

5:8: Others.

## (i) "Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Studies in Protective Discrimination"

As per Ordinance on Rajiv Gandhi Chair there is a provision for appointment of Professor for a period of three(3) years, and the Professor so appointed shall formulate and complete the Research Project and submit the manuscript of the research done; to the University within the period of 3 (three) years from the date of his joining.

For the above Chair, the University has appointed Prof.K.S. Singh w.e.f. 29.10.98 for the period upto his attaining the age of 65 years. His date of birth is 15.3.1935 and he is going to complete 65 years on 14.3.2000 ( copy of the appointed letter enclosed)

In response to Prof.K.S.Singh letter dated 7.1.99(Annexure 'A') the Ministry of Human Resource Development vide letter dated 7.7.1999 Annexure 'B' has informed Prof. K.S.Singh that their department is of the view that the action taken by the University offering the post of Rajiv Gandhi Professor to Prof. Singh only upto March,2000 is genuine keeping in view the Ordinance approved by the department and advised Prof. Singh to approach the University directly on completion of assignment.

Again Prof.K.S.Singh vide letter dated 30.11.99 Annexure 'C' informed the Vice Chancellor that he has approached the Chairperson of the University Grants Commission for his continuation in service beyond 14.3.2000 and the Chairperson advised him to bring to the notice of the Vice Chancellor, NEHU, that the age limit for nation Professor/National Fellows has been raised from 65 years to 70 years under the UGC Guidelines issued in January 1999 (Annexure 'D').

As the "Rajiv Gandhi Chair" has its own Ordinance for the appointment, Annexure 'E' as such it appear that it is not possible to extend the service of Prof.K.S.Singh beyond 14.3.2000.

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However, the matter is placed to the Executive Council for decision.

NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY  
SHILLONG

No.45-71/Acad/Apptt./Rajiv/97/

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O R D E R

On the recommendation of the Search Committee, and the decision of the Executive Council's meeting arrived at, vide Resolutions No.94:97:5:8:(1); No.95:97:6:6:(VII); No.96:98:6:2 (IV) & No.97:98:6:2 (XIV) held on the 23.9.97, 10.12.1997, 24.3.98 and 14.7.1998 respectively, the Vice Chancellor is pleased to appoint Prof. K.S. Singh as "Rajiv Gandhi Professor" in the Endowment called "The Rajiv Gandhi Chair" for studies in 'Protective Discrimination' administered in the NEHU, Shillong; to formulate and complete the Research Project and to submit the manuscript of the Research + the University within the period of assignment. Besides, the Professor shall also submit a Comprehensive Annual Report, on the progress of the research project to the Chairman of the Deans Committee.

The appointment will be upto his attaining the age of 65 years or, upto March 14, 2000 A.D.; whichever is earlier as per clause 7(i) or Ordinance 7, to be read with Statutes 21(i); and the service will be governed by the Act; Statutes & Ordinance of the University, with payment of salary for Rs.8000/- (Rupees Eight thousand) per mensem plus usual allowances as admissible from the date of joining, i.e. October 29, 1998.

During the stay in the University, he shall be entitled to free residential accommodation and local conveyance; and the expenses so incurred shall be met out of the general maintenance fund, of the University.

Sd/-

Copy to :

Deputy Registrar  
Academic

1. The Finance Officer, NEHU, Shillong
2. The Accounts Section, NEHU, Shillong
3. Prof. K.S.Singh, Rajiv Gandhi Professor, NEHU, Shillong.
4. The Head, Deptt. of Anthropology, NEHU, Shillong
5. The Dy. Registrar (Conf), NEHU, Shillong
6. The Dy. Registrar (Estt-II) NEHU, Shillong
7. The Dean, School of \_\_\_\_\_
8. The Head, Department of \_\_\_\_\_
9. The Pro- Vice Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong/Tura/Mizoram

"ANNEXURE "A"

5: 8: 1(3)

Dr. K.S. Singh  
Rajiv Gandhi Professor  
North Eastern Hill University  
Shillong  
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New Delhi - 110 017

7.1.1999

Dear Sri P.R. Dasgupta,

Sub: Three year tenure of the project for Rajiv Gandhi Professor.

I joined the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) Shillong as Rajiv Gandhi Professor on Protective Discrimination (PD) on October 29, 1998.

When I was offered the post, I had drawn the attention of the University to the stipulation regarding the three year tenures of the project. Later, I also draw their attention to the UGC guidelines issued in January 1998 relaxing the age limit for National Professors from 65 to 70 years. The project on PD is so vent, i.e., by March 2000 A.D. when I complete 65 years.

However, the University issued the notification regarding my appointment till I complete 65 years of age, i.e., 14th March 2000 A.D. Obviously it did not consider it fit to take into account the mandatory provision of the three year tenure as mentioned in the original proposal/ordinance and the guidelines issued by the UGC which are probably yet to be adopted by the University.

I therefore request you to look into the matter and consider issuing appropriate instructions to the University so that the project is completed over the three year period.

With kind regards,

Sincerely Yours

Sd/-

( K S Singh )

ANNEX 5:8:1(4)

ANNEXURE "B"

No.F.8-6/95-Desk (U)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
( Department of Education )

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated, 7th July, 1999

To

Dr. K.S.Singh  
(Rajiv Gandhi Professor, NEHU, Shillong)  
A40/3, SFS Flat  
Saket,  
New Delhi - 17.

Subject: NEHU - Three Year tenure of Project for Rajiv Gandhi Professors.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. Letter dated 07.01.1999 addresses to Shri P.R. Dasgupta, former Educational Secretary on the subject mentioned above and to say that the matter has been examined thoroughly after taking into consideration the comments of the North Eastern Hill University in this regard.

This Department is of the view that the action taken by the University offering the post of Rajiv Gandhi Professor only upto March, 2000 is genuine keeping in view the Ordinance approved by this Department. This is to advise you to approach the North Eastern Hill University, Shillong directly on the completion of the assignment.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

( D K. Bhawsar )  
Asstt. Educational Adviser  
Tele : 3383872

ANNEXURE "C"

5: 8: 1(5)

NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY  
SHILLONG

Professor K.S. Singh  
Rajiv Gandhi Professor

November 30, 1999

Professor Mrinal Miri  
Vice Chancellor  
North Eastern Hill University  
Shillong - 793 022

Dear Professor Miri,

As you are aware, I have submitted a three project proposal on protective discrimination and taken steps for the analysis of the data. A national workshop on protective discrimination is likely to meet early March, 2000.

However, my tenure as Rajiv Gandhi Professor ends on March 15, 2000. When I had brought the incongruity of a sixteen month tenure against a three year stipulation for the project to the notice of the Chair person of the University Grants Commission, she advised me that as the age limit for the National Professors/National Fellows has been raised from sixty to seventy years under the UCC guidelines issued in January 1998, I should bring this fact to the notice of the Vice Chancellor of NEHU.

Accordingly, I wrote to the then Vice Chancellor about it before joining and when there was no response, I brought the matter to the notice of the Secretary, Department of Education, Government of India. I enclose a copy of his reply in which I have been advised to approach the NEHU directly on completion of my assignment.

Therefore, I request you to communicate the decision on the continuance or otherwise of the Rajiv Gandhi Professorship before the March 15, 2000.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

Sd/-  
( K.S. Singh )

ANNEXURE "D"

5:8:1(6)

GUIDELINES FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
VISITING PROFESSORS/VISITING FELLOWS REVISED FOR  
THE IXTH PLAN

VISITING PROFESSORS

1. A Visiting Professors should be an eminent scholars in his/her field, Generally a person who has held or is holding the post of the Professor or any person who has achived distinction outside the University sector should be considered for appointment as Visiting Professor.
2. The maximum tenure of appointment of Visiting Professor is two years and the minimum not less than three months.
3. A Professor should not be appointed as Visiting Professor in the same University in which he/she holds a post immediately before or after superannuation.
4. If a superannuation person is appointed as a Visiting Professor, the honorarium payable should not exceed Rs 8000/-p.m.(unrevised) excluding any superannuation benefits.
5. In case a person, already serving in an Indian University, is appointed as a Visiting Professor, the honorarium payable should be determined on the basis of the salary plus 10 percent of the basic pay, plus dearness allowance, and other allowances, if any admisible (except conveyance allowance if any) according to the rates of the parent University. The receiving University would also contribute towards pensionary benefits or CPF as per usual rules
6. A person appointed as Visiting Professor from outside the country may be paid an honorarium of upto Rs. 9000/-p.m. (unrevised)
7. The University may appoint a person upto the age of 70 years as a Visiting Professor.

Annexure 'E'

5:8:1(7)

ORDINANCE

ON THE RAJIV GANDHI CHAIR FOR STUDIES IN PROTECTIVE DISCRIMINATION

( Section 5 (23) of NEHU Act 1973 )

1. Short title           The Endowment shall be called " The Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Studies in 'Protective Discrimination' and shall be administered by the North Eastern Hill University (herein after to be referred to as the University).
  
2. Objective            The object of the endowment shall be to create the Rajiv Gandhi Chair for studies in Protective Discrimination and to carry out a Research work relating to 'Protective Discrimination' the result of which shall be published by the University in the appropriate form to be devised by the Deans' Committee of the University and the copy right of which shall vest with University.
  
3. Endowment (i)      The Endowment grant of Rs.45.00 Lakhs (Forty five) lakhs shall be invited in the 1 long term interest yielding securities of the State Bank of India. The balance of interest in a year, after meeting the expense shall be added to the corpus of the endowment.  
  
                          (ii)     The expenditure in connection with the salary and allowances of the incumbent to the Chair shall be met from the interest accrued to the endowment in a particular year.  
  
                          (iii)    The Chair shall carry a contingency grant of Rs.2.09 lakhs (Two lakhs and nine thousand) only as per annum to enable the incumbent to meet the requirement of Research assistant, travel etc. as may arise in the course of his work. This grant also shall be met from the interest accrued to the endowment in a particular year.  
  
                          (iv)     A lumpsum of Rs.2.00m lakhs (Rupees two lakhs on one time basis as Non-recurring expenditure, shall be available to develop infrastructure etc, for the Chair.
  
4. Operation of 1) A distinguished Professor equivalent to the Endowment    National Professor in any discipline relevant to 'Protective Discrimination' shall be appointed for a period of 3 (three) years to the Chair.

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(ii) The Professor so appointed to the Chair shall be designated as 'The Rajiv Gandhi Professor'

(iii) The Professor appointed as such shall formulate and complete the Research project and submit the manuscript of the research done to the University, within the period of 3 (three) years from the date of his joining.

(iv) The incumbent shall submit a comprehensive Annual Report on the progress of the Research Project to the Chairman of the Deans' Committee.

5. Emoluments and 1) The Rajiv Gandhi Professor shall be paid a salary of Rs.8,000/- (Rupees Eight thousand) perquisites of the Professor incumbent. per mensem plus the usual allowances as admissible.

ii) During his stay in the University he shall be entitled to free residential accommodation, and local conveyance and the expenses so incurred shall be met out of the General Maintenance Fund of the University.

6. Academic Thrust The thrust of the Research Project shall be on 'Protective Discrimination'.

#### 7. Mode of Selection

i) The Rajiv Gandhi Professor shall be selected in the manner as provided in Statutes 21 of the NEHU Act, 1973.

(ii) The Executive Council of the University shall constitute a Search Committee for the purpose consisting of three eminent Social Scientists of the country and one representative each of the MHRD and the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, as observers. One of the three social scientists shall be nominated as Chairman of the Search Committee.

(iii) The Search Committee shall carry out an exhaustive search amongst available Indian scholars within the country and overseas for the post and shall recommend a panel of three names to the Executive Council.

(iv) The Executive Council shall constitute the Search Committee for the selection of the next incumbent after each incumbent completes two years in the post.

8. Maintenance of the Endowment

i) The Finance Officer of the University shall be responsible for proper maintenance of accounts of the endowment. The accounts of the fund shall be audited every year. The audit fees or any other related expenditure shall be charged to the University.

ii) The Finance Officer shall prepare an annual account report of the endowment at the end of each financial year for placing to the Executive Council for its approval before submitting to the UGC/MHRD.

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**5:7- Affiliation etc.****(i) Case of St. Dominic College, Shillong.**

EC:106:2000:5:7: (i): The Council considered the letter received from Ms. JE Street in response to the follow-up action taken on the Council's decision no: EC:105:99:5:7: (i) and RESOLVED that the earlier decision of the Council taken in its 105<sup>th</sup> meeting stands.

**5:8- Others****(i) Rajiv Gandhi Chair for studies in Protective Discrimination.**

EC:106:2000:5:8: (i): The Council considered the appointment of a Professor for the "Rajiv Gandhi Chair" and RESOLVED that the following eminent social scientists be included in the Panel for the Search Committee:

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| 1. Prof. AC Bhagabati    | Convener |
| 2. Prof. Amaiya Bakshi   |          |
| 3. Prof. Andre Betteille |          |

The Council also placed on record its deep appreciation to Prof. KS Singh for the work done by him.

**(ii) Option in the Mizoram University Bill.**

EC:106:2000:5:8: (ii): The Council considered the representations received from the NEHUTA, Mizoram Campus and PUCTA and RESOLVED to defer taking a decision till the formal notification about the "Mizoram University" is issued.

**Item No.6 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS****6:1- Selection Committee****(i) Recommendation of Selection Committee in respect of Dr. Sujit Das.**

EC:106:2000:6:1: (i): The Council considered the placement of Shri Sujit Das, Lecturer in Chemistry, Pachhunga University College in the Reader's Grade and RESOLVED that as the Selection Committee did not recommend his placement in the said grade status quo may be maintained.