

SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 1, 2003 AT 11 A.M. AT ASSOCHAM HOUSE, 47 PRITHVIRAJ ROAD, NEW DELHI

P R E S E N T

1. Chancellor
2. Mr. Justice T.S. Thakur
3. Shri R.S. Pawar
4. Ms Sushma Choudhary
5. Prof. Jalees Ahmad Khan Tareen
6. Dr. Arun Kumar
7. Shri H.L. Maini (Special Invitee)
8. Shri Asim Khan (Special Invitee)
9. Vice Chancellor, and
10. Registrar

At the outset, the Chancellor welcomed the members. He referred to the delay in the process of land acquisition and gave a brief update on the current status of various works in hand, including electric and water supply to the campus, construction of the campus road and fencing work. The Chancellor also stressed that the meetings of the Executive Council should be held more frequently, i.e. every quarter, so that the decisions on urgent matters are not delayed. However, matters requiring early decision may be processed for approval of the Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council and the action taken be reported to the Council at its next meeting.

Before the agenda was taken up for consideration, there was a general discussion on various issues in order to accelerate the pace of progress with regard to the establishment of the University. The following points emerged:-

- (i) Keeping in mind that the teaching programmes are planned to begin in the academic year 2004, it was suggested that a consultative group be formed to assist the Vice Chancellor in coordinating various activities with regard to construction of buildings, financial planning for the next 4-5 years and appointment of faculty. This group should preferably include some members of the Executive Council. This will ensure that the Executive Council does not have to go too much into matters of detail and can focus on the broad picture.
- (ii) Mr. R.S. Pawar offered to assist the University in matters relating to Information Technology, financial planning and the critical approach to achieve the desired results. For this purpose, he offered to arrange a half-day meeting in Delhi with representatives from consulting firms like McKinsey's and Dr. Vijay Mahajan,

Dean, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. He also agreed to send a team from NIIT to Jammu for 2-3 days to study the IT requirements of the University and suggest suitable solutions. He also offered to support the setting up of the meditation centre, planned to be located on the hillock, once it is transferred to the University.

- (iii) Efforts should be made to identify and persuade key individuals at the top level to join the faculty by early 2004 so that the necessary ground work for starting the teaching activities can be started well in time.

Thereafter the Agenda was taken up for consideration.

- Item 1 Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of Executive Council held on August 22, 2001.

RESOLVED that minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council held on August 22, 2001 be confirmed.

- Item 2 Action taken report.

RESOLVED that the action taken report be recorded.

- Item 3 Status report on the establishment of SMVD University..

RESOLVED that the status report on the establishment of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University be recorded.

Building Plans :

RESOLVED that proposals for obtaining administrative approval along with the building plans giving details of floor area, item-wise cost and site plan be submitted to the Chancellor for approval on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLVED further that in respect of the works already taken in hand, the approval of the Executive Council be obtained by circulation.

RESOLVED also that services of an artist/sculptor of repute be engaged to design the Central part of the campus where the foundation stone is proposed to be laid, and two-three concepts/models be submitted to the Executive Council for final approval.

Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations :

All the statutes and ordinances be got legally vetted. The Chancellor observed that that in terms of Statute 29(1) of the first Statutes, the first Ordinances shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor with the previous approval of the Chancellor. It was, therefore, resolved that all Ordinances framed by the University be sent to the Chancellor for his formal approval. The Chancellor pointed out that

some of the Ordinances which are of permanent or long-term nature and involve major policy decisions/guidelines should better be treated as Statutes which would require approval of Executive Council. This distinction is desirable and should be made.

Item 4 Constitution of the Academic Council.

RESOLVED that the action taken be placed on record.

Item 5 Association of Shri H.L. Maini, Retd. Chief Engineer of State PWD and Technical Consultant to SMVD Shrine Board, as Technical Advisor to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University.

RESOLVED that the action taken in having associated Shri H.L. Maini, Technical Consultant, SMVDSB, as Technical Advisor to SMVD University be confirmed.

Item 6 Considered the proposal for setting up a Colony and allotment of plots to the families whose land and houses have been acquired by the University.

A detailed discussion took place regarding the establishment of a Colony. It was resolved that the University shall explore the possibility of building shops for various planned services and make the allotments on a lease basis, open to people who have been evicted. The evictees who do not possess other residential accommodation in the neighbourhood or in and around Katra town can be considered for allotment of residential plots, the size of which should depend on the amount of compensation paid to them.

Item 7 Appointment of Shri N.D. Sharma as Officer on Special Duty (Revenue).

RESOLVED that the action taken be confirmed and further extension may be approved as per requirement of the University.

Item 8 Considered the creation of faculty positions for various Schools to be set up in SMVD University and to prescribe qualifications, duties and other terms and conditions of appointment.

RESOLVED THAT :-

- (i) Creation of 50 faculty positions is approved in principle. Initially appointment of one Professor/Associate Professor (to head each School) and one Assistant Professor/Lecturer be made in each School, except for the School of Philosophy and Culture where appointment of a suitable person as Head should suffice to begin with.

- Item 9 Nomination of three persons who are not employees of the University or of any recognized institutions to work on the Finance Committee in terms of Statute 13(1)(iii) of the First Statutes.

RESOLVED that the Chancellor be authorized to nominate three persons on behalf of the Executive Council.

- Item 10 To approve the Ordinance governing the procedure to be followed by the Selection Committee in making its recommendations.

RESOLVED that for nomination of experts to work on the Selection Committee in terms of Statute 21(1), panels be drawn up by the Vice-Chancellor and got duly endorsed by the Academic Council and that the Chancellor be authorized to approve the panels on behalf of the Executive Council.

Item Nos. 11 to 34

The Executive Council could not go into the details of these items because of time constraints. These items relate to proposed Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Special Provisions. It was decided that these may be considered by the Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council and his orders may be put up for information/confirmation at the next meeting of the Executive Council. The Executive Council also felt that it would be prudent to get the proposed Statutes and Ordinances legally vetted and that the Ordinances should be self-contained and not include or repeat the relevant provisions already contained in the Act itself or in the First Statutes which are set out in the Act's Schedule. (It is noted that Item Nos. 11, 12, 25, 30 and 31 relate to Statutes which require the approval of the Executive Council and approval/assent of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), while Item Nos. 13 to 15, 18 to 24 and 26 to 29 relate to Ordinances which need the previous approval of the Chancellor/SMVDSB and Item Nos. 32 to 34 relate to Regulations which can be made by the University authorities themselves for the conduct of their own business and that of the Committees appointed by them and Item Nos. 16 and 17 relate to a couple of specific provisions. After legal vetting and deletion of portions specified in the Act and the First Statutes, these proposed Ordinances and Statutes may be put up separately in convenient lots by the Vice Chancellor to the Chancellor, as also the proposal mentioned in Item Nos. 16 and 17. Regulations do not apparently require previous approval of the Chancellor or Executive Council, though the Executive Council has the power to direct specific amendments in any Regulations or the annulment of any such Regulation).

Item Nos. 35 to 39

It was resolved that the matters relating to these Items may also be put up to the Chancellor whose orders may be placed for information/confirmation at the next meeting of the Executive Council. (It is seen that Item No. 35 refers to creation of two positions of

officers, four posts of Office Secretaries for the four Schools and one post each of Store Keeper, Accounts Assistant and Assistant. However, the proposed pay scales of the Office Secretaries, Store Keeper, Accounts Assistant and Assistant do not correspond to the pay scales proposed in Item No. 36 relating to pay scales of various groups/levels of the staff. This should be reconciled while putting up the proposals in this connection to the Chancellor. It is also felt that at this stage it may suffice to create only one position of an officer, one post of Office Secretary and one post each of Store Keeper, Accounts Assistant and an Assistant for Project Engineer's office. As regards Item No. 37 about hiring of consultancy services and Item No. 38 for confirmation of action taken for honorarium already paid to the two persons, these may be considered as approved by the Chancellor. With regard to Item No. 39 suggesting amplification of Statute No. 22 of First Statutes, the amplification proposed does not appear to be necessary as it should be treated as implied that the Vice Chancellor can always initiate proposals in this regard for approval of the Executive Council).

Item 40 Considered:

- (i) Budget for F.Y. 2002-03 provisionally approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor together with Revised Estimates for F.Y. 2002-03 and Budeget Estimates for F.Y. 2003-04.
- (ii) Audited Accounts for the F.Y. 2001-02.

Resolved as under:-

- i) that the action taken by the Chancellor in having approved the Budget Estimates for the F.Y. 2002-03 be noted.
- ii) that the Revised Estimates for the F.Y. 2002-03 and Budget Estimates for the F.Y. 2003-04 be adopted.
- iii) that the expenditure on other items mentioned in estimates on capital account be incurred on the basis of actual requirements.
- iv) that the Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor be authorized to approve expenditure on Single Works (which should not be split up) against sanctioned allocations as under:-

Capital A/c

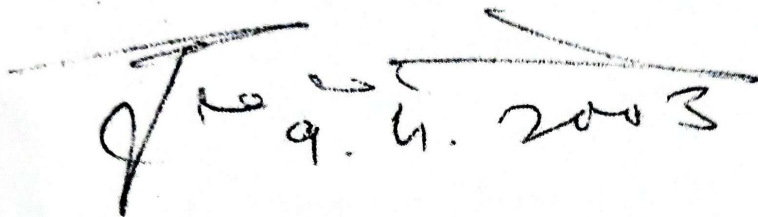
Upto Rs. 50.00 lakhs	Vice-Chancellor
Upto Rs. 4.00 crores	Chancellor
Exceeding Rs. 4.00 crores	Executive Council

Recurring

Upto Rs. 1.00 lakh	Vice-Chancellor
Upto Rs. 5.00 lakhs	Chancellor
Exceeding Rs. 5.00 lakhs	Executive Council

All such approvals given, should be put up to Executive Council for information at its next meeting.

- v) that the Audited Accounts of the University be submitted to the Chancellor/Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

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