

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF HIGH POWER COMMITTEE
CONSTITUTED VIDE GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION NO. 15641/HE DATED
01.05.2004 HELD ON 13.10.2009 & 14.10.2009 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE OFFICE
CHAMBER OF COMMISSIONER-CUM-SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

1. The meeting of the High Power Committee constituted vide Government Notification No.15641/HE dated 01.05.2004 was held under the Chairmanship of Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Higher Education in his office chamber to consider the proposals for grant of permission/recognition in respect of general/professional colleges under Section-5 and 6 of the Orissa Education Act, 1969. The list of members present in the meeting is given below:-

Members Present

1.	Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government Higher Education Department	---	Chairman
2.	Vice Chancellor Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri	---	Member
3.	Director, Higher Education	---	Member
4.	Additional Secretary to Government Law Department.	---	Member
5.	Under Secretary to Government Finance Department	---	Member
6.	Regional Director of Education, Bhubaneswar	---	Member
7.	Regional Director of Education, Berhampur	---	Member
8.	Regional Director of Education, Sambalpur	---	Member
9.	Joint Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department	---	Convener

The Special Secretary to Government in Higher Education Department attended this Committee meeting as a Special invitee as per the desire of the Chairman.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Department of Higher Education and the Chairperson of the Committee while initiating discussion indicated that altogether 147 proposals for grant of temporary/permanent recognition in respect of General and Professional Colleges were placed before the committee for consideration. After detailed discussion following decisions were taken.

2. Grant of Permanent Recognition +2/+3 Colleges:

The Department had received 11 proposals for grant of permanent recognition to +2/+3 Colleges. After detailed discussion the committee allowed 07 cases, 03 cases were deferred and 01 case was rejected. The list of cases allowed/deferred/rejected is placed at **Annexure-A**.

3. Grant of Permanent Recognition for Increase of Seats in +2/+3 Colleges:

All together 05 proposals for grant of permanent recognition to increase of seats in +2/+3 colleges were received from RDEs. After detailed discussion the committee allowed 04 cases and 01 proposal was deferred. The list of cases allowed/deferred is placed at **Annexure-B**.

4. Permanent Recognition for Honours Subjects in +3 Colleges:

All together 05 proposals for grant of permanent recognition to Honours subjects in +3 colleges were received from RDEs for consideration. After detailed discussion the committee allowed all 05 cases as placed at **Annexure-C**.

5. Grant of Temporary Recognition to New +2/+3 Colleges:

The Department had received 49 proposals for grant of temporary recognition in respect of +2/+3 colleges. After threadbare discussion held in this regard the committee allowed 44 cases, 04 cases were deferred and 01 case was rejected. The list of cases allowed/deferred/rejected is placed at **Annexure-D**.

6. Grant of Temporary Recognition for Increase of Seats in +2/+3 Colleges:

The Department had received 24 proposals for grant of temporary recognition to increase of seats in +2/+3 colleges. After detailed discussion, the committee allowed 03 cases, 02 cases were deferred and 02 cases were rejected. The list of cases allowed/deferred/rejected is placed at **Annexure-E**.

Due to shortage of time the committee decided to defer the rest 17 proposals to the next HPC meeting.

7. Grant of Temporary Recognition to Professional Colleges:

All together 04 proposals were received from Director, Higher Education for grant of temporary recognition to Professional Colleges. After detailed discussion the committee allowed 04 cases as placed at **Annexure-F**.

The decision of HPC dated 27.06.2009 in respect of Mahaveer College, Bhadrak for allowing increase of seats in BCA course from 30 to 60 seats and opening of BBA course with 30 seats in view of the G.O.(iii) of Para-11 is modified as follows:-

“Permission for increase of seats in BCA course from 30 to 60 seats is allowed in view of G.O. (xiv) of para-11. Opening of BBA course is not allowed as the E.A. has not applied for the same.”

8. Grant of Temporary/Permanent Recognition to Sanskrit Colleges:

All together 27 proposals for grant of temporary/permanent recognition to Sanskrit Colleges were received from Regional Director of Education, Bhubaneswar for consideration. After detailed discussion the committee allowed 03 cases and one proposal was sent back to RDE, Bhubaneswar to either comply the order of Hon'ble High Court or to file a petition for modification of order of Hon'ble High Court. The rest 23 proposals were deferred to the next HPC meeting. The list of cases allowed is placed at **Annexure-G**.

Due to shortage of time the proposals relating to grant of temporary recognition to Honours subjects and grant of temporary recognition to new subject were deferred to the next HPC meeting.

9. General Observations (GOs):

One general observation (at Sl. xvi) is made by the committee in addition to the fifteen general observations already made earlier (Sl. i to Sl. xv).

- i) Proposals for increase of seats or opening of new stream can only be considered after appearance of at least one batch of students.
- ii) Any new teacher/non-teaching staff required for managing/teaching the students on account of increase of seats be funded out of self financing route. The honorarium/remuneration of these teachers should be at par with other teachers in the college. The college management should give an undertaking and affidavit before taking new students. The H.P.C. observed that this should be followed strictly in view of the restrictions of the Finance Department on account of new appointments.

- iii) The qualification of I.T. lecturers and Computer Science lecturers shall be MCA and B.E. in I.T. or B.E. in Computer Science or MSc (Comp. Science).
- iv) Regarding grant of Temporary Recognition (TR) for back periods, HPC had earlier decided to keep the period as such, but as this is creating problem for the institutions on continuity of Recognition, the HPC felt it necessary to reverse the earlier decision and allow TR for back periods.
- v) The college/institution has to produce a certificate from Tahasildar regarding location of land and building owned by the college authority for Permanent recognition.
- vi) Permanent recognition would be given in 2-3 years i.e. after passing of one batch of students, if the college fulfills the necessary conditions as provided in the Orissa Education Act, 1969.
- vii) Any permission for opening of new colleges, increase of seats, opening of new stream, opening of new subject and opening of Hons. subjects will be considered by May every year. Similarly for grant of recognition (temporary/ permanent), the colleges/institutions have to apply by the end of August every year which is to be considered in the month of September/October. Thus there would be two phase of HPC in a year, one for Opening Permission and the second for grant of Recognition.
- viii) Five subjects are to be allowed for +3 colleges having 64 seats instead of 4 subjects.
- ix) For opening of new subjects/new streams due to restriction by Finance Department, no new faculty can be recruited by the management. They can run it under self-financing mode like I.T. or Computer Science only. If any college is willing to abide by this condition, it can open a new subject/new stream.
- x) Sanskrit as an 'Elective' subject in +2 Science seems to have been included in 2007 vide notification No. 14019/HE dt. 01.03.2007. As the matter is under reconsideration of Government, all matters relating to any college opting for 'Sanskrit' as an Elective subject under +2 Science stream is to be deferred till a decision in the matter is taken by the Government.
- xi) Separation of laboratory between Junior and Degree College is necessary. Similarly improvement of Science laboratory for opening of Honours subject is essential and has to be certified before grant of FTR for any new Honours subject.
- xii) At present, there are 35 Self-Financing +2 Science Junior Colleges functioning in the Municipal limits of Bhubaneswar. It was reported that there are applications

for starting 25 more +2 (Junior) Residential Science Colleges in and around Bhubaneswar. As there are a large no. of vacant seats in existing Residential Colleges and as starting of 25 new Colleges would require a large number of trained teachers/Lecturers, the committee felt that giving opening permission to such large number of Junior Science Colleges would not be in the interest of education. Secondly, there seems to be no felt need to start so many new Junior Colleges in the Capital City when feeder High Schools are limited.

- xiii) The HPC observes that in the interest of students and their future, the colleges should have separate land recorded in their name as per provisions of O.E. Act, 1969. Some colleges are taking the plea that the Educational Agency (EA) has got the land but it is seen that the same EA is operating more than one educational institution over the same plot of land. So for the interest of the students one year time is allowed (till 30.06.2010) to all EAs to record separate land in the name of the college/institution failing which no further recognition shall be allowed to the EA. The concerned EA should file an affidavit before the PA to that effect after which conditional recognition shall be accorded in favour of these colleges/institutions.
- xiv) It is decided to accord permission to professional colleges either with minimum permission of 60 seats if one course is permitted to open or with minimum of 30 seats each if two courses are permitted to open to make the colleges viable.
- xv) Permission for opening of Honours subject would be given to a college, which has M.Phil/Ph.D. qualified teachers having completed minimum 05 years of service in that college.
- xvi) For grant of permanent recognition in increase of seats, opening of new Honours subjects, enrolment of at least 3 & 4 years for +2 & +3 respectively, pass out of at least two batches; creation of additional infrastructure and appointment of required faculty will be the criteria for consideration. P.As may recommend individual cases accordingly.

**Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government
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