

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

(RUSA – SHEC)

HELD @ APSICHE ON 03-07-2018

MEETING NO: 02/2018

Item No.1:

Action taken report on the resolutions made in SHEC meeting No. 01/18

The action taken on the resolutions made in the first meeting of SHEC Dt. 11.05.2018 is enclosed in [Annexure I\(a\)](#).

Placed before the council for information

DISCUSSION:

- *SPD, RUSA explained about the action taken on the resolutions made in SHEC meeting No.01/18.*
- *Prof. V.Durga Bhavani of Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswa Vidyalam raised the concern about Component X (Research, Innovation and Quality Improvement) that Acharya Nagarjuna University haven't contacted PMVV while preparing the Project Report inspite of her communication with the university. As per the previous SHEC meeting resolution, Acharya Nagarjuna University has to contact other Universities as mentoring institutions for research projects for the preparation of Detailed Project Report it being state as unit.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **It is resolved that Acharya Nagarjuna University will be informed from the O/o SPD about consulting/involving other universities in project implementation and allot certain grant in the research projects where the mentoring institutions are specialized in the field of their specialization area of research**

Item No.2:

Status of funds sanctioned, released disbursed and utilization by the institutions under various components of RUSA 1.0

The overall statement of grants sanctioned by on HRD in RUSA Phase I, released to institutions and utilization submitted to GoI is shown in [Annexure I\(b\)](#) and the component wise and institutions wise details are shown in [Annexure – II](#)

Further it is informed to the council that unless overall 75% of utilization on the total releases by Central & State, the grant of RUSA 2.0 will be not be released by MHRD.

Placed before the council for information and suggestions on the institutions with 0% of utilization. It is mainly due to over delay in tendering process by the executing agency.

DISCUSSION:

- *Current Status of RUSA1.0 for all components statement is placed before the committee. Prof. G.Nageswara Rao, Vice-chancellor of Andhra University raised issue about non receipt of funds to their university even after submitting Utilization Certificate for Rs.8.5cr to SPD Office in spite of Rs.5Crores given as 1st Installment.*

- *SPD, RUSA explained about how the funds flow from Central Government to Institute. He explained that "fund is released to institute only after including matching state share".*
- *He further informed to Vice Chancellor, Andhra University that funds will come to Andhra University in a week time.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **The council noted the details of funds presented in Annexure II.**

Item No.3:

Details of Sanctioned of institutions under various components of RUSA 2.0 in the proposals submitted to GoI.

The component wise proposals submitted through the online portal amounts to Rs. 406 Crore. 01 NMDC, 02 Colleges for infrastructure grants were not sanctioned due to their ineligible conditions. The remaining institutions were sanctioned for **Rs. 390 Crores** under various components together. A.P stands 3rd position in RUSA 2.0 sanctions.

The details of sanctions are placed in [ANNEXURE – III \(A & B\)](#) for information.

DISCUSSION:

- *SPD, RUSA informed about approved sanctions under RUSA2.0 and congratulated the two Universities for Rs.100Cr each. He informed the members that still Andhra State is expecting and awaiting for Rs.30cr. more grant for the institutions proposed in the second cycle of CLF Portal opened for the components where the slots were vacant to fulfil the targeted number of institutions.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **The council noted the sanction of RUSA2.0 in the 12th PAB meeting.**

Item No.4:

To approve the common guidelines for preparing DPR by RUSA phase – II institutions.

The common guidelines prepared for implementation and execution of various of institutions sanctioned under RUSA 2.0 are summarized in [ANNEXURE – IV](#). RUSA SHEC is the statutory body for approval. Necessary supporting G.O's/Guidelines are also enclosed in **IV a, b, c annexures**. A meeting was organised to all sanctioned colleges under RUSA 2.0 to prepare DPR in the format enclosed in [Annexure IV\(b\)](#).

Submitted for discussion and approval

DISCUSSION:

- *Discussions held on fixing Executive Agency for all Civil Workgs. Members have been explained about Government of India guideline on choosing the executive agency and State Government G.O. about assigning works to APEWIDC (Andhra Pradesh Education Welfare Infrastructure Development Corporation).*
- *The Vice Chancellor, SVU stated his concern about the choosing executive agency as APEWIDC, he raised the issues on efficiency of APEWIDC like poor quality construction complaints, less staff strength, non completion of works in stipulated time etc. He further expressed his doubt on capability APEWIDC of handling major projects*

- *The Vice-Chancellor, SVU further suggested that the other executive agencies who are doing better than APEWIDC like CPW, Police Housing Corporation, APSMIDC may also be considered.*
- *The Vice-Chancellor, AU enquired about the service tax charges of APEWIDC and other executive agencies. He explained that other Executive agencies are charging 4% whereas APEWIDC is charging 8% service tax.*
- *Managing Director of APEWIDC agreed on less staff strength and he explained how they are planning to overcome the issues and expressed about their confidence on taking up of major projects and their completion in stipulated time. He further informed that service tax for universities is agreed with Govt as 4%. He further informed for better monitoring they are installing Biometric attendance machine at site place for Executive Engineers and placing CC cameras in site places to turnout timely completion of the projects.*
- *The Vice chancellor, SPMVV enquired about Fast Track construction and pre-fabricated construction at site place. She informed that Karnataka state is doing fast track construction for RUSA works and suggested the same may be followed in our state.*
- *MD, APEWIDC explained that pre-fabricated construction is economical if and only if the number of floors are 5 and above.*
- *The Vice-chancellor, SVU advised to contact IIT, Tirupati for details.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **Resolved to approve the 'APEWIDC' as construction agency for the civil works in all RUSA colleges and Universities in which no Engineering Dept. exists to taken up civil works will also be**

allotted to APEWIDC. In case of universities having Engineering Depts. the guidelines as stated in RUSA hand book shall be followed i.e. either SPW/University Engineering Dept/any other construction agency in State/Center as resolved in their respective EC meetings.

- ✓ **Further resolved to approve the ratio of expenditure fixed in the proposal for civil works and equipment in case of Component 9 Colleges and Central Procurement of Equipment for all RUSA 2.0 institutions duly following the existing state Govt. norms for e-procurement process.**

Item No.5:

To advise State Govt. to establish 'SHERC' (State Higher Education Resource Centre).

The significance of establishing Higher Education Resource Centre at National level was thoroughly discussed in 12th PAB at New Delhi on 25.05.2018. Hence it is also felt there is a dire necessity at State level for effective governance and decisions for framing the policies in Higher Education. A brief note on structure and function of the proposed SHERC (State Higher Education Resource Centre) is enclosed as [ANNEXURE-V](#) for necessary decision and direction.

Submitted for approval and advice to GoAP for implementation.

DISCUSSION:

- *The Chair Person expressed that the scope of the SHERC is vast and it can be discussed in APSCHE general council meeting instead of RUSA SHEC meeting. He advised to redraft the SHERC and informed to place in the APSCHE meeting.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **Resolved to take-up the issue of establishment of SHERC by the APSCHE in its general counsel.**

Item No.6:

To establish MIS (Management Information System) by the O/o RUSA for effective Governance of the scheme.

To create and maintain strong data base at the State level for surveys and analyses that could provide information to MHRD, Educational management Information system (E-MIS) comprising different modules and their management is proposed. The entire information flow must be online and real time. The processing and approvals are expected to happen online by an ERP (Enterprise Relationship Program) package. The institutions and other Departments must ensure availability of sufficient and qualified manpower to manage the ERP, uploading of data and information etc.

The details of the proposals and their benefits, functions etc are listed in [Annexure – VI](#). The expenditure under this proposal is expected over 10 Crores (5Cr. from AU and 5Cr. From SVU) may be approved in the Component '4' sanctioned to 02 Universities under RUSA 2.0 as preparatory grants are reduced from Rs. 5 Crores to Rs. 3 Crores in RUSA 2.0

Submitted for discussion and approval.

DISCUSSION:

- *The Vice-chancellors of AU and SVU enquired about MIS scope and its cost. Both the vice-chancellors have not agreed for the proposal of*

funding the O/o RUSA to establish MIS. The Secretary and Chair person advised the universities to develop MIS and share with RUSA office for monitoring and implementation from the O/o RUSA.

- *The Vice-Chancellors of AU and SVA suggested to establish MIS with state funds or from the Component X funds*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **The council differed the item.**

Item No.7:

To resolve the issues of GDC Patapatnam, GDC Cheepurupalli sanctioned as NMDCs in RUSA 1.0.

In RUSA Phase I 02 NMDCs i.e **GDC Patapatnam** of Srikakulam District, **GDC Cheepurupalli** of Vizianagaram District were given Administrative Sanctions in **August 2016** to the Executing Agency – APMSIDC (AP Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation). The sites of both the colleges for construction were not finalized till November 2017.

Though the site for 02 buildings were identified, to GDC Pathapatnam, the executing agency said, unless all (03) sites, are handed over the construction of **Girls Hostel, Boys Hostel, and Academic and Administrative buildings**, the tendering process cannot be started.

More over the sites identified for both the colleges are at the foot hills of hillock. The executive agency says that cutting of the slope and make it into an even land an extra amount of Rs. 3 to 5 Crores will be additional,

apart from basic grant of Rs. 12 Crores meant for the construction of 03 blocks. The correspondence on these 02 NMDCs is enclosed as [Annexures VII \(A & B\)](#)

In the above context, the tendering process has yet not been taken up even till today and the 1st instalment of grant released Rs. 6 Crores for each college as this has not been utilized.

The drawings of GDC Cheepurupalli were countersigned now to initiate the tendering process by APMSIDC. In case of all other NMDCs the grant is Rs.12Cr. in instead of 10.66 Cr. as communicated before.

Further the performance and utilization of grant in case of remaining 04 NMDCs also very low due to which the overall percentage of utilization by the State is greatly affected. Keeping in view of the above slow pace of work and even settlement of accounts for the grant released to the executing agency is not upto the mark, in spite of regular monitoring, personal visits, review meetings etc. with APMSIDC.

Submitted for thorough discussion and decision on this agenda item to speed up the work and need to be completed in the time lines given by GoI. i.e Oct. 2018.

DISCUSSION:

- *Discussion on the delay in starting of works at GDC, Patapatnam and GDC Cheepurupalli. SPD, RUSA explained that if works are not completed/ at least 40% by 30th September 2018, the Institute's need to return the fund to Governemnt of India.*
- *Mr. Nagaraju, EE from APMSIDC informed that because of land issues they were unable to take up the works, now the issues are cleared very recently and they started tendering process. He assured that they*

will complete the tendering process in 22days and starts the work immediately after the process. He requested SPD, RUSA to transfer the funds to APMSIDC in the meanwhile.

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **Resolved to take up take up the works at Pathapatnam and Cheepurupalli on priority by APMSIDC and funds to be transferred by SPD, RUSA immediately.**

Item No.8:

To prepare a detailed note on – Financial implications of Cluster University Act.

In the Ist phase of RUSA under Component II – Cluster University at Kurnool, pooling the 3 local Govt. Colleges viz. **Silver Jubilee College** (Autonomous) with NAAC 'A' grade, **KVR GDC (W)**, Kurnool with NAAC 'A' grade and **GDC(M) Kurnool** with NAAC B++grade has been sanctioned. The Silver Jubilee College is identified as "**LEAD**" College in this Cluster. An amount of Rs. 55 Crores was sanctioned for physical facilities. 50% of grant was released in January 2018 to institutions for civil works under the supervision of APEWIDC. Hon'ble CM unveiled the foundation stone for this university last month in Kurnool dist. No utilization certificate was submitted by the agency.

Further, the structure and function of Cluster University is more or less at par with a regular State University. However the following are the some of the salient features of Cluster University.

- a) All the participating colleges in Cluster should eventually become constituent colleges of the newly created university.

- b) Colleges joining the Cluster must have the capacity to functions as a University when coalesced.
- c) The conversion plan for the creation of Universities must include state wise planning with regard to expansion in infrastructure, number of students, Schools and Departments, administration, academic functions, research activities etc.
- d) It must also cover the timelines and concrete steps that will be taken for the integration of all the concerned colleges as well as the expected state of the art new university.
- e) One of the important future commitments besides physical infrastructure, Academic Quality is clearly mentioned in the Governance and related issues that **"An appropriate Governance Structure for Cluster Universities shall be detailed by respective States through a new Act or amendments to the existing Act within a year from the date of establishment"**
- f) It is also mentioned in the guidelines that "State Govt. will fill/appoint additional vacant positions and create additional positions required.

In the light of the above, a team of Principals of those colleges falling under Cluster University were sent to Jammu & Kashmir in December 2017 to study the structure and functions of the cluster university sanctioned to the State. A model of the Act Prepared by them in line with Jammu & Kashmir is placed in the **ANNEXURE – VIII**

The Act of Cluster University is to be placed in Legislative Assembly. Hence, as a first step the Act that is proposed has to be thoroughly reviewed considering the rules and regulations of existing State Universities, by a team experts. The financial implications (as remarked by Spl. CS, HE) to appoint the officers of the University Authorities concerned, faculties, recruitment, service

conditions of the faculty in existing colleges etc. have to be thoroughly discussed and submit a report so as to process the same with all details to form an act by Legislative Assembly for implementation and the function of Cluster University at Kurnool.

Submitted for thorough discussion and decision.

DISCUSSION:

- *SPD, RUSA informed the council that Cluster University Act was submitted to Spl. Chief Secretary. Spl. Chief Secretary remarked that the act shall be submitted with all detailed implications of both financial and administrative one. Hence the act is placed in the council for discussion and decision.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **Resolved to constitute an expert committee to work out the details of administrative and financial implication, while implementing the cluster university act. The APSCHE was entrusted to constitute the committee and submit a report to the council for necessary further action.**

Item No.9:

To advise State Govt. to fill up the vacant faculty positions in Universities and Colleges as per norms and conditionalities of RUSA 2.0. (70% filled in faculty positions in Universities and Colleges is sine qua non though RUSA stipulated 67% for colleges)

In the recently held 12th PAB meeting the timelines for filling up of vacant faculty positions by the States have been fixed. The details are enclosed as [Annexure – IX & IX \(a\)](#). A letter from the O/o SPD – RUSA was

also submitted to the Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education to inform the Govt. of AP for necessary decision and implementation at least in the institutions sanctioned under RUSA. MOU to this effect was also submitted to MHRD before uploading the components through on line portal.

Placed before the council for information and necessary directions to inform to the Govt. for necessary action in this regard.

DISCUSSION:

- *SPD, RUSA explained about conditionality of RUSA about % faculty Position filled status of institutions/universities to release funds for RUSA2.0 institutions. He further explained that 70% faculty positions for Universities and 67% for Degree Colleges shall invariably followed as per guidelines/instruction issued to Govt.*
- *The Vice-Chancellor, AU informed that GoAP issued a G.O. for recruitment for the posts of professor and commented that contract lecturers/professors working for the past 5years can also considered while calculating the percentage.*
- *Special Officer, O/o CCE informed that recently 280 lecturers recruited through APPSC have joined and 100 more are going to join in couple of months. Hence the % of faculty positions in GDCs may increase.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **Resolved to write to the Govt. stating the expectations' of RUSA and request the concerned appointing authorities to follow the stipulation at least in RUSA funded colleges.**

Item No.10:

To approve the suggested composition of TSG and General Support Staff to the O/o SPD.

As per RUSA 2.0 Guidelines, the SHEC (SPD RUSA is part of SHEC) appoints and decides the composition of TSG. The TSG monitors the flow of funds and information, generic MIS reports and provide all operational support through SHEC.

In phase II RUSA, guidelines, and advisory composition of State TSG is given, as enclosed in [Annexure X \(a\)](#). Hitherto there was no structured composition in RUSA 1.0 and the TSG were appointed on the basis of the G.O MS No. 89 (Fin. (HR) Dept. dt. 16.07.2015 ([Annexure X\(b\)](#)) depending on the work load in the O/o SPD, RUSA.

In view of the above revised suggested composition which is more structured and comprehensive on par with the job roles of TSG requirements and expected functions of State RUSA office, the members of the council are requested to finalize the composition and requirements of TSG as per the existing work load in the office.

Submitted to the council for necessary decision.

DISCUSSION:

- *SPD, RUSA informed the committee about RUSA2.0 guidelines about the constitution of TSG. He further proposed to the council to continue the present TSG (Total 5 Members) who are working and appointed in RUSA1.0 and said that in future recruitment, the guidelines suggested will be followed.*
- *The chair person enquired whether the present staff qualification satisfies the GoI guidelines are not. SPD, RUSA informed that even though the staffs are recruited before the RUSA2.0 guidelines they met the qualification criteria and will be adjusted in the suggested pattern.*

- *The Vice-chancellor enquired whether rule of reservation is followed or not while recruiting the staff and advised to follow in future recruitment of staff.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **Resolved to continue the existing TSG on the basis of adequacy of work and be adjusted as per their eligibility given in the suggested pattern. However it resolved that in future recruitment the guidelines of RUSA will be followed while recruiting any TSG.**

Item No.11:

To develop website for RUSA – AP

In order to fulfil the objectives the scheme, and maintain the information the office of SPD, RUSA will have an exclusive Web Portal transparently to all stake holders in order to disseminate the information, uploading the information from the institutions through the portal etc. need to be done at the earliest. The web portal will be designed and developed by the O/o RUSA. Hence hosting space required for web Portal and necessary FTP will be provided by APSCHE. Necessary maintenance cost will be met from Preparatory grants of RUSA 2.0.

Placed before the Council for discussion and approval

DISCUSSION:

- *SPD, RUSA informed the council about the dire necessity of Web site for RUSA exclusively. The member Secretary assured that APSCHE will support in developing website for RUSA Office.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **Resolved to develop an exclusive web site for RUSA-GoAP and necessary support will be rendered by the O/o APSCHE technical.**

Item No.12:

To prepare an action Plan for Accreditation of Colleges and Universities.

Mandatory accreditation in India's Higher Education sector would enable it to become a part of the global quality assurance system. Hence all the institutions eligible for funding under RUSA would require to be accredited.

(Annexure - XI (A))

It is reminded that accreditation reforms under quality assurance and Academic reform is one of the functions of SHEC as mentioned in RUSA 2.0 draft guidelines (enclosed)

The details of Non accredited and due for Reaccreditation in Govt. Colleges, Aided colleges, and Universities are as follows: The details of Non accredited institutions are in **Annexure XI.**

S.No.	Type	Total No.	Accredited	Non-accredited	Re-accreditation	Remark
1	Govt. Colleges	145	97	48	17	Colleges are not eligible for RUSA, as they are below 2.51 CGPA
2	Pvt. Aided Colleges	128	92	36	35	
3	Universities	20	06	14	-	

Hence, a serious review of colleges on this issue is to be taken up on priority and prepare a stringent action plan to achieve 100% of accreditation of Higher Educational institutions atleast for these public funded institutions.

Placed before the council for discussion and make a suggestive plan of action to fulfil this function of SHEC.

DISCUSSION:

- *SPD – RUSA explained that Accreditation of Higher Educational institutions is mandatory. It seems there is no serious strategic plan for motivating those institutions.*
- *The Vice chancellor, AU suggested that the Vice Chancellors of those non accredited universities may be called for a meeting and sensitize them to go for accreditation, like with all those non accredited colleges will also be taken up for orienting them towards accreditation process.*

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ **Resolved to hold a meeting with the help of APSCHE for all the Vice Chancellors of non accredited universities. The CCE is directed to prepare a strategic plan for those non accreditation colleges and the colleges due for re-accreditation, so as to achieve 100% of accreditation by 2020 and be included in RUSA for financial assistance.**

Item No.13:

To invite Head/Joint Secretary – UGC – SERO as Special invitee for SHEC meetings.

In the first meeting of SLQACC held on 08.11.2017 Dr. B. Madhukar, Advisor – NAAC suggested that as most of the issues of Quality Assurance Systems and infrastructure facilities provided in RUSA are also related to UCC schemes, the Head/Joint Secretary, UGC of regional centre (SERO) may also be invited as Spl. Invitee for SLQACC meetings.

In lines of the above as various issues of infrastructure grants, guidelines for research, workshops, Training programmes, and Equipment etc. are mostly common for UGC and other central schemes and RUSA, to clarify and guide the SHEC in the above items, the Head/Jt. Secretary SERO may also be invited to SHEC meetings as Spl. Invitee

Placed before the Council for decision and approval.

DISCUSSION:

- The Chairman enquired about his role on UGC schemes funding and suggestion to sort out the issues pending with colleges, which are also RUSA colleges.

RESOLUTION:

- ✓ Resolved to invite the Head/Joint Secretary UGC – SERO, Hyd to all DHEC meetings as Special Invitee.

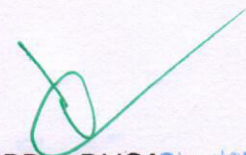
Item No.14:

Any other item related with the permission of the Chair

- a) No item was placed before the council as table agenda.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks.

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