

Item No. 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS :

(i) Minutes of the Finance Committee

The Minutes of the 37th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 4th September, 1996 are placed at Annexure-'A' for consideration of the Council.

Annexure A.

Minutes of the 37th Finance Committee Meeting held on 4th September, 1996, in the Office chamber of the Vice Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong.

Members present :

1. Prof. B Pakem, Vice Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong.
2. Prof. R R Mishra, Dean, School of Life Sciences, NEHU, Shillong.
3. Shri R K Chauhan, Representative from UGC.
4. Shri L Roy, Director Public Instructions, Meghalaya.
5. Prof. R Lalthantluanga, Pro.Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram Campus.
6. Shri C Nag, Secretary Education, Govt. of Mizoram.
7. Shri L Nampui, Finance Officer, NEHU, Shillong.

The Chairman welcomed the members and initiated the discussion on item No.1 of the Agenda, i.e. confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Finance Committee and actions taken thereon.

Minutes of the 36th Finance Committee was circulated to all the members of the Finance Committee vide letter No.FA-2/BDG/RE.96-97/732 dated 12.8.96. Since no comment has been received from the members, the Committee resolved to confirm the proceedings of the 36th Finance Committee held on 6.10.1995.

1. The Committee while confirming the minutes of the last meeting of the Finance Committee expressed its appreciation on the follow-up actions taken by the University on the minutes.

2. Reporting Items :

(i) The Committee was apprised of the action taken by the University in reducing the approved Revised Budget Estimates for the year 1995-96 from Rs.1800.50 lakhs to Rs.1544.95 lakhs at the instance of Shri R K Chauhan, Joint Secretary, UGC. The Committee was also informed about the grant of Rs.100.00 lakhs sanctioned and released during 1993-94 and another amount of Rs.100.00 lakhs during 1994 for automation of University Libraries.

(ii) The Committee desires that the University should collect a detailed estimate showing the expenditure required for the shifting of the Chemistry Department from Bijni Complex to the Permanent Campus and to intimate the same to the UGC.

(iii) Item No. (iii) & (v) : The Committee discussed the decision taken by the Executive Council to clear the arrears relating to upgradation of the pay-scales in respect of Store-Keepers and other categories of the employees and decided that the payment be made on getting the formal clearance from UGC.

(iv) The Committee was informed of the action taken in finalising the accounts for the year 1995-96 and approved the same.

(v) As in the earlier year, the Committee approved to have a separate head of account, viz. printing of Annual Accounts and Annual Reports with a provision of Rs. 3.00 lakh in the budget allocation.

(vi) The Committee approved the action taken in the purchase of two buses for Headquarter which was in accordance with the resolutions of the 36th Finance Committee meeting. The meeting also resolved to approve the action taken in purchase of a mini bus for Mizoram Campus.

(vii) While approving the action taken by way of finalising the diet charges in respect of sport persons from Rs. 8/- to Rs. 12/- per head per day, the Committee expressed that even Rs. 12/- for the purpose is not sufficient and the University may collect the latest rates as prevailing in the Sports Authority of India and place the same to the next meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration.

3. The University placed the demand for 1996-97 Revised Estimates at Rs. 2210.25 lakhs and 1997-98 Budget Estimates at Rs. 2447.83 lakhs and the increase was explained on the following accounts :-

Revised Estimates for 1996-97

1.	For release of DA w.e.f 1.1.96	Rs. 60.00 lakhs
2.	Escalation due to price rise	Rs. 73.87 lakhs
3.	Lumpsum provision for 5th Pay Commission	<u>Rs. 225.48 lakhs</u>
		<u>Rs. 359.35 lakhs</u>

Budget Estimates for 1997-98

1.	Increase due to annual increments etc.	Rs. 101.78 lakhs
2.	Conversion of 8th Plan posts into Non Plan	Rs. 48.40 lakhs

Letter No.F.40-20/96-IFD dt.21.8.96 received from the Deputy Financial Adviser, Govt. of India, conveying the comments of the Financial Adviser, MHRD, on the Agenda Items alongwith clarifications thereon was placed before the Committee for discussion. After threadbare discussion the Committee approved the Revised Estimates for 1996-97 and Budget Estimates for the year 1997-98 as under :-

Revised Estimates for 1996-97

(A) UGC's share :-

(i) Grants released during 1995-96	Rs. 1526.95 lakhs
(ii) DA released from 1.1.96 & increase due to escalation	Rs. 133.91 lakhs
(iii) On repatriated Nagaland Staff	Rs. 115.02 lakhs
(iv) Payment of Arrear HRA	Rs. 19.00 lakhs
Total U.G.C.'s share	Rs. 1794.93 lakhs

(B) University receipts

Rs. 100.25 lakhs

Approved R.E for 1996-97

Rs. 1895.18 lakhs

Budget Estimates for 1997-98

(i) R.E for 1996-97	Rs. 1895.18 lakhs
(ii) 10% increase due to escalation	Rs. 189.51 lakhs
(iii) Conversion of 8th Plan posts into Non Plan	Rs. 43.40 lakhs
Approved Estimates for 1997-98	<u>Rs. 2133.09 lakhs</u>

It was also clarified in the Meeting by Shri R. K. Chauhan, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission that separate grants will be released to cover the cost on IR/5th Pay Commission as and when the occasion arises.

The University also placed the Plan Budget to the Finance Committee as under :-

(I) Revised Estimates for 1996-97	Rs. 512.26 lakhs
(ii) Estimates for 1997-98	Rs. 2694.25 lakhs

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Sd/-
(L Nampui)
Finance Officer

Sd/-
(B Pakem)
Chairman

- (iii) House Allotment and retention of quarter by the re-employed teachers.

No. EC:91:96:6:7: (iii): The Council deliberated on the House-Allotment Rules and RESOLVED that the professors occupying the L Type quarters may be offered the P Type quarter in turn and be given 15 days' time to move into the quarter failing which the matter will be reported to the Executive Council.

- (iv) Hiring of building for Pro-Vice-Chancellor's residence.

No. EC:91:96:6:7: (iv): The Council considered the hiring of a building for the Pro-Vice-Chancellor's Residence, Tura Campus and approved the same.

- (v) Duties and Powers of the Dean, Students' Welfare.

No. EC:91:96:6:7: (v): The Council considered the draft Ordinance on the Duties and Powers of the Dean, Students' Welfare and RESOLVED to approve the same.

- (vi): Delegation of Administrative & Financial Powers.

No. EC:91:96:6:7: (vi): The Council considered the draft Delegation of Administrative and Financial Powers and RESOLVED to approve the same.

Item No.7

FINANCIAL MATTERS -

- (i) Minutes of the Finance Committee.

No. EC:91:96:7:(i) : The Council considered the Minutes of the Finance Committee and while noting the same RESOLVED that the matter relating to payment of arrears to the staff should be taken up afresh with the University Grants Commission, and the matter reported back to the Council.