

(xi) Re-employment of Prof. J.P. Singh,  
Department of History.

The Executive Council at its 97th meeting vide resolution No. EC:97:98:6:2:(xxiv) held on 14.7.98, considered the re-employment of Prof. J.P. Singh w.e.f. 2.1.99 for a period of two years. But in view of the enhancement of superannuation age from 60 years to 62 years the above Executive Council resolution became redundant and Prof. J.P. Singh continued in the post till attaining of 62 years.

The Executive Council at its 107th meeting held on 13.7.2000, amended the rule RU-2 with reference to the extension of age limit of re-employed teachers and as per para-1 of the RU-2, Prof. J.P. Singh is eligible for re-employment for a period of three years upto 65 years from the date of retirement on superannuation i.e. retired on 31.1.2001.

In this connection, the Head of Department forwarded the minutes of the Departmental faculty meetings held on 11.9.2000, 25.9.2000, 30.10.2000, 6.11.2000, and stated that the meeting Resolved that the application alongwith the minutes and opinions of the members be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor, as no unanimity could be arrived at, and placed as Annexures. I to XIII \* <sup>alongwith the</sup> observations of the Dean of School ~~Social Science~~.

In view of the divergent opinions of the faculty members at annexure below the matter is placed before the Council for decision as to whether Prof. J.P. Singh be re-employed for 3 years w.e.f. 1.2.2001.

NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY  
NEHU CAMPUS SHILLONG-793022

Prof. J.B. Bhattacharjee  
Head Deptt. of History

NO:DH:25:FM:2000-3524

Dated November 15, 2000.

To,

The Vice-Chancellor  
North-Eastern Hill University  
Shillong

Sub : - Application of Prof. J.P. Singh for re-employment

Sir,

I am forwarding herewith the application of Prof. J.P. Singh for extension/re-employment.

The application was considered by the department in four meetings held on 11th September, 25th September, 30th October and 6th November, 2000. Finally the department resolved as follows.

"The faculty discussed at length the application of Prof. J.P. Singh for re-employment but no unanimity as to whether the case should or should not be recommended could be arrived at. RESOLVED that the application alongwith the minutes and recorded opinions of the members, be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor.

The minutes of the meetings and written opinions of the members (those who submitted) are enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(J.B. Bhattacharjee)

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
NEHU : : SHILLONG

NO:DH:25:FM:2000-3418  
Dated September 11, 2000.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Held on  
September 11, 2000.

Members Present

Professor J.B.Bhattacharjee

Dr.D.R.Syiemlieh

Dr.M.Momin

Dr.M.Sharma

Dr.C.Mawlong

Ms.A.N.Passah

Dr.T.Gurung

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2. The faculty reviewed the progress of courses in the current semester. It was found that Dr. Mawlong, who was released for Refresher course, has resumed teaching and she informed that she will complete the courses as per schedule. The members, however, expressed serious concern about the courses allotted to Prof. J.P. Singh who is out of station and the students are enquiring about him from the HOD and other teachers almost daily. Prof. Singh was allotted one Core Course and one Optional Course in the current semester. Although the semester started on 1st August, Prof. Singh returned only on 17th August and again he left on 26th applying for leave from 28th Aug. to 2nd September. He has not returned till today. During few days he was available, he took only one class in core course and two or three classes in the optional course. The first tests as per schedule are in progress. The Department is, therefore concerned about the students and some steps must be immediately taken to protect the interests of the students. Decided, that a telegram or fax should be sent to Prof. Singh to his Benares address, if available, asking him to resume duties/teaching immediately. In case he does not return within this week, the University be requested to provide a Visiting teacher for those courses, since two other teachers in ancient group are already occupied with two courses each, including compulsory and core courses.

3. The faculty discusses at length the application of Prof. J.P. Singh for re-employment. After prolonged discussion, the meeting ~~RE~~ RESOLVED as follows:-

1. The application has been addressed directly to the Vice-Chancellor, and not through the Department, though it was handed over to the HOD. It is also not accompanied by medical fitness certificate, which is required by rules.
2. The Department would like that the services of teachers are retained for atleast three years after retirement. However, in the interest of the students should get the top priority and the re-employed teacher should be available for full quota of teaching, since he/she shall continue to occupy the post. The Department has nothing against Prof. Singh as a colleague and would love to see that he continues as a member of the faculty. However, it is the considered and unanimous opinion of the members present that the interest of the students may not be served if the post has to remain occupied by him after retirement. Even while in normal service, he has not been able to teach regularly in some semesters, as he abstained himself intermittently on medical grounds, and in some semesters, other teachers in the ancient streams had to share teaching to complete the courses, in addition to their normal workload. In the last semester, he took leave for a part of the semester, and was not available for teaching. The students who offered his course had to be advised to opt for alternatives. In the current semester also, he has not been able to take classes regularly and the department is worried about the interests of the students. His leave has expired, but he has not yet returned and no information is available about him. The colleagues are sympathetic to health and other problems of Prof. Singh, but the interests of the students should not be compromised. The department has only one post of Professor in ancient streams and the total of three teachers (including the Professor) are required to manage at least ten courses between the semesters in that streams. It is therefore, necessary that the incumbent, regular or reemployed, should be available for normal teaching.

However, considering that Prof. Singh is away and he should be in the meeting when the application is considered, it was decided to defer the item to the next meeting.

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Dated 27.9.2000.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Minutes of the meeting of Faculty held on 25th  
September 2000 at 1.00 P.M

Members present :

Prof. J.B. Bhattacharjee

Dr. M. Momin

Dr. M. Sharma

Dr. F.A. Quadri

Mr. V.R. Rengsi

Dr. C. Mawlong

Ms. A.N. Passah

Dr. T. Gurung.

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2. The problem faced by the IIIrd semester students (Ancient group) due to the prologged and unauthorised absence of Prof. J.P. Singh was discussed. The members expressed their concern for the students who have already lost classes. The Chairman informed the meeting that, as desired by the faculty, he sent an express telegram to Prof. Singh in care of Prof. Jaiswal and wrote a letter to V.C requesting to provide a teacher for the courses of Prof. A. Singh. It was felt that a Visiting teacher shall not be available with such a short notice and in this part of the year. Therefore, the faculty decided to manage the courses by engaging teachers from the local colleges and research students on payment of remuneration for each class. Decided also that Prof. Singh should be asked to apply leave for periods of actual absence, at least with effect from 1st August 2000.

The meeting ended with thanks from the chair.

Sd/-

(J.B. Bhattacharjee)

NO:DH:25:FM;2000/3514  
Dated :October 30,2000

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY HELD ON 30 OCTOBER, 2000

Members Present

- Prof.J!B.Bhattacharjee
- Prof.Imdad Hussain
- Dr.D.R.Syiemlieh
- Dr.M.Momin
- Dr.M.Sharma
- Dr.F.A.Quadri
- Mr.V.R.Hengsi
- Dr.T.Gurung.

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3. The application of Prof.J.P.Singh for re-employment was considered. Since there was a difference of opinions in recommending the case, the matter was postponed till next meeting to be held on 6th November at 2.15PM.
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Sd/-  
( J.B. Bhattacharjee )

(J.B. Bhattacharjee)

NO:DH:25:FM:2000/3517  
Dated: October 30, 2000

NO:DH:25:FM:2000-3517

Dated: 7.11.2000

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY HELD ON 6 Nov. 2000

Members Present

- Prof.J.B. Bhattacharjee
- Prof.Imdad Hussain
- Dr.D.R.Syiemlieh
- Dr.M.Momin
- Dr.M.Sharma
- Dr.F.A.Qadri
- Mr.V.R.Rengsi
- Dr.C.Mawlong
- Mrs.A.N.Passah

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4. The faculty discussed at length the application of Prof. J.P. Singh for re-employment but no unanimity as to whether the case should or should not be recommended could be arrived at. RESOLVED that the application alongwith the minutes and the recorded opinions of the members, be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor.

The written opinions may be submitted to the HOD by 13, Nov. 2000, and he will forward the application with enclosures, by 14th November 2000.

(Prof.J.P.Singh had left the room before item No.4 was taken up for discussion).

The meeting ended with thahks from the chair.

Sd/-  
(J.B.Bhattacharjee)

Re-employment of Prof.J.P.Singh, Department of History:  
Comments of Prof.Imdad Hussain

As per resolution adopted in a meeting of the Department of History, I am herewith submitting my comments on the re-employment of Prof.J.P.Singh on his superannuation.

Rule RU-2 on Re-employment of Teachers lays down three conditions on the eligibility for re-employment viz.:

1. Provided he has served NEHU, its constituent colleges and the institution for a minimum period of ten years.
2. He/she should be academically active with a good record of service.
3. He/she should be physically fit and certified as such by NEHU C.M.O.

Prof.Singh fulfills all these conditions. There is however, a difference of opinions among members of the Faculty on the second condition and hence the resolution of the Department that each submit comments separately to be forwarded by the Head of Department for consideration of the University.

I have no hesitation in recording my view that Professor Singh is one of the most academically active teachers in the Department of History and in the School of Social Sciences. I can do no better than to enclose a copy of his CV(which I obtained from him with some persuasion). It will be clear from this that his contribution to historical studies, and thereby to the Department and the University is outstanding. It is not for nothing that Prof.Singh is regarded as an authority on his subject(I do not wish to be impertinent, but his CV may be compared with any other in the School).

Of the fifteen odd years Professor Singh has been in this University, six has been as Head of Department (two terms) and three as Dean of the School. Concurrently with Deanship he has been Director, North-Eastern Regional Centre of the ICSSR. He has also been a member of all academic bodies, and the Executive Council. These duties he is said to have performed diligently and with devotion. I myself have been Head of Department for two terms ( and now as Deah) and can vouch for this. I can find nothing adverse in his record of service. I am therefore, unable to agree with the contention of some of my esteemed colleagues that he has not been academically active or that his service record is not worthy.

It would only be fair to these colleagues to point out that their objections to Professor Singh's reappointment is his alleged irregularity in taking classes and that at least one of them has had to bear the burden of extra classes on account of this. I can, however, testify to the fact that on no teacher in the Department had any extra burden been imposed against her/his wishes; distribution of classes is done collectively, in Department meetings where every member is free to ex-



opinions. If any teacher felt overburdened or was unable to take any extra classes this fact ought to have been brought before Department meetings. Having accepted the responsibility then it would be unfair to use this plea now to raise objections to Professor Singh's re-employment. It is true that in view of Professor Singh's heavy administrative duties (when he held several positions) his workload was reduced; but the decision on this was taken in Department meetings, and all members were party to the decision. I may also add that on occasion one's workload is refused to enable one to complete Ph.D work or other research and the classes are shared by teachers. Such decisions are taken collectively with no dissenting note.

There had been some problem in the last semester when Professor Singh's proceeded on earned-leave and had extended his leave, though no information of his request for extension was received in the Department. This is of an administrative nature and should not be allowed to sully his otherwise unblemished record of service.

Finally, I may add that Professor Singh is a very desirable friend and colleague and a thorough gentleman. He has been an asset to the University and its Department of History, and I am confident will continue to be so if given the extension of service.

Sd/-

Imdad Hussain

Professor of History and Dean of  
the School of Social Sciences

14.11.2000.

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BIO-DATA

ANNEXURE-VI(A)

PROFESSOR JAI PRAKASH SINGH  
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5. Publications:
  - i. (Books):
    1. Aspects of Early Jainism (Published by Deptt. of AIHC & Arch, BHU, 1972)
    2. History and Coinage of Skandagupta Kramaditya (Deptt. of AIHC & Arch., BHU, 1976)
    3. Monetary Development in Early Assam (Published by Asam Sahitya Sabha, Jorhat, Assam 1989)
    4. Introduction to the Early History of the Manikyās of Tripura (NEHU, 1999), Shillong.
    5. Hamsakumari Manohara evam anya lekha (A Study of Sudhanakumaravadanam and other articles, in Hindi in Press)
    6. Purvottara Bharatiya Lokasahitya aur Itihasa (Hindi in Press).
  - ii. Papers Published  
Over three hundred fifty Research papers published in Indian and Foreign Journals and special volumes.
  - iii) Books Edited:
    1. Coinage of Bengal and its Neighbourhood (NSI, Varanasi, 80)
    2. Ramanimohan Sarma, Coinage of Tripura (NSI, Varanasi, 1980)
  - iv. Books Edited in Collaboration:
    3. Seminar Papers on Local Coins of Northern India (Ed. with A.K. Narain and others, Deptt. of AIHC & Arch, BHU, 1968)
    4. Seminar Papers on Tribal Coins of Ancient India (Ed. with Jisar Ahmad, AIHC & Arch, BHU, 1977)
    5. Prof. D.D. Kosambi Commemoration Volume (Ed. with N. Ahmed & Others, AIHC & Arch., BHU, 1977)
    6. Coinage and Economy of North eastern States of India (Ed. with N. Ahmed, NSI, Varanasi, 1980)
    7. Archacology of North eastern India (Ed. with G. Sengupta, New Delhi, 1991)
    8. Trends in Social Sciences in North Eastern India, 1947-97 (Ed. with R. Gopalakrishnan and others, New Delhi, 1993).
    9. Status of Social Sciences in the Languages of North Eastern India, New Delhi, 2000.
  - v. Journals Edited:
    - (i) Edited the Journal of the Numismatic Society of India for eight years (1974-82).
    - (ii) Edited the Research Journal of the Faculty of Arts, BHU
  - vi. Forewords Written:  
Ten forewords written so far.

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## 7. Awards and Distinctions:

1. President, Assam Research Society, Goalpara Session, 1987.
2. President, North East India History Association, XVII Session, Aizawl, 1996.
3. President, 83 Annual Session of the Numismatic Society of India, Varanasi, 1997.
4. Vice-President, North East India History Association (1997-1999).
5. Rai Bahadur Dayaram Sahni Gold Medal for Standing 1st in Order of Merit at the M.A. Examination in Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology, BHU (1958).
6. Major C.H. Biddulph Bronze Medal awarded for contribution to Numismatic Studies for the year 1974-75.
7. Two Research Papers nominated in 1983, for Numismatic Achievement Awards, by Numismatic International, Dallas, USA.

## 7. Positions held:

1. Dean School of Social Sciences, NEHU (Sept 1996-Oct 1999).
2. Hon. Director, ICSSR-NERC, Shillong (Sept 1997-March 2000).
3. Director (Academic)-Pre-Examination Training Centre, Govt. of Meghalaya and North Eastern Hill University, Shillong (Sept 1996-Oct 1999).
4. Head, Department of History, NEHU, Sept, 1986-Sept 1989 & Nov. 1995-Oct. 1997.
5. Coordinator, Special Assistance Programme, UGC, Department of History, NEHU.
6. Vice-Chairman, Numismatic Society of India, 1976.
7. Treasurer, Numismatic Society of India, 1977-83.

## 8. Membership of Academic Bodies:

1. Indian History Congress, Delhi, Life Member.
2. Numismatic Society of India, Varanasi, Life Member.
3. Epigraphical Society of India, Dharwad, Life Member.
4. North East India History Association, Shillong, Life Member.
5. Assam Research Society, Gauhati, Life Member.
6. North East India Council of Social Science Research, Shillong, Life Member.
7. National Institute of Human Culture, Varanasi, Life Member.
8. Indian Art History Congress, Gauhati, Life Member.

## 9. Teaching-Research Experience:

1. Over thirty eight years in the Department of AIHC and Archaeology, BHU, and in the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong.
2. Produced six Ph.D's.

## 10. Member of Academic Bodies of Universities:

1. Have been a Member of the different Academic bodies of Central and State Universities like Executive Council, Court, Boards of Studies, Faculties, Selection Committees etc.

## 11. Organisation of Seminars/Conferences:

1. Organized over two dozen Seminars/Conferences for Dept. of AIHC & Arch BHU, the Numismatic Society of India, Varanasi, and the Dept. of History, as well as for the North Eastern Regional Centre of the ICSSR (Shillong).

## 12. Organisation of Special Lecturers:

1. Organized Prof. H.K. Barpujari endowment lecturers for the Dept. of History, NEHU, Shillong.
2. Organized Development and Social Change Lecture Series for North Eastern Regional Centre of ICSSR and NEHU, Shillong.
3. Organized and initiated the prestigious RCF-NERC-ICSSR Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Annual Lecture Series in 1997, with Financial Assistance from the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi. The lectures delivered at the North Eastern Regional Centre (Shillong) in 1998 and 1999 by Professors B. Pakem and A.K. Narain, on Coalition Politics and the Tokharians are Published and have been received well.

13.11.2000.

The Head  
History Department  
NEHU, Shillong.

Sub:- Extension of service of Prof.J.P.Singh

Sir,

The faculty members have been asked to give their opinion in inviting on the application of Prof.J.P.Singh for extension of service. My views are given below :

1. That Prof.Singh as Professor in the Deptt and Dean School of Social Sciences has given his best and guidance and that as the service of teachers can be extended for a period of three years has approved for extension.
2. That in view of representations from other faculty members that he should not be considered for extension, the vacancies to be created were he not given extension, would be filled after some years as experiences shows.
3. That since there is nothing to suggest that extension cannot be for a period more than three years, and if the University decides that Prof.Singh's application for extension is denied, the University should realise that a senior faculty's position will affect the teaching in the Deptt. In view of this it may be considered to offer Prof.Singh a contractual appointment or an extension for less than three years; and if during this period the teacher concerned shows his aptitude to teaching etc., the University may from this extend the period of service.
4. However, the University should note the sentiment of the faculty and particularly those who have had to share and take responsibility of courses in the Ancient Streams.
5. In a difficult situation such as the one that has arisen a via media may be expedient.

Yours faithfully

<sup>s</sup>/d/-

D.R.Syiemlieh  
Reader in History.

The Head  
 Department of History  
 North-Eastern Hill University  
 Shillong.

13, November, 2000

Sir,

In the faculty meeting held on 6.11.2000 to discuss Prof. J.P. Singh's application for re-employment, it was decided that each member should give his/her view point on the matter.

In this connection, I would like to reiterate my stand already expressed in the meeting, that the Department's recommendation or non-recommendation of the case should be guided solely by academic considerations.

I am constrained to repeat- this time in black and white- that Prof. J.P. Singh has not taken his teaching work seriously during his tenure of service. As you are aware, he had been intermittently out of station, often without notice, and in some semesters the Department had to make arrangements to see to the completion of his courses. A few of my colleagues and I in the Department, who are in the specialisation streams of ancient Indian History, have had to shoulder responsibility of covering the courses allotted to him, over and above our own academic workload including teaching two full courses, i.e., compulsory and core courses within a semester. You will recall that, even in this current semester, you had requested me to teach Prof. Singh's courses on the plea that the Department's academic schedule was going to collapse on account of his unusual modus operandi of disappearing without informing the Department. However, this time the Department was not taken unawares since the current semester had not progressed that much, and the concerned authority could be apprised of Professor Singh's absence. Taking the authority's suggestion that a replacement teacher could be appointed to complete Professor Singh's courses this semester, the Department had made arrangements with a research scholar to handle those courses. The research scholar had come prepared to begin his lectures when Professor Singh returned, unannounced, to resume work. I might that, in some previous semesters, the Department had been caught off-guard when Prof. Singh disappeared in the middle of the academic session without any intimation whatsoever. On such occasions, I was bound by a sense of duty, keeping the interests of the students in mind, to complete his courses at the request of the Department. I must add here that I had done so after voicing my protest at the faculty meetings.

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I wish to place on record that past and present experiences provide the most reliable ~~xxxxxx~~ index to future courses of events. I believe that the Department has a duty to uphold students' and teachers' long term interests in the larger context of N.E.H.U.'s academic progress, and that no useful purpose will be served by retaining the services of a teacher for whom teaching is not a priority.

Yours sincerely

Sd/-  
M. Momin.

As members of the faculty of History, N.E.H.U., our ultimate are to the University, and since teaching and research are the primary duties of the members of the faculty we cannot be party to any decision which might jeopardize teaching and research in the department. Consideration of magnanimity, friendship and principle of forgiveness cannot be allowed to interfere with our performance of duty as members of faculty. We have already recorded as faculty that all through his career in N.E.H.U. though he has been very irregular in taking classes and that other colleagues had to complete his courses. It is known to all of us that he has a record that he is in the habit of not attending to duty without taking leave. Continuation of such a teacher on re-employment is against the interests of students, faculty and academic activity of the department. I am not convinced by the humanitarian and magnanimous arguments for re-employment. Our humane concern should not be a reason for retaining a colleague who was slack but should be for the students who suffered because of him and also for the teachers who had to carry the burden of his slackness. The definitions of human feelings and friendship need to be more carefully sought. It is therefore that the department not to recommend Prof. Singh's re-employment. We strive at an unanimous decision on this. I am of course duty bound to take up this issue in all forums and before all authorities as a teacher and also as citizen because bad re-employment implies waste of public funds. I also advise the department not to take any promise from Prof. Singh to the effect that he will now be sincere because a letter has been sent and what he has done all those years in the past. His conduct in remaining absent from duty even after faculty's expression of concern, only proves that he can not be taken seriously. I also advise the department to keep record of all the reasons for

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ANNEXURE - IX-

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To,  
The Head of the Department of History  
NEHU, Shillong

Sub : Re-employment of Prof J.P.Singh

Sir,

After reflecting over the deliberations of the faculty meeting held yesterday I realised that if I did not record the following in writing and also did not request the entire faculty to consider my views seriously I should fail my duty as a teacher.

As members of the faculty of History, NEHU, our ultimate loyalties are to the University. And since teaching and research are the primary duties of the members of the faculty we cannot be party to any decision which might jeopardize teaching and research in the department. Consideration of magnanimity, friendship and principle of forgive and forget cannot be allowed to interfere with our performance of duty as members of faculty.

We have already recorded as faculty that all through his career in NEHU, Prof.Singh has been very irregular in taking classes and that other colleagues had to complete his courses. It is known to all of us and is on record that he is in the habit of not attending to duty without taking leave. Continuation of such a teacher on re-employment is against the interest of students, faculty and academic activity of the department. I am not convinced by the humanitarian and magnanimous argument for re-employment. Our humane concern should not be for a retiring colleague who was slack but should be for the students who suffered because of him and also for the teachers who had to carry the burden of his slackness. The definitions of human feelings, magnanimity, and friendship need to be more carefully sought.

I therefore advise the department not to recommend Prof.Singh's re-employment. I hope we arrive at an unanimous decision on this. I am of course duty bound to take up this issue in all fora and before all authorities as a teacher and also as citizen because bad re-employment implies wastage of public funds.

I also advise the department not to take anxiously any promise from Prof.Singh to the effect that he will now be sincere because a letter now cannot undo what he has done all those years in the past. His conduct in remaining absent from duty even after faculty's expression of concern, only proves that he can not be taken seriously. I also advise the department to keep record of all the reasons for

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for recommending or not recommending Prof. Singh's re-employment. In view of the above I cannot be a party to any recommendation for his re-employment. I hope others will also agree to this.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-  
(Manorama Sharma)  
31.10.2000.  
Reader, Deptt. of History.

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ANNEXURE - X

Dr. F.A. Qadri  
Reader, Deptt.  
of History

Dated 13, Nov. 2000.

To,  
The Head Department  
of History, NEHU.

Sub : Re-employment of Prof. J.P. Singh

Sir,

I have to draw your kind attention to the subject cited above. Let me also make it clear that at no point of time there was any unanimous decision taken on this matter in any of the faculty meetings. I personally feel and am very much in favour of re-employment of Prof. J.P. Singh in the deptt. of History. I feel it also necessary because of the following reasons.

1. Professor J.P. Singh besides being a very senior teacher is also a versatile scholar. His knowledge of epigraphy, numismatics and archaeology is un-suspassable among all the teachers of Ancient Indian History in this University.
2. A primary notion of research in History is 'know thy text' and Prof. J.P. Singh is a ~~gister~~ scholar who knows Sanskrit, Puranic and other religious and secular literature of ancient India better than any one of us in the Department of History.
3. The primary duty of a University teacher is teaching and research. Prof. J.P. Singh has taught for nearly four decades and is a prolific writer. He is very active with his research and his published and continues to publish more than any one of his colleagues.
4. Prof. J.P. Singh has served two full terms as Head of the Department and one full term as Dean, School of Social Sciences. He has also been associated with all the University and has a long experience as an academic, who can provide leadership and direction to the younger colleague.

In the light of the above facts I have the opinion that his continuance in the Department would prove an asset. I, therefore, request the University to grant reemployment.

Thanking You,

Sd/-  
(F.A. Qadri)



To,

The Head  
Deptt. of History, NEHU.

Sir,

With reference to the departmental meeting held on the 6.11.2000 to discuss the recommendation or non-recommendation of Prof. J.P. Singh's application for extension of service, it was unanimously RESOLVED that each member of the faculty would forward his/her opinion on the matter, in writing, to the Head Department.

I would therefore like to state that on the strength of the arguments/observations made by some colleagues which I know are based on facts, I am of the opinion that recommending Prof. J.P. Singh's case for further extension would not be in the students' interest.

Shillong, dt. 14.11.2000

Yours faithfully  
Sd/-  
(C. Mawlong)

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ANNEXURE - XI

Department of History  
NEHU,  
14th Nov. 2K.

Sir,

This letter is with reference to the last Faculty meeting held on the 6th November 2K, wherein we were requested to give in writing our views on the recommendation or non-recommendation of re-employment of Prof. J.P. Singh in the Department of History, NEHU

I have tremendous respect for Prof. J.P. Singh as a human being and as an academician and I would readily wish him re-employment. However, for health reasons he has had to absent himself from the Department for prolonged periods of time, to the utter dilemma of the students. Through the year we have been and felt compassion for the students in their distress and confusion and for Dr. Momin who had to bear the brunt of classes during Prof. J.P. Singh's prolonged absence from the Department. In this connection I stand by the decisions recorded in the minutes NO:DH:25:FM:2000-3418 wherein "it is the considered and unanimous opinion of the members that the interest of the students may not be served if the post has to remain occupied by him after his retirement. Even, while in normal service, he has not been able to teach regularly in some semesters, as he abstained himself intermittently on medical or other grounds, and in some semesters, other teachers in the ancient streams had to share teaching to complete the courses, in addition to their normal workload. In the last semester he took leave for a part of the semester and was not available for teaching. The students who offered his course had to be advised to opt for alternative. In the current

semester, he has not been able to take classes regularly and the Deptt., is worried about the interests of the students. The colleagues are sympathetic to health and other problems of Prof, Singh, but the interest of the students should not be compromised."

However, in the final analysis if there is a change in the stand of the majority of the faculty members, I will stand by that.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,  
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ANNEXURE - XIII

To,  
The Head Department  
of History, NEHU

14.11.2000.

Sir,

With reference to the minutes of the faculty held on 11th Sept 2000 (NO:DH:25:FM:2000-3418 dt.11.9.2000), with regard to Prof. J.P. Singh's application for re-employment (No.3) it had been RESOLVED that (point-2) that the department would like that the services of the teachers are retained for at least three years after retirement. However, the interest of the students should get the top priority and the reemployment teacher should be available for full quota of teaching". It was the "considered and unanimous opinion of the members present that the interest of the students may not be served if the post has to remain occupied by him after his retirement."

Under the circumstances I would like to stand by that unanimous recorded opinion.

However, if now there is unanimity in the department in recommending his application for re-employment, my position would be to respect that unanimity.

Mine faithfully,  
Sd/-  
(Tejimala Gurung Nag)

since Shri Marbaniang has all along been associated with the academic activities of the Department of Mathematics he may be allowed to rejoin and further RESOLVED that regularisation of the period from the date of his voluntary retirement and date of re-joining may be examined and placed before the Council in its next meeting.

(xi) Re-employment of Prof. JP Singh, Deptt. of History.

EC:108:2000:6:2:(xi): The Council considered the re-employment of Prof. JP Singh and RESOLVED that in view of the divisive opinion in the Department he may be granted extension for a period of one year only subject to review after a period of six months and on condition that he completes all the teaching and other assignments.

(xii) Appointment of Head, Department. of Education,  
NEHU, Mizoram Campus, Aizawl.

EC:108:2000:6:2:(xii): The Council considered the appointment of the Campus Head for the Department of Education, Aizawl, and RESOLVED that Dr. PK Gupta may be appointed as the Head of the Department for a period of three years.

### **6:3-Leave / Deputation.**

(i) Lien case in respect of Dr. PK Bajpai, Lecturer,  
Department of Physics, NEHU.

EC:108:2000:6:3:(i): The Council considered the absence without authority of Dr. PK Bajpai, Lecturer in Physics and RESOLVED that the post held by him be deemed to have been vacated w.e.f. the date of his un-authorised absence.

(ii) Request for extension of Extra Ordinary Leave in  
respect of Dr. E. Laitflang, Reader, Department  
of Political Science, NEHU.

EC:108:2000:6:3:(ii): The Council considered further extension of EOL in respect of Dr.(Ms) Elizabeth Laitflang for a period of one year w.e.f. 1.7.2001 and RESOLVED to regret the same under Clause-8 (iii) (b) of Ordinance OE-6.