

**MINUTES OF THE 136<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON AUGUST 08, 2019 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, VCO BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068**

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2.	Prof. Ravindra Ramchandra Kanhere, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3.	Shri Madhu Ranjan Kumar, Joint Secretary (DL & Admn.), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
4.	Prof. S.G. Deshmukh	- Member
5.	Prof. Poornima Mital	- Member
6.	Prof. Debal K. Singharoy	- Member
7.	Dr. Ranjan Kumar	- Member
	Dr. V.B. Negi, Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

The Secretary, Ministry of I & B, Prof. V.S. Prasad, Shri Atul Chandra Nishar, Shri D.N. Bezboruah, Shri Ashok Bhagat, Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Prof. K.K. Aggarwal and Dr. P. Prakash, Members could not attend the meeting.

The Board granted leave for absence to them.

Shri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

The meeting of the Board of Management began with a welcome note by Registrar (Admn) I/c. Thereafter, Chairman of the Board welcomed all the members. The Chairman especially welcomed Prof. Poornima Mital, Director (SOS) on the Board as new member.

The Chairman also placed on record the appreciation for valuable contributions made by the outgoing member of the Board Prof. Satyakam who took over the position of the Pro-Vice Chancellor in the University w.e.f. 19.7.2019 and as such Prof. Satyakam ceased to be a member of the Board of Management under Clause (1)(iii) of Statute 6A.

The Vice Chancellor, thereafter, informed that the Emergent meeting of the Board of Management has been convened to consider the proposals regarding the response received from Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee, Deputy Director (Retd.), Research Unit against Inquiry Report of the disciplinary proceeding against her and

to consider the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings for various posts.

The Chairman presented a brief account of the developments that took place in the University since the last meeting (135<sup>th</sup>) of the Board of Management held on 19.7.2019 as under:

1. The University successfully conducted the B.Ed and MBA entrance examination through National Testing Agency (NTA) MHRD for the first time.
2. A 5 day Workshop was conducted by IGNOU on 'Online Course Development' in which 30 Teachers had participated. Prof. Srinivas from NEUPA was invited as a Resource Person.
3. The University is organizing two days Seminar on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 on "Showcasing India's Freedom Struggle through Museums" to celebrate the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Quit India Movement.
4. The registration of students for July 2019 cycle has already reached 2.45 lac and after including the 50,000 registration of SC/ST students, the figure has almost touched 3 lacs. The University is making sincere efforts to reach the target as specified by MHRD.
5. Prof. Satyakam and Prof. K.B. Das have joined as Pro-Vice Chancellors.
6. Three Directors of the Schools of Studies have been appointed, viz., Prof. K Ravi Sankar, Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya and Prof. D. Venkateshwarlu of SOMS, SOITS and SOE respectively.
7. The University is implementing One Tree-One Student scheme of UGC at the Headquarters and its Regional Centres.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were presented by the Secretary before the Board.

**ITEM NO. 1 TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM DR. VARDHINI BHATTACHARJEE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RETD.), RESEARCH UNIT AGAINST INQUIRY REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING AGAINST HER**

**BM 136.1.1** Director, Academic Coordination Division was invited to present the item. He informed the Board that the disciplinary proceeding had been initiated against Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee, Deputy Director (Retd.), under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965, as adopted by IGNOU for its employees. The Competent Authority in exercise of powers conferred by Rule 10(1)(a) of CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 placed her under suspension with immediate effect vide Office Order

dt.30.6.2014. Dr. Bhattacharjee filed a court case (WP (C) 360/2016) and Hon'ble Guwahati High Court on 30.11.2018 while disposing off the case ordered that 'the disciplinary proceeding initiated against the Petitioner as per Office Memorandum dated 31.3.2015 be brought to its logical conclusion within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order'. The Board was further informed that the Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer appointed in the matter had submitted the Report and a copy of the same was placed before the Board in its 135<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.7.2019. The Board was also informed that a copy of the Inquiry Report had been shared with the charged Officer for her comments/reply.

The Board was further informed that Dr Vardhini Bhattacharjee vide her letter dated 22.7.2019 submitted her response to the findings of the Inquiry Officer in the Inquiry Report which was circulated to BOM members in the present Board for their perusal. A comparative statement of charges and response of Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee was also tabled before the Board (**Appendix**).

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The matter was deliberated in detail. The Board observed that the charges in the disciplinary proceeding were proved on the principle of 'preponderance of probability' and not on the principle beyond reasonable doubt. The Inquiry Officer in his report has concluded that the charges are partly proved against Charge nos. 1 and 2 while Charge Nos. 3 and 4 could not be proved due to lack of supporting documents. The Board noted that the amount was reduced by Investigating Officer (IO) to Rs.80,701/- and Rs.4,994 against Charge Nos.1 and 2 respectively. The Board decided that aforesaid amount be recovered from the Charged Officer and close the matter.

The Board directed that the Part-Minutes in this regard be issued for necessary action.

**ITEM NO. 2**

**TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE POSTS OF ASSISTANT REGISTRAR/ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR/REGIONAL DIRECTOR (RC-SRINAGAR ON DEPUTATION), REGISTRAR (SED), FINANCE OFFICER ETC.**

**BM 136.2.1**

The Board noted that the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings for appointment to the posts of Assistant Registrar/Assistant Regional Director/Regional Director (RC-Srinagar on deputation), Public Relation Officer, Registrar (SRD), Registrar (SED), Registrar (MPDD) and the Finance Officer were placed before the Board in its 135<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.7.2019. However, the same was deferred.

The recommendations of the aforesaid Selection Committees were again placed before the present Board. The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings for the posts of Assistant Registrar (RC-Srinagar on deputation), Public Relation Officer, Registrar (SRD), Registrar (SED), Finance Officer and Regional Director (RC-Srinagar on deputation), as per details given below:

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee</b>
11.07.2019	Appointment to the post of <b>Assistant Registrar (on deputation) at RC Srinagar</b> in level 10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	Javid Qadir Zargar  <u>Waiting list:</u> Syed Javid Ahmed
11.07.2019	Appointment to the post of <b>Public Relation Officer</b> in level of 12 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	Shri Kumar Samresh  <u>Waiting list:</u> Shri Abhishek Patni
12.07.2019	Appointment to the post of <b>Registrar (SRD)</b> in level 14 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	Shri Himansu Kumar Bose  <u>Waiting list:</u> 1. Shri Anil Kumar Dimri 2. Brig. Sanjeev Manchanda
13.07.2019	Appointment to the post of <b>Registrar (SED)</b> in level 14 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	Dr. Anil Kumar Shukla  <u>Waiting list:</u> 1. Brig. Sanjeev Manchanda 2. Sh. S.K. Prasad
14.07.2019	Appointment to the post of <b>Finance Officer</b> in level 14 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	Shri Jitendra Dev Gangwar

15.07.2019	Appointment to the post of <b>Regional Director (on deputation) at RC Srinagar</b> in level 13A of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	Shamim Ahmad Dar <u>Waiting list:</u> 1. Habibulah Shah 2. Muzamil Jain
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**BM 136.2.2**

However, as regards the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings in respect of Registrar (MPDD) and Assistant Regional Director (RC-Srinagar on deputation), the same were not opened and deferred.

The Board confirmed this Item and directed that the Part-Minutes in this regard be issued. Accordingly, the Part-Minutes were issued on 08.08.2019.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**(Nageshwar Rao)**  
Chairman