem and if she declines the offer may be made to Prof. MC Pandey.

(ix) Extension of the term of appointment of Prof. SK Gupta as Visiting Professor.

EC:113:2002:6:2:(ix): The Council considered the extension of the term of Prof. SK Gupta as Visiting Professor and RESOLVED to regret the same.

6:3- Leave Deputation etc.

(i) Grant of extension of EOL to Shri Thomas Job, K. Scientific Officer, RSIC.

EC:113:2002:6:3:(i): The Council considered grant of extension of EOL to Shri Thomas Job.K., Sceintific Officer, RSIC, for a period of two years and RESOLVED that since he has already availed of two years EOL, he may be granted extension for a period of one year only.